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	% of Total
% of GNI* (Modified Gross National Income) (2017)	7.7%
% of Employment (2018)	7.7%
% value of total exports (2018)	10.0%

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

21% of all Industry Turnover

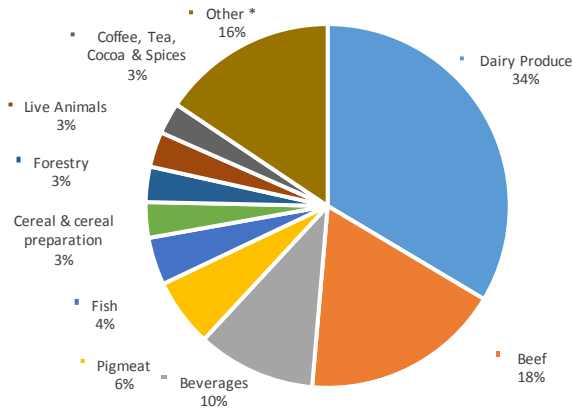
(23% of all Manufacturing Industry Turnover)

22% of all Industry Gross Output

(24% of all Manufacturing Industry Gross Output)

Source: Central Statistics Office

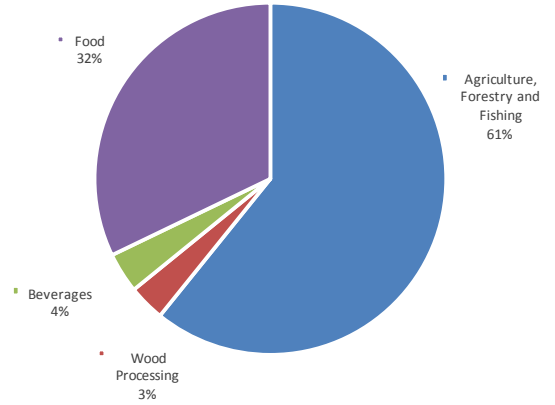
Agri-food exports by type 2018



* 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.



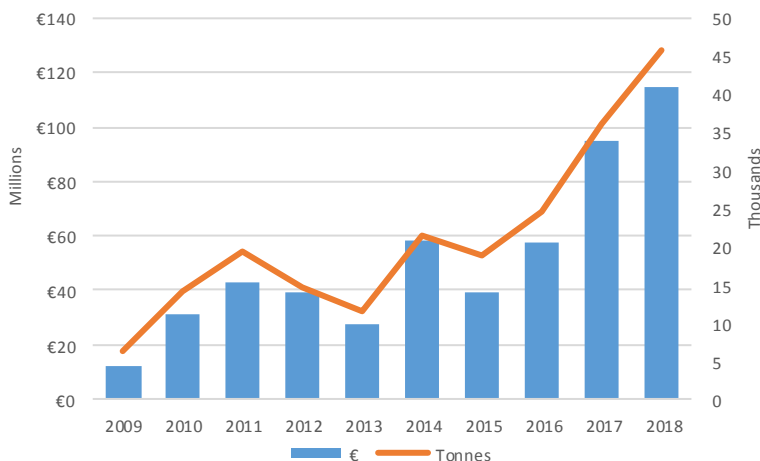
Farm Structures Data for Ireland, 2016

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

Japan: A key destination for Agri-food exports

Japan was the **13th largest destination** for Agri-food exports in 2018, with exports totalling approximately **€115 million**. This represents a **21% increase** in value on **2017** figures and an **871% increase** on **2009** figures. Volume of Agri-Food exports increased by **26%** since **2017**.

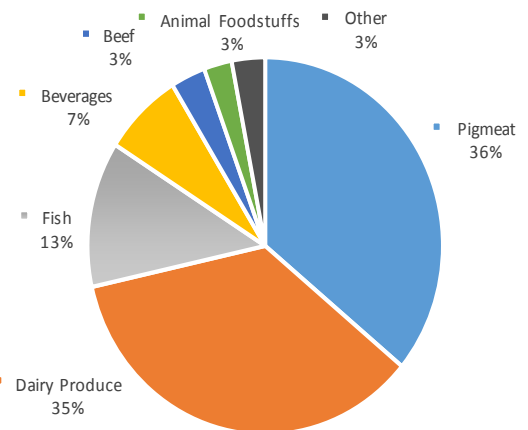
Irish agri-food exports to Japan, 2009 - 2017



Source: Central Statistics Office



Top exports to Japan by category, 2018



Source: Central Statistics Office

In **2018 Pigmeat** and **Dairy Produce** were Ireland's largest Agri-food export to Japan, accounting for **€41 million** and **€40 million** respectively. Cheddar was Ireland's top export to the country and accounted for **32%** of total exports to the country.

