



# Fact Sheet on Irish Agriculture – October 2014



## A: Role of Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry and Food in the Irish Economy

Key Indicators for Primary and Agri-Food Sectors			Employment in the Agri-Food Sector (000s)	
Relevant period in brackets.	Primary Sector <sup>1</sup>	Agri-Food Sector <sup>2</sup>	<p>Agri-Food Total Employment: 168,300</p> <p>Based on CSO QNHS data (Q2 2014)</p>	
% of GVA at factor cost (2013)	2.4%	7.2%		
% of employment (2014, Q2)	5.8%	8.8%		
% of merchandise exports (2013)	8.1%	12.2%		
<p>According to the <b>Census of Industrial Production 2012</b> the <b>Food &amp; Beverages Sector</b> accounts for:</p> <p><b>24% of all Industry Turnover</b> (26% of all Manufacturing Industry Turnover)</p> <p><b>22% of all Industry Gross Output</b> (24% of all Manufacturing Industry Gross Output)</p>				

## B: Public Expenditure and Agriculture Related Payments

Total public expenditure on the agri-food sector by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine was approximately €2.4 billion in 2013. DAFM payments to farmers in 2013 totalled €1.8 billion, including Single Farm Payment, Rural Development, Structural and Forestry payments.

DAFM Expenditure on Irish Agriculture, 2013	
1 January to 31 December 2013	€m
<b>EAGGF Guarantee direct expenditure</b>	<b>1,208.7</b>
Single Farm Payment	1,202.1
Grassland Sheep, Burren Life, Dairy Efficiency Schemes	18.6
Private Storage	1.0
Export Refunds	0.0
Other Market Supports & Recoveries	-13.0
Intervention Purchases	0.0
<b>Voted Expenditure (excluding Administration)</b>	<b>989.2</b>
Rural Development*	422.8
Structural Measures*	28.3
State Bodies	186.4
Horse and Greyhound Fund	55.0
Animal Health	90.3
Research and Training	29.6
Market Support Costs*	19.3
Forestry and Bio-Fuels	111.2
Fisheries	11.2
Food Aid	11.0
Other	24.1
<b>Administration</b>	<b>217.4</b>
<b>Total Voted Expenditure</b>	<b>1,206.6</b>
<b>Total DAFM Expenditure</b>	<b>2,415.3</b>

\* Total initial payments from the Vote - EU-funded elements recouped to the Vote subsequently.

<sup>1</sup> Primary sector taken to comprise Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

<sup>2</sup> Comprises primary production, food, beverages & tobacco (in GVA & exports only) and wood processing sectors. Source: CSO and DAFM.

## C: Estimates of Aggregate Agricultural Output, Input and Income - CSO

- The CSO's Final Estimate of operating surplus in agriculture in 2013 was €2,254 million, an increase of 1.5% on 2012.
- In 2013, subsidies (net of levies) accounted for 67% of operating surplus.
- Beef and milk production currently account for about 70% of agricultural output at producer prices (excluding forage).

Output, Input and Income in Agriculture, 2013					
Main Aggregates	Value €m		Main Commodities	Value €m	% of G/O
<b>Goods Output @ Producer Prices <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>7,255.60</b>		<b>Goods Output (excl forage)</b>	<b>6,103.40</b>	<b>100%</b>
+ Contract Work	406.70		<i>of which</i>		
+ Subsidies - Taxes (Products)	-32.60		Cattle	2,156.50	35.3%
<b>Agricultural Output @ Basic Prices</b>	<b>7,629.70</b>		Milk	2,073.40	34.0%
- Intermediate Consumption	5,708.10		Pigs	475.70	7.8%
<b>Gross Value Added @ Basic Prices</b>	<b>1,921.60</b>		Sheep	203.80	3.3%
- Fixed Capital Consumption	724.80		Cereals	289.00	4.7%
+ Subsidies - Taxes (Production)	1,537.70		Others	905.00	14.8%
- Compensation of Employees	480.20		Forage Plants	1,152.20	
<b>Operating Surplus</b>	<b>2,254.30</b>		<b>Goods Output at Producer Prices <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>7,255.60</b>	
<sup>1</sup> Including Forage					
Source: CSO Output, Input and Income in Agriculture - 2013 Final Estimate (June 2014)					

[CSO Output, Input & Income in Agriculture - 2013 Final Estimate](#)

## D: Estimates of Family Farm and Farm Household Income

- The 2013 [National Farm Survey \(NFS\)](#)<sup>3</sup> from Teagasc estimated **that average farm income (excluding off-farm income) remained practically unchanged in 2013, at €25,437**. Full-time farms, as defined by Teagasc, had an average farm income of **€47,646**, while the part-time equivalent was **€9,953**.
- The 2013 NFS data also estimated that on **51% of farms the holder and/or spouse had an off-farm job**. Overall, **on 75% of farms the farmer and/or spouse had some source of off-farm income** be it from employment, pension or social assistance.

