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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

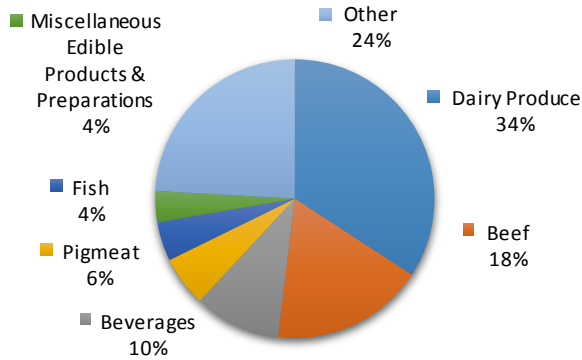
**(23% of all Manufacturing Industry Turnover)**

22% of all Industry Gross Output

**(24% of all Manufacturing Industry Gross Output)**

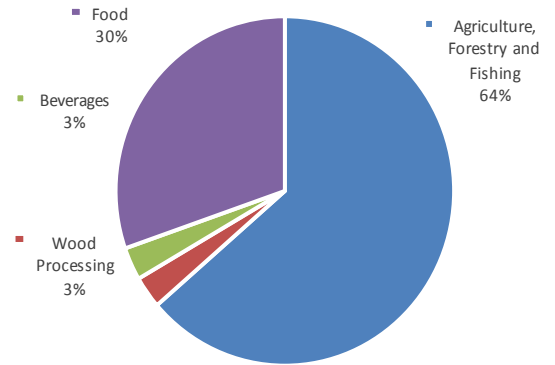
Source: Central Statistics Office

### Agri-food exports by type 2017



### 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.



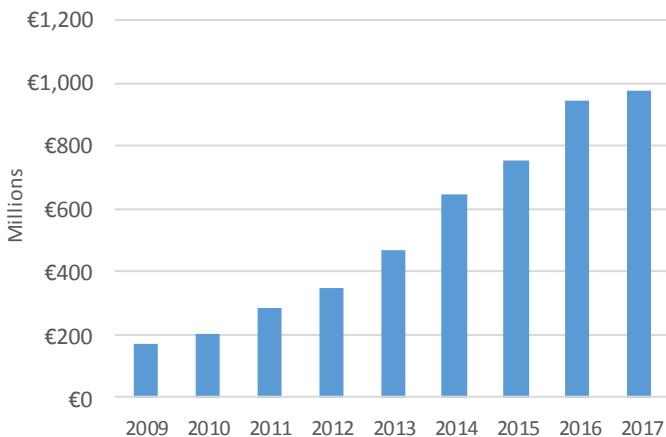
### Farm Structures Data for Ireland, 2016

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

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

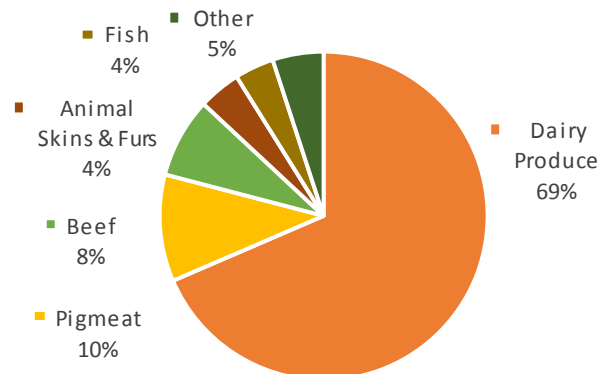
China was the **3rd largest destination** for Agri-food exports in 2017, with exports totalling approximately **€974 million euro**, an increase of **3%** on **2016** figures, and **467%** since **2009**.

### Irish agri-food exports with China, 2009 - 2017



Source: Central Statistics Office

### Top exports to China by category, 2017



Source: Central Statistics Office

In 2017 **Dairy produce** was Ireland's top Agri-food exports to China, accounting for **69% (€667 million)** of total exports in 2017. Ireland's top dairy export: food preparation for infant use, accounts for **93% (€617 million)** of Ireland's dairy exports in 2017

