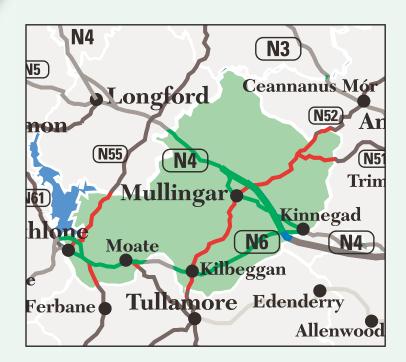


Importance of Farming and the Agri-food Industry

# WESTMEATH



#### **Farm Structure**

- Number of Farms 3,477
- Average Farm Size 37 ha
- Land area farmed 128,989 ha
- Numbers employed at farm level (FTE) 4,128
- Stock on farm
  - Number of dairy cows 19,795
  - Number of other (beef) cows 42,681
  - Number of ewes 66,732
  - Number of sows 8,306
  - Land area under tillage 5,368 ha
  - Land area under other crops, fruit & horticulture - 1,400 ha
  - Number of poultry 85,292

### **Forestry**

- Land area under private forestry 9,835 ha
- Output from private forestry 15,471 m<sup>3</sup>

## **Farm Income and Direct Payments**

- Farm Income €37.4m
- Direct Payments
  - Basic Payment €32m
  - ANCs €4.8m
  - BDGP €1.4m
  - Agri-environment payments €2m
  - Forestry Premium €2.7m

# **Value of Output and Exports**

- Value of Agricultural Output €191m
- Value of Agricultural Exports arising from the agricultural output in county - €280m

#### **Agri-Industry Employment**

- · Agriculture in Westmeath supports thousands of jobs in the rural economy, both directly in food & drink processing and also in the wider agri-industry, including input suppliers, agricultural contractors, jobs in auctioneering, transport and engineering and in accountancy, legal, veterinary and other advisory services.
- Number of food and drink processing jobs supported by agricultural output of county -1,346
- Number of food and drink processing jobs based in the local region (Midlands - Laois, Longford, Offaly, Westmeath) - 4,091

Data sources and methodology for estimating figures available at www.ifa.ie/economics