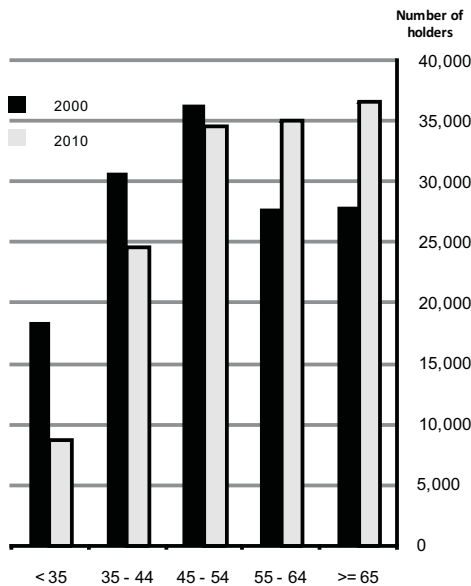




Agricultural Labour Input 2010

Age of holder on family farms



	Farms	Persons	Annual work units	Average labour input per farm	Average age of holder
2000	141,527	257,948	171,722	1.21	51
2010	139,860	272,016	168,387	1.20	54
% change	-1.2%	5.5%	-1.9%	-0.8%	5.9%

Agricultural workforce increases and average age of farm holder rises

The average age of farm holders in 2010 was 54 years, an increase of 3 years since the last Census of Agriculture in 2000. The total number of people working on farms increased by 14,068 (+5.5%) in the ten-year period between 2000 and 2010, despite a decrease in the number of farms in Ireland in the same period (-1.2%). The total annual work units supplied by this larger workforce decreased by 1.9% since 2000. Average labour input per farm was largely unchanged at 1.20 annual work units compared to 1.21 in 2000. *See tables 1-3.*

The main results from the labour data collected in the Census of Agriculture 2010 show that:

- ◆ The average age of farm holders was 54 years, an increase of 3 years since the last Census of Agriculture in 2000. The average age of male holders was 54 while the average age of female holders was 58. More than half (51.4%) of all farm holders in 2010 were aged 55 years or older. *See table 1.*
- ◆ Just over half (53.9%) of all holders identified farming as their sole occupation, a decrease of 4.4% since 2000. Meanwhile, more than 30% of farm holders reported farming as a subsidiary occupation. *See table 1.*
- ◆ The proportion of farms owned by women was 12.4%, an increase since 2000 when just 10.7% of farms were owned by women. In total, females made up more than one quarter of the total agricultural labour force. However, only a quarter of these were the holders of the farm on which they worked. *See table 1 and table 11.*
- ◆ Over 90% of all labour on farms was provided by the holder and the holder's spouse and family. Just 6% of labour is provided by regular non-family workers. Non-regular labour (casual workers, relief services and agricultural contractors) accounted for just 3.6% of all labour on farms. *See table 3.*

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Key Findings

The farm holder

There were 139,860 farms in Ireland in 2010 of which 99.8% were family farms¹. Just over 300 farms were identified as commercial holdings. Almost 88% of family farm holders were male. The number of family farms owned by females in 2010 remained relatively low at 12.4%. However, this has increased by 2,246, or 14.9%, since 2000.

In 2010, 54% of holders identified farm work as their sole occupation compared to 56% in 2000. Time spent on farmwork by the holder also reduced with just over 40% of holders working a full annual work unit (AWU)² in 2010 compared with 55% in 2000. *See table 1.*

Further analysis showed that 45% of holders did not have any additional regular family or non-family labour assisting them, although approximately half of these holders did avail of non-regular labour (agricultural contractors, casual or relief workers) for an average of 13.5 days per farm during the twelve month reference period.

Age profile of the farm holder

More than half (51.4%) of all farm holders in 2010 were aged 55 years or older. In 2000, just 39.5% of farm holders were aged 55 or older. In 2010, more than a quarter of all farm holders were aged over 65 years. County Mayo had a greater proportion (32.8%) of holders in the over-65 age category than any other county, followed closely by County Galway (32.4%). *See tables 1 and 4.*

The greatest proportion of male holders was aged between 45-54 years with just over a quarter (25.2%) of male holders falling into this age category. However, the greatest concentration of female holders was found to be in the 65 years and over age group with more than one third (36.3%) of all female holders in this age group. *See table 11.*

The average age of male holders was 54 years while the average age of female holders was 58 years. The comparable average ages in 2000 were 50 and 53 years respectively.

