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### Key Indicators for Agri-Food Sectors

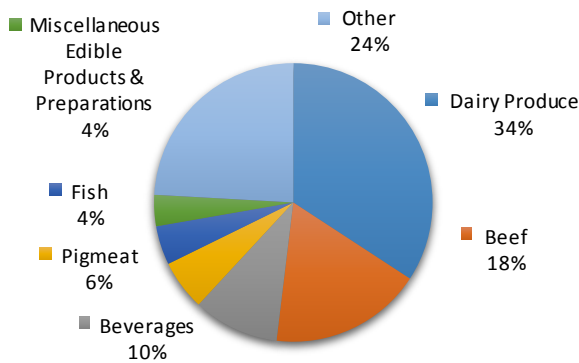
% of GNI* (Modified Gross National Income)	7.8%
% of Employment	7.9%
% of Merchandise Exports	11.1%

According to the **Census of Industrial Production** the **Food and Beverages Sector** accounts for:

- 21% of all Industry Turnover  
**(23% of all Manufacturing Industry Turnover)**
- 22% of all Industry Gross Output  
**(24% of all Manufacturing Industry Gross Output)**

Source: Central Statistics Office

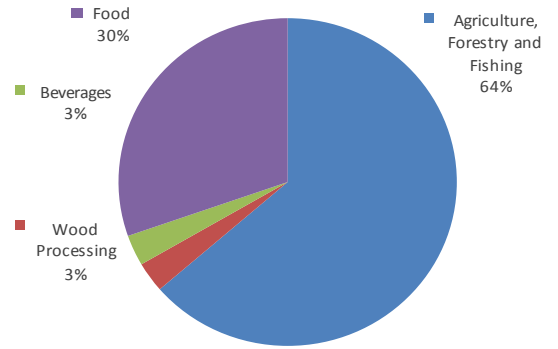
### Agri-food exports by type 2017



Source: Central Statistics Office

### Employment

Employment in the agri-food sector accounted for 174,400 jobs, 7.9% of total employment, on average in 2017, according to the CSO Labour Force Survey.



### Farm Structures Data for Ireland, 2016

No. of Farms	137,500
<i>of which Family Farms</i>	137,100
Total Agricultural Area	4,455,800
Average Farm Size	32.4 hectares
Family Farm Holders by Age	
<i>Under 35</i>	7,400
<i>65 and over</i>	41,200

## Africa: A key destination for Agri-food exports

Irish agri-food exports to African countries totalled over **€607 million** in 2017, a **98% increase** since 2009.

Exports to African nations made up **4%** of total agri-food exports in 2017.

