While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the data contained within, in view of the volume of statistical data collected as part of agri-food trade statistics, some errors in respect of individual products may occur. Where these anomalies are identified, the Department will liaise with the Central Statistics Office to highlight and amend the information as required.

### Key Indicators for Agri-Food Sectors

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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
- 24% of all Manufacturing Industry Gross Output

Source: Central Statistics Office

### Agri-food exports by type 2018

- **Dairy Produce**: 34%
- **Beef**: 18%
- **Beverages**: 10%
- **Pigmeat**: 6%
- **Fish**: 4%
- **Cereal & cereal preparation**: 3%
- **Forestry**: 3%
- **Live Animals**: 3%
- **Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Spices**: 3%
- **Other**: 16%

* Other includes: Animal Foodstuffs; Sheepmeat; Poultry; Misc Edible Products & Preparations; Fruit & Veg based products etc.

### Employment

Employment in the agri-food sector on average accounted for approximately 173,000 jobs, or 7.7% of total employment in 2018, according to the CSO Labour Force Survey.

### Farm Structures Data for Ireland, 2016

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

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

China was the 5th largest destination for Irish Agri-food exports in 2018, with exports totalling approximately €794 million. This represents a 17% decrease in value on 2017 figures, but a 10% increase on 2015 and a 452% increase on 2009 figures. The volume of Agri-food exports has increased by 233% since 2009.

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

[Graph showing Irish agri-food exports to China, 2009 - 2017]

Source: Central Statistics Office

In 2018 Dairy produce was Ireland’s top Agri-food export to China, accounting for 68% (€541 million) of total exports. Food preparations for infant use was the top export in this category and accounted for 87% of total dairy exports to the country.