## E: Farm Structures

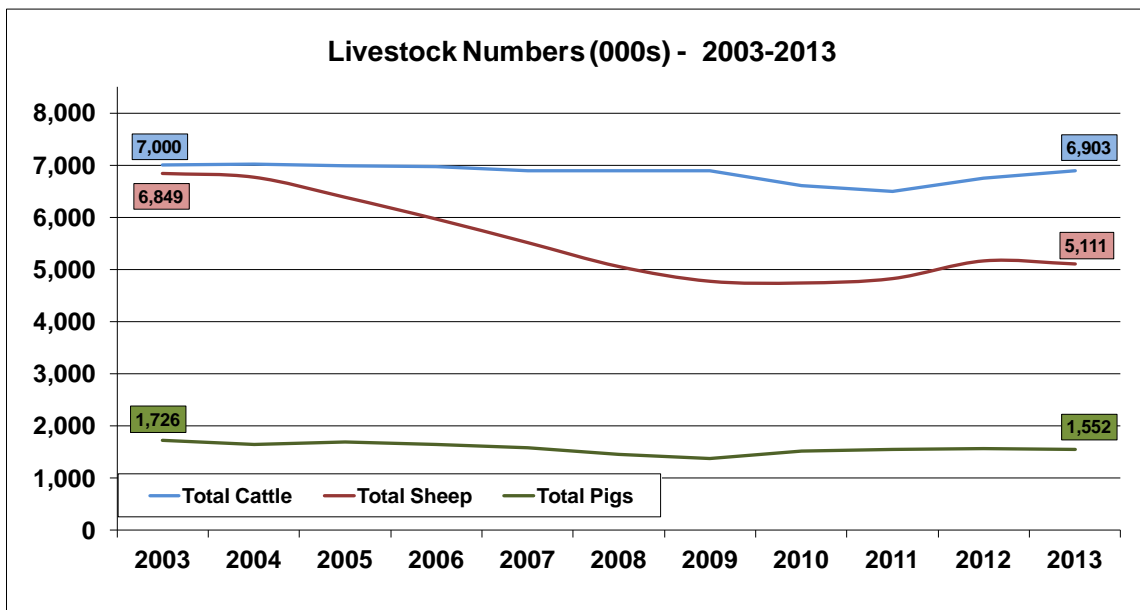
Farm Structures Data for Ireland		
Relevant Year	Statistic	Relevant Data
2010	Farm Holdings	139,860
2010	Average Farm Size	32.7 Hectares
2010	Family Farm Holders by Age	6.2% < 35; 51.4% > 55
2014 <sup>(1)</sup>	Employment in Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing (CSO)	109,900
<sup>1</sup> Persons employed in agriculture is based on the CSO's Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS), Q2 2014. It covers people who identified agriculture as their <b>primary</b> source of income in the week preceding the survey.		
Sources: <a href="#">Census of Agriculture 2010</a> ; <a href="#">CSO QNHS, Q2 2014</a>		

<sup>3</sup> From the 2012 [National Farm Survey](#) farms with a Standard Output of less than €8,000 are excluded. This means that thousands of the smallest farms in the country are not taken into account in the calculation of these averages.

## F: Land Usage & Livestock Numbers

- The land area of Ireland is 6.9 million hectares, of which 4.5 million hectares is used for agriculture and a further 0.73m hectares for forestry.
- 81% of agricultural area is devoted to pasture, hay and grass silage (3.63 million hectares), 11% to rough grazing (0.47 million hectares) and 8% to crops (see across), fruit & horticulture production (0.38 million hectares).
- The average land price in Ireland in 2013 was estimated to be €9,400 per acre. (Source: Farmers Journal Agricultural Land Price Report, 2013).

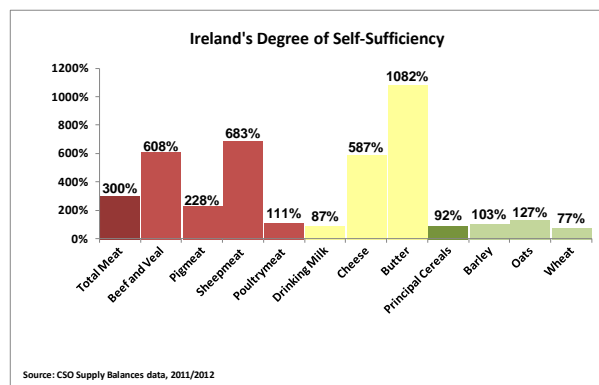
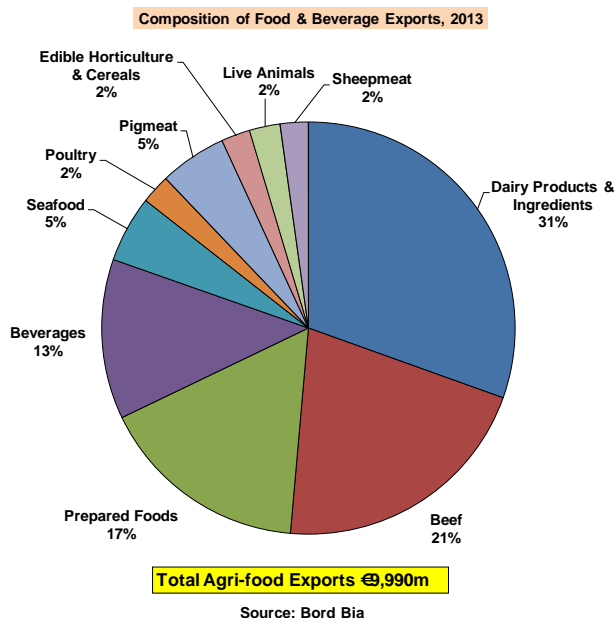
Area Under Certain Crops	
	000's Hectares
<b>Cereals</b>	<b>307.8</b>
<i>of which</i>	
Wheat	60.6
Oats	26.7
Barley	219.4
Potatoes	10.7
<a href="#">CSO Crops &amp; Livestock Survey, June 2013 - Final</a>	



CSO June Livestock Surveys (most recent: [June 2013 Final](#))

## G: Self-Sufficiency and Exports

[Bord Bia](#) estimates that in 2013 Ireland exported just under **€10 billion** of Food & Beverages, a result in large measure of Ireland's high level of self sufficiency in many products.



## H: Commodity Price Trends