### Irish Agri-food exports to Africa, 2009 - 2017

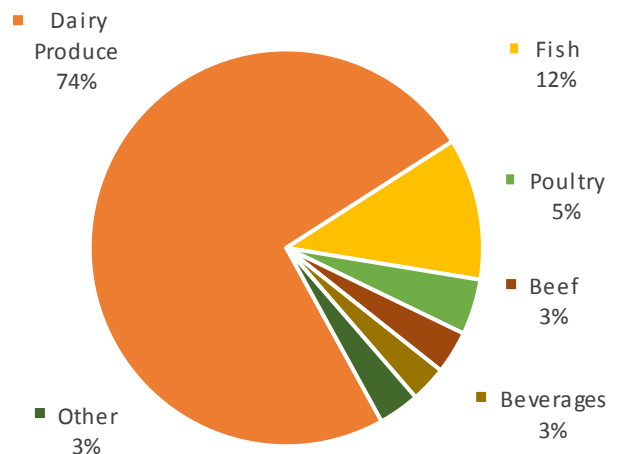


Source: Central Statistics Office

### Exports by Sector, 2017

**Dairy Produce** remains Ireland's largest export to Africa totalling **74% (€449 million)** of total exports in 2017.

**Fish** accounted for over **€70 million** of exports in 2017.



Source: Central Statistics Office



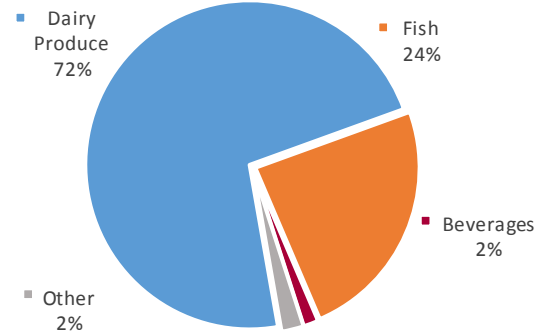
### Nigeria

Nigeria was Ireland's largest export destination to Africa in **2017**, with exports totalling approximately **€132 million** or **22%** of total exports to Africa in **2017**.

**72%** (**€95 million**) of exports during this period related to **Dairy Produce**. **Milk and cream** accounted for over **€17 million** (**18%**) of total **Dairy** exports.



Exports to Nigeria by Sector, 2017



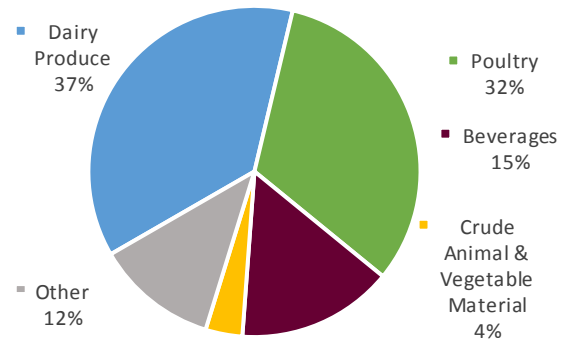
### South Africa

Irish agri-food exports to South Africa totalled over **€82 million** in **2017**, a **48%** increase on **2016** figures.

**37%** (**€30.4 million**) of exports during this period related to **Dairy Produce**. **Poultry exports** accounted for a further **32%** (**€26.5 million**) of exports.



Exports to South Africa by Sector, 2017



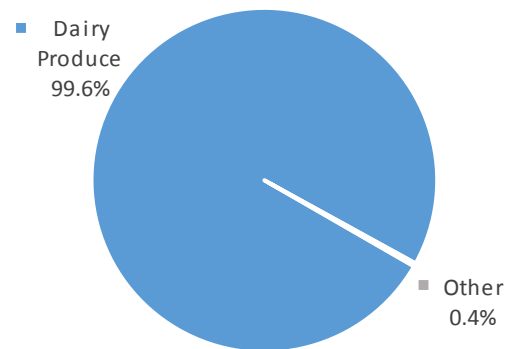
### Algeria

Irish agri-food sector exports to Algeria totalled nearly **€71 million** in **2017**, an increase of **68%** on **2016** figures.

**Dairy Produce** was Ireland's main export to Algeria in **2017**, totalling over **€70 million** accounting for **99.6%** of total exports.



Exports to Algeria by Sector, 2017



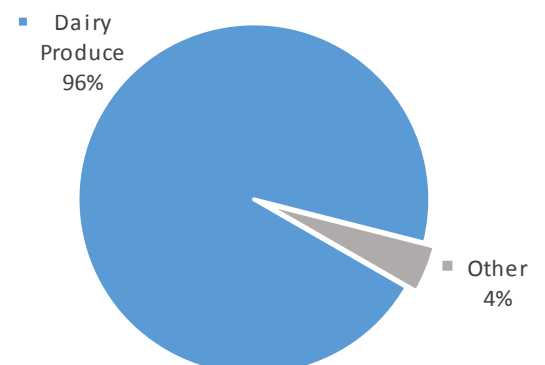
### Senegal

Irish agri-food exports to Senegal totalled approximately **€54 million** in **2017**, a **9%** increase on **2016** figures. **Dairy Produce** accounted for **96%** (**€51.5 million**) of exports to the country.

Food preparations of flour, groats, meal, starch or malt extract, not containing cocoa accounted for **€50.5 million** or **98%** of **Dairy** exports.



