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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)

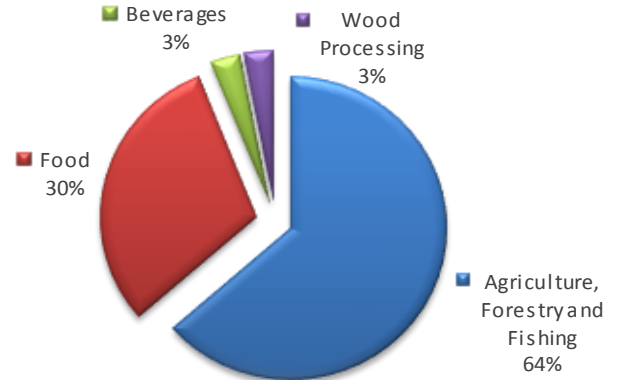
22% of all Industry Gross Output

(24% of all Manufacturing Industry Gross Output)

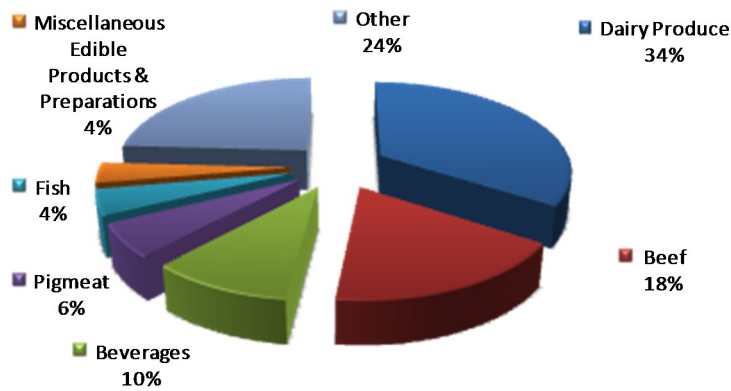
Source: Central Statistics Office

Employment

Employment in the agri-food sector accounted for 173,800 jobs, 7.9% of total employment, on average in 2017, according to the CSO Labour Force Survey.



Agri-food exports by type 2017



Farm Structures in Ireland 2013

Statistic	Relevant Data
Farm Holdings	139,600
Average Farm Size	32.5 Hectares
Family Farm Holders by Age	52.7% > 35;
	52.7% > 55

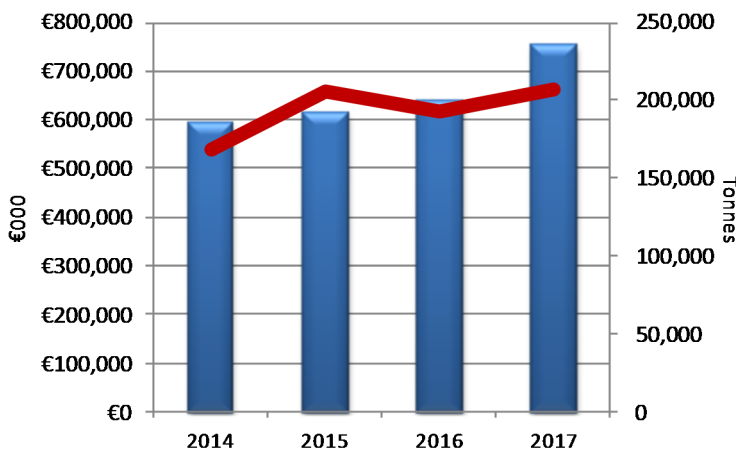
Source: [CSO Farm Structures Survey 2013](#)

Germany: A key destination for Agri-food exports

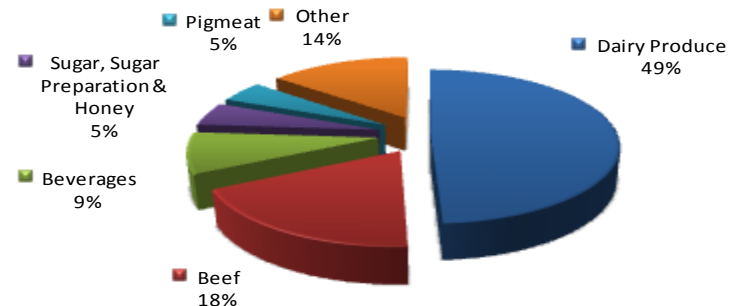
Germany was the **6th highest market** for Agri-food exports in 2017, with total exports for the year at **€755 million** a **18% increase** on 2016 figures.

In 2017 the top 5 Agri-food exports to Germany were **Dairy produce, Beef, Beverages, Sugar, Sugar Preparation & Honey** and **Pigmeat** accounting for **86% of exports**.

Irish agri-food exports with Germany, 2014 - 2017



Top exports to Germany by category, 2017



Ireland's highest value export to Germany is Dairy Produce

Dairy exports were worth over **€371 million** in 2017, 49% of total Agri-food exports to Germany and a **37% increase** on 2016 figures.

Both Pigmeat & Sheepmeat exports have increased steadily in the past four years.

Pigmeat exports have increased by **39%** from **€24.6 million** to **€34 million** between 2014 - 2017.

Natural butter, accounted for **€114 million euro**, **31%** of total dairy exports.

Sheepmeat exports have increased by **58%** from **€19.6 million** to **€31 million** between 2014 - 2017.