The number of holders aged less than 35 years more than halved in the ten year period between 2000 and 2010 from 18,382 to 8,683 holders, representing just 6.2% of all holders in 2010. County Donegal had a greater proportion (8.2%) of its holders in the under-35 age group than any other county, followed by County Cork where farm holders in this age group accounted for 8% of all holders in that county. *See tables 1 and 4.*

The average farm size across all holdings was 32.7 hectares. However, average farm size for holders aged 55 years and over, at just under 30 hectares, was lower than the national average. The results show that holders in the 35-44 age group held larger farms than all other holders with an average farm size of 37.5 hectares. In line with higher average farm sizes, holders in the 35-44 age group also had the highest average Standard Output (€41,558). Of those farms whose holders were aged 55 years or older, just under half (48.6%) generated a Standard Output of less than €8,000 per annum. *See tables 5 and 7.*

The regular farm workforce

In 2010, there were 272,016 family and regular non-family workers engaged in farming. This compares to a total of 257,948 workers engaged in farming in 2000. This represents a 5.5% increase in persons working on farms despite a 1.3% drop in the total number of farms since 2000. This increase in the number of farm workers is largely due to an increase of 13,122 in the number of other family members working on the farm.

The regular workforce in 2010 was made up of 139,556 holders, 45,769 spouses, 70,312 family members and 16,379 regular non-family workers. Collectively, this regular workforce provided a combined total of 162,345 annual work units (AWU) in 2010. The comparable figure for 2000 was 163,898 AWUs. The total time spent on farm work by all those working regularly on the farm fell by 1.9% between 2000 and 2010. These results show that while there were fewer farms (-1.3%) and there were more workers on these farms (+5.5%), they worked less hours (-1.9%). The net result was that average AWU per farm in 2010 was largely unchanged at 1.20, compared to 1.21 in 2000.

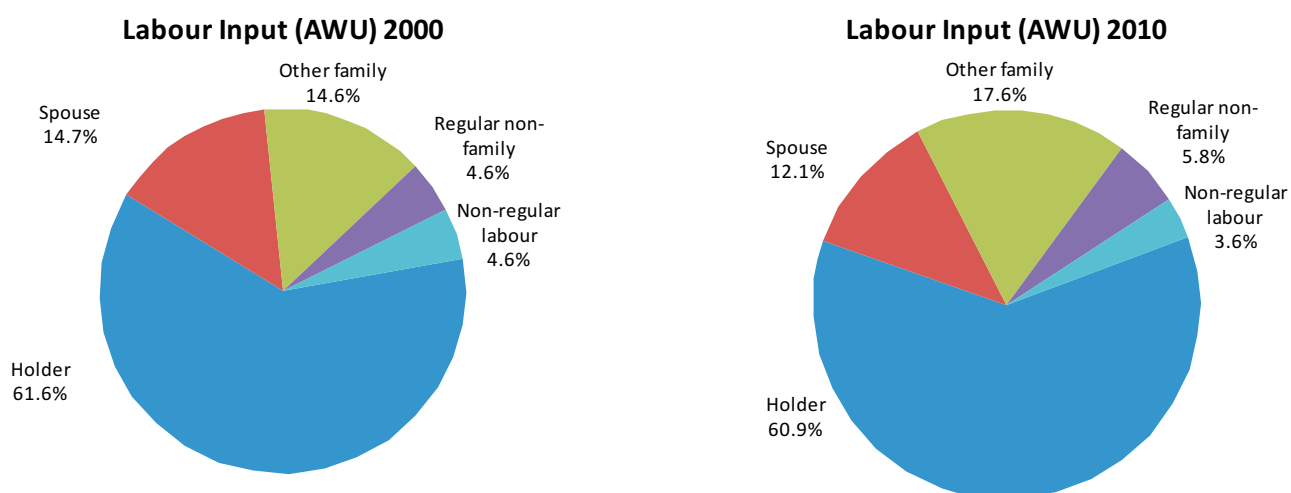
Almost 91% of all farm labour is supplied by the holder and the holder's family. Since 2000, there has been an increase of 22.9%, or 13,122 persons, in the number of other family members working on the farm. The AWUs contributed by this category of workers has risen by 18.7% since 2000. *See figure 1.1.*

Over a quarter of the regular agricultural workforce in 2010 were women, representing 27.2% of all workers and providing 19.7% of AWUs. Of the 74,092 female persons engaged in farming, just 23.4% of these were holders of the farm on which they worked. The remainder were classified as spouses, family workers or regular non-family farm workers. *See tables 2, 3 and 11.*

¹ See background notes for definitions.

² One Annual Work Unit = 1,800 hours or more of labour input per person per annum.