Exports to Senegal by Sector, 2017





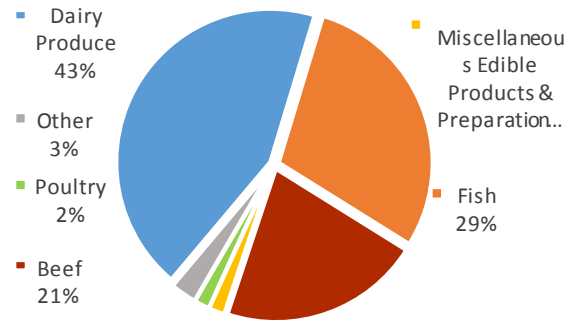
### Ghana

Agri-food exports Ghana totalled over **€44 million** in **2017**, a **44%** increase on **2016** figures .

**Dairy Produce, Fish and Beef exports** account for **93%** of total exports to Ghana.



### Exports to Ghana by Sector, 2017



### Egypt

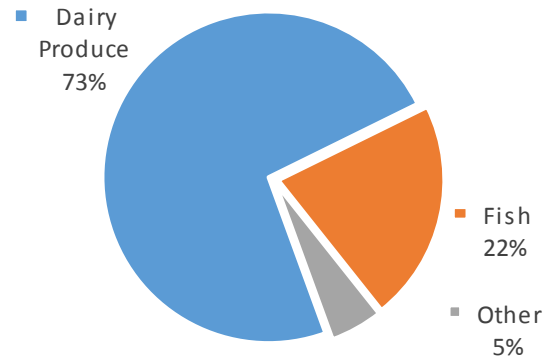
Irish agri-food exports to Egypt totalled over **€30 million** in **2017**.

**73%** of exports during this period related to **Dairy Produce**, with over **€22 million** exported.

**Fish** accounted for a further **22%** of exports totalling **€6.5 million** in **2017**.



### Exports to Egypt by Sector, 2017



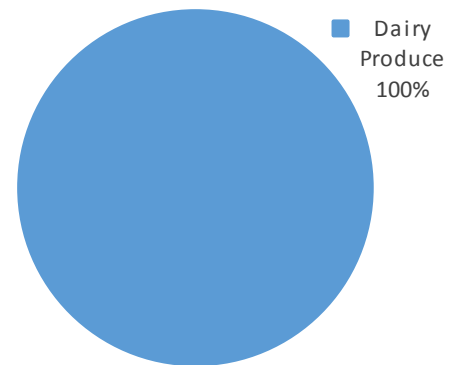
### Mali

Irish agri-food exports to Mali totalled over **€29 million** in **2017**, a **22%** increase on **2016** figures.

Almost **100%** of exports during this period related to **Dairy Produce**, with over **€29 million** exported.



### Dairy exports to Mali by Sector, 2017



### Côte d'Ivoire

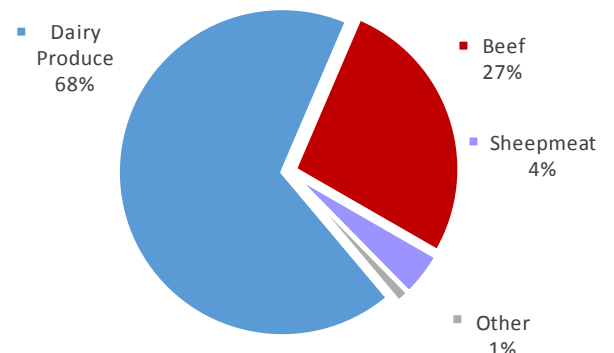
Irish agri-food exports to the Côte d'Ivoire totalled over **€17 million** in **2017**, a **77%** increase on **2016** figures.

