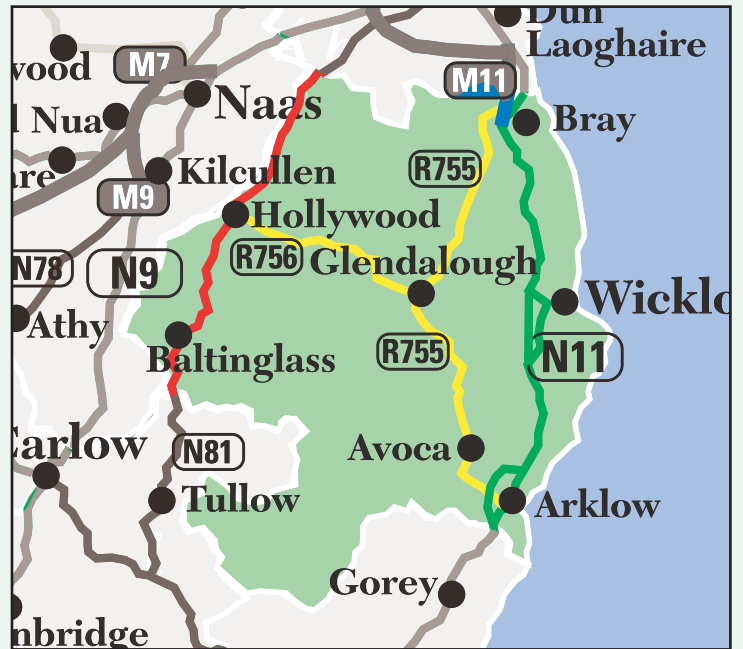


Importance of Farming and the Agri-food Industry

WICKLOW



Farm Structure

- Number of Farms – 2,431
- Average Farm Size – 42.3 ha
- Land area farmed – 102,843 ha
- Numbers employed at farm level (FTE) – 3,127
- Stock on farm
 - Number of dairy cows – 18,346
 - Number of other (beef) cows – 24,103
 - Number of ewes – 170,572
 - Land area under tillage – 10,416 ha
 - Land area under other crops, fruit & horticulture – 2,700 ha
 - Number of poultry – 17,948

Forestry

- Land area under private forestry – 15,184 ha
- Output from private forestry – 23,884 m³

Farm Income and Direct Payments

- Farm Income – €50.4m
- Direct Payments
 - Basic Payment - €28m
 - ANCs – €3.9m
 - BDGP - €0.7m
 - Agri-environment payments - €2.3m
 - Forestry Premium – €2.1m

Value of Output and Exports

- Value of Agricultural Output - €154m
- Value of Aquaculture Output - €0.9m
- Value of Agricultural Exports arising from the agricultural output in county - €225m

Agri-Industry Employment

- Agriculture in Wicklow 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 – 1,081
- Number of food and drink processing jobs based in the local region (Mid-East Region – Kildare, Meath, Wicklow) – 5,526