

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine



Mission Statement

Serving the government and people of Ireland by leading, developing and regulating the agri-food sector, protecting public health and optimising social, economic and environmental benefits.

Vision Statement

An innovative and sustainable agri-food sector operating to the highest standards.

Organisation of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine



- Staffing Numbers: 3,442 Full Time Equivalents (FTE); 3,586 people*
- Leadership team: Secretary General, supported by a 12-person Management Board
- Organised into 5 main pillars:
 - Food Safety and Animal/Plant Health and Animal Welfare: “One Health”
 - Strategy & Policy Co-ordination
 - Corporate Development
 - Farm Supports/Payments and Controls
 - Seafood Sector
- 69 Divisions
- 73 locations incl. regional offices, farms, ports and laboratories

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine - 2020 Estimates



Vote - Expenditure on Agriculture, Food and the Marine	€M
Administration	283
Food Safety, Animal Health & Welfare and Plant Health	103
Farmer Payments Scheme	785
Agri-Food Policy, Development and Trade	336
Seafood Programme	139
Total Gross Expenditure	1,646
Appropriations in Aid	-354
Net Expenditure	1,292
EU-funded expenditure managed by the Department	
Direct Payment/Single Payment Scheme	1,204*
Other	58*
Co-funded receipts (measures co-funded by EU)	
EAFRD Rural Development Programmes	270
Veterinary fund	7
Other co-financing receipts	1
Fisheries	
EMFF and EFF Fisheries Programme	25
Total	1,565

2019 Payments to Farmers



SCHEME	2019 Payments €M
Basic payment Scheme	1,204.000
Agri-Environmental Schemes	236.509
REPS	0.024
Agri Envir Scheme	0.568
Green, Low-Carbon, Agri-Environment (GLAS)	213.799
Locally Led Agri-Environment Schemes	9.614
Organic Farming Scheme	9.377
Traditional Buildings	1.136
Other Agri Envi Initiatives	1.991
Areas of Natural Constraint Scheme (ANC)	248.552
Development of Agriculture & Food	83.650
Targeted Agricultural Measures (TAMS)	76.519
Horticulture Industry	5.834
Organic Sector Current	0.768
Organic Sector Capital	0.129
Other	0.400
Waste Processing Facilities	0.400
Beef Sustainability Scheme	129.716
Beef Data & Genomics Programme (BDGP)	38.170
Beef Environmental Efficiency Pilot (BEEP)	15.666
Beef Exceptional Aid programme (BEAM)	75.880
Knowledge Transfer	22.167
Animal Welfare Scheme for Sheep	17.382
Early Retirement Scheme	0.187
Total	1,942,160

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Strategy & Policy Co-ordination Pillar:

- **Agri-Food 2030 Strategy** — *10 Year Vision for the Sector Developed By Stakeholders*
- **Environmental Policy** — *Embedding environmental commitments in Departmental Action – AgClimatise, Climate Adaptation Plan*
- **CAP Reform** — *Negotiations, Transitional Measures, New CAP Strategic Plan, SWOT, Needs Analysis*
- **Brexit** — *National Control Obligations, Economic Impact , Negotiations*
- **Trade** — *Market Access, Inward Audits, Trade Missions, International Trade Policy*
- **Sectoral Policy Supports**
- **Research** — *Co-ordination, Prioritisation, Funding*

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Farm Supports Pillar:

- New Schemes
- Rural Development Programme
- Forestry
- Direct Payment Schemes and Entitlements

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Food Safety and Animal/Plant Health and Animal Welfare: “One Health/One Welfare”

- Regulatory Controls
- Bovine TB
- International Year of Plant Health 2020
- Animal Welfare Strategy and a national approach to Farm Biosecurity
- Official Controls Coordination
- Risk Anticipation & Assessment
- Action Plans and Strategies (AMR, Sustainable Use of Pesticides, Food Safety and Authenticity)

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Seafood Pillar:

- Brexit — *Loss of Access, Loss of Quota Share, Displacement*
- Points System — *Regulatory Requirement*
- Seafood Development Programme
- Aquaculture Licencing
- New Seafood Development Programme for 2021-27

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Corporate Development Pillar:

- Support for Brexit contingencies — *Recruitment, Infrastructural Development*
- HR Policy Development — *Gender Balance, Diversity and Inclusion, Learning and Development, talent management,*
- New Statement of Strategy 2020-2023 — *Reflecting the priorities in a new Programme for Government*
- Strategic Communications Strategy
- ICT Strategy — *Responding to new demands such as CAP Reform, Brexit,*

Agri-Food Sector Contribution to the Economy

