

Importance of Farming and the Agri-food Industry

WEXFORD



Farm Structure

- Number of Farms – 4,437
- Average Farm Size – 41.4 ha
- Land area farmed – 183,651 ha
- Numbers employed at farm level (FTE) – 5,970
- Numbers employed in aquaculture (FTE) - 56
- Stock on farm
 - Number of dairy cows – 57,534
 - Number of other (beef) cows – 36,267
 - Number of ewes – 96,255
 - Number of sows – 4,070
 - Land area under tillage – 47,936 ha
 - Land area under other crops, fruit & horticulture – 9,750 ha
 - Number of poultry – 61,529

Forestry

- Land area under private forestry – 8,272 ha
- Output from private forestry – 13,012 m³

Farm Income and Direct Payments

- Farm Income – €96m
- Direct Payments
 - Basic Payment - €58m
 - ANCs – €2.5m
 - BDGP - €1.1m
 - Agri-environment payments - €1.2m
 - Forestry Premium – €2.2m

Value of Output and Exports

- Value of Agricultural Output - €379 m
- Value of Aquaculture Output - €5.6m
- Value of Agricultural Exports arising from the agricultural output in county - €555m

Agri-Industry Employment

- Agriculture in Wexford 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 – 2,669
- Number of food and drink processing jobs based in the local region (South East Region – Carlow, Kilkenny, South Tipperary, Waterford, Wexford) – 8,164

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