Figure 1.1 Contribution of farm workers to Total Labour Input



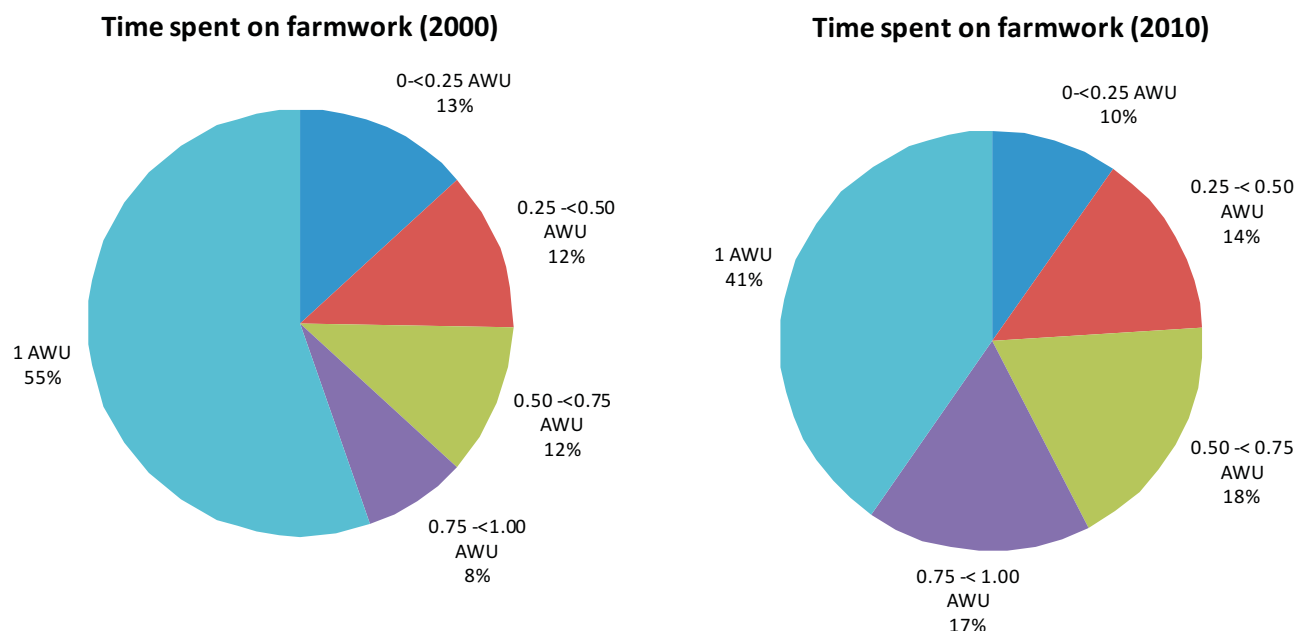
Non-regular labour

Non-regular labour is that provided by casual workers, relief services and agricultural contractors. This category accounted for just 3.6% of the total labour input on farms in 2010. *See table 3.* Further analysis showed that over 57% of all farms reported to have used these services during the reference period for an average of 17 days per farm.

Time spent on farm work

Four in every ten holders worked a full AWU during the reference period and 16% of spouses did the same. *See figure 1.2.*

Figure 1.2 Time spent on farm work



In the Southern and Eastern (SE) region, 46% of holders worked a full AWU compared to just 35% of farm holders in the Border, Midland & Western (BMW) region. Across all those regularly working on farms, only 28.4% reported to have worked a full AWU, much less than in 2000. *See tables 1, 2 and 4.*

On average, farms in the BMW region utilised 1.13 AWUs per farm while the SE region utilised 1.29 AWUs per farm. Farms in County Dublin utilised 1.55 AWUs per farm. Outside of Dublin, Kilkenny had the next highest rate at 1.42 AWUs per farm. Farms in County Donegal utilised on average 0.99 AWUs per farm, the lowest rate in the country. *See Table 9.*

Significance of farmwork³

Over half of all holders (53.9%) identified farming as their sole occupation, a decrease since 2000 when almost 56% referred to it as a sole occupation. The proportion of holders who indicated that farming was their sole occupation increases with farm size (AAU) and was greatest on Specialist Dairying farms where 84.4% of holders reported that farming was their sole occupation.

More than three in ten farm holders (31.6%) identified farming as a subsidiary occupation, a slight increase on the corresponding 2000 figure (30.4%). In the Border, Midland and Western region, 34% of holders reported farming as a subsidiary occupation compared with 29% in the Southern and Eastern region.

Farm Manager Training

The level of training undertaken by the farm manager is presented in Table 12. On over 97% of Irish farms, the manager was also the holder of the farm. The results showed that only 31% of managers had undertaken some type of formal training. The proportion of farm managers with formal training was greater amongst younger managers. In the under-35 age group, more than half (51.5%) of farm managers had undertaken training. The number of managers with training was also higher on larger farms. On holdings of 50 hectares or more, almost half (47.2%) of managers had undertaken training.