**Dairy Produce** accounted for approximately **€11 million** or **68%** of exports in **2017**.

**Beef** accounted for a further **27%** of exports totalling approximately **€5 million** in **2017**.



### Exports to the Côte d'Ivoire by Sector, 2017





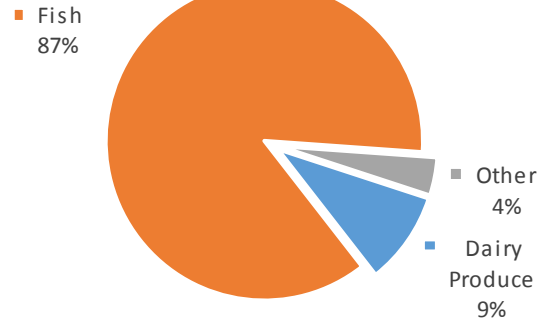
### Cameroon

Agri-food exports to Cameroon totalled nearly **€16 million** in **2017**.

Ireland's primary export category to Cameroon in **2017** was **Fish** which accounted for **87%** of total agri-food exports, particularly **Atlantic Horse Mackerel** which accounts for **78% (€12.2 million)** of total exports.



Exports to Cameroon by Sector, 2017



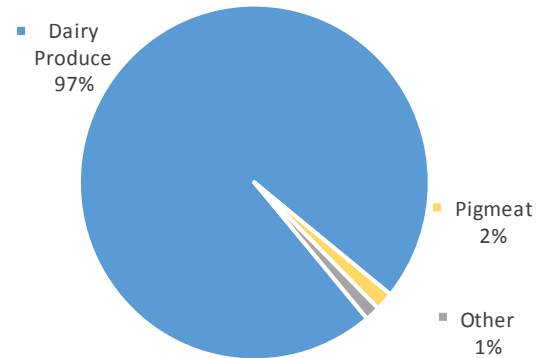
### Democratic Republic of Congo

Irish agri-food exports to the Democratic Republic of Congo totalled almost **€15 million** in **2017**, an **18% increase** on **2016** figures.

Ireland's primary export category to the Democratic Republic of Congo in **2017** was **Dairy Produce**, which accounted for **97% (€14.4 million)** of total agri-food exports.



Exports to Democratic Republic of Congo by Sector, 2017



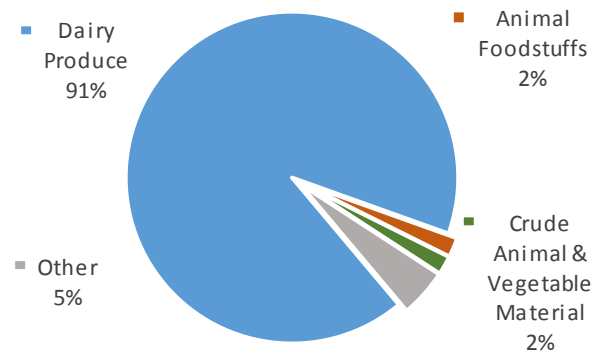
### Morocco

Irish agri-food exports to Morocco totalled approximately **€14 million** in **2017**.

**Dairy Produce** was Ireland's primary export to Morocco in **2017**, and accounted for **€13 million** or **92%** of the total exports in **2017**.



Exports to Morocco by Sector, 2017



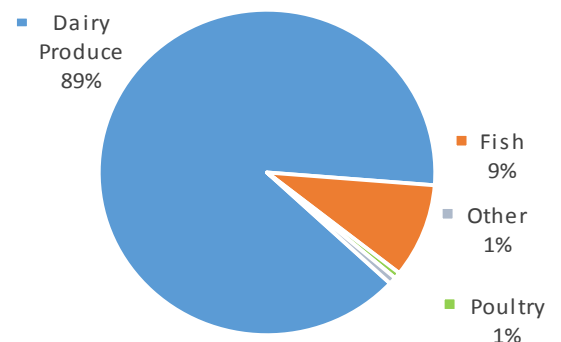
### Togo

Togo was Ireland's 12th largest export destination for agri-food exports. Irish agri-food exports to Togo totalled over **€13 million** in **2017**, a **7% increase** on **2016** figures.

**Dairy Produce** was Ireland's primary export to Togo in **2017**, which accounted for approximately **€12 million** or **89%** of the total exports.



Exports to Togo by Sector, 2017



Source: Central Statistics Office