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	% of Total
% of GNI* (Modified Gross National Income) (2018)	7.5%
% 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

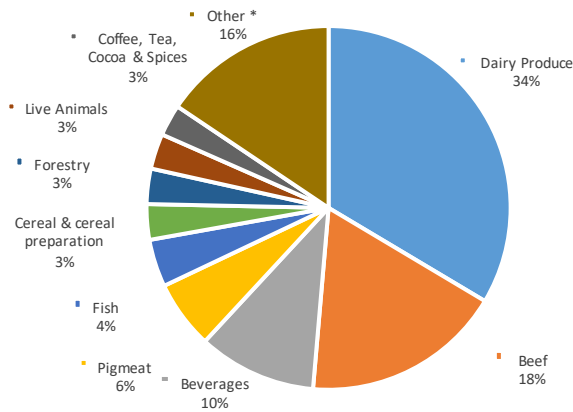
(23% of all Manufacturing Industry Turnover)

22% of all Industry Gross Output

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Source: Central Statistics Office

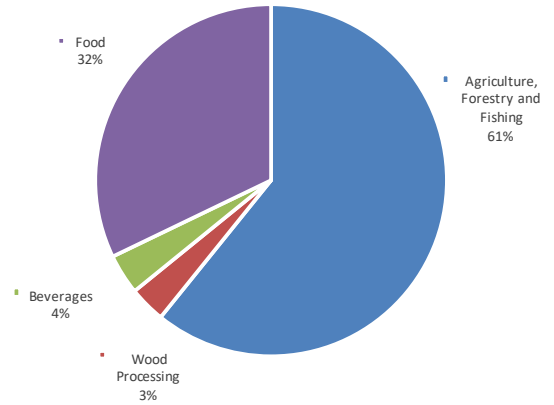
Agri-food exports by type 2018



* 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.



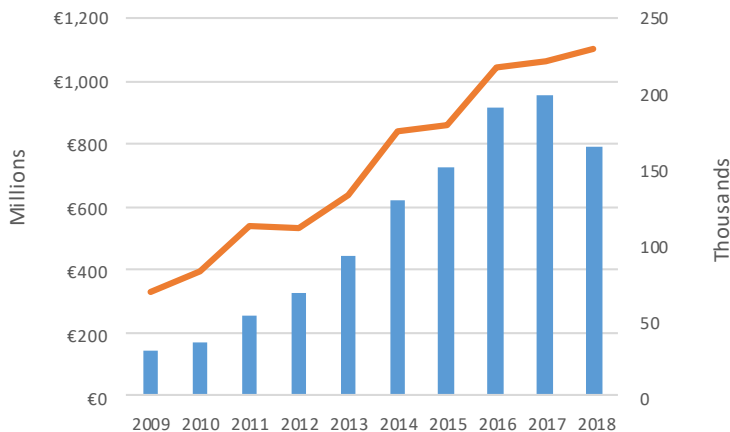
Farm Structures Data for Ireland, 2016

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

China: A key destination for Agri-food exports

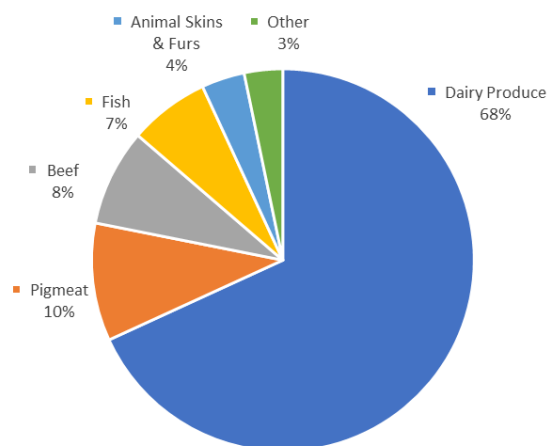
China was the **5th largest destination** for Irish Agri-food exports in 2018, with exports totalling approximately **€794 million**. This represents a **17% decrease** in value on **2017** figures, but a **10% increase** on **2015** and a **452% increase** on **2009** figures. The volume of Agri-food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

Irish agri-food exports to China, 2009 - 2017



Source: Central Statistics Office

Top exports to China by category, 2018



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.