Of those managers who had completed training, 36% had attained a Certificate in Farming or completed a Farm Apprenticeship course. A further 14 % had attained a third level qualification in agriculture and the greatest proportion of these was in the under-35 age group. *See Table 12.*

³ See background notes for definitions

Table 1 Family Farms¹ classified by characteristics of Holder

Characteristic of holder	2000	2010	% of total (2000)	% of total (2010)	% change (2000 - 2010)
Total Family Farms¹	141,342	139,556			-1.3%
Gender					
Males	126,243	122,211	89.3%	87.6%	-3.2%
Females	15,099	17,345	10.7%	12.4%	14.9%
Age					
< 35	18,382	8,683	13.0%	6.2%	-52.8%
35 - 44	30,780	24,562	21.8%	17.6%	-20.2%
45 - 54	36,332	34,614	25.7%	24.8%	-4.7%
55 - 64	27,805	35,058	19.7%	25.1%	26.1%
>= 65	28,043	36,639	19.8%	26.3%	30.7%
Annual Work Units ²					
0 - < 0.25	18,689	13,620	13.2%	9.8%	-27.1%
0.25 - < 0.50	17,224	19,874	12.2%	14.2%	15.4%
0.50 - < 0.75	16,179	25,574	11.4%	18.3%	58.1%
0.75 - < 1.00	11,138	24,144	7.9%	17.3%	116.8%
1.00	78,112	56,344	55.3%	40.4%	-27.9%
Significance of farmwork					
Sole Occupation	78,723	75,223	55.7%	53.9%	-4.4%
Major Occupation	19,643	20,258	13.9%	14.5%	3.1%
Subsidiary Occupation	42,976	44,075	30.4%	31.6%	2.6%

¹ Farms run by commercial concerns or institutions are excluded from this table.

² One Annual Work Unit = 1,800 hours or more of labour input per person per annum.

Table 2 Family and regular non-family workers (persons) on all farms¹

Worker characteristic	2000	2010	% of total (2000)	% of total (2010)	% change (2000 - 2010)
Total persons	257,948	272,016			5.5%
Gender					
Males	187,674	197,924	72.8%	72.8%	5.5%
Females	70,274	74,092	27.2%	27.2%	5.4%
Age					
< 35	74,249	69,247	28.8%	25.5%	-6.7%
35 - 44	50,738	45,591	19.7%	16.8%	-10.1%
45 - 54	56,060	55,581	21.7%	20.4%	-0.9%
55 - 64	40,241	52,396	15.6%	19.3%	30.2%
>= 65	36,660	49,201	14.2%	18.1%	34.2%
Annual Work Units ²					
0 - < 0.25	59,010	64,149	22.9%	23.6%	8.7%
0.25 - < 0.50	39,253	52,510	15.2%	19.3%	33.8%
0.50 - < 0.75	32,348	43,873	12.5%	16.1%	35.6%
0.75 - < 1.00	19,789	34,156	7.7%	12.6%	72.6%
1.00	107,548	77,328	41.7%	28.4%	-28.1%
Family Workers	243,598	255,637	94.4%	94.0%	4.9%
<i>of which: Holder</i>	141,342	139,556	54.8%	51.3%	-1.3%
<i>Spouse</i>	45,066	45,769	17.5%	16.8%	1.6%
<i>Other Family</i>	57,190	70,312	22.2%	25.8%	22.9%
Regular Non-Family Workers	14,350	16,379	5.6%	6.0%	14.1%

¹ Both family farms and commercial farms are included in this table. All persons working on commercial farms are classified as regular non-family workers.

² One Annual Work Unit = 1,800 hours or more of labour input per person per annum.

Table 3 Total labour input including non-regular¹ labour (AWU²) on all farms³

Worker characteristic	2000	2010	% of total (2000)	% of total (2010)	% change (2000 - 2010)
Total labour input	171,722	168,387			-1.9%
Family & regular non-family	163,898	162,345	95.4%	96.4%	-0.9%
Males	127,344	130,335	74.2%	77.4%	2.3%
Females	36,554	32,010	21.3%	19.0%	-12.4%
Family workers	155,944	152,569	90.8%	90.6%	-2.2%
<i>of which: Holder</i>	105,765	102,609	61.6%	60.9%	-3.0%
<i>Spouse</i>	25,192	20,303	14.7%	12.1%	-19.4%
<i>Other family</i>	24,987	29,657	14.6%	17.6%	18.7%
Regular non-family workers	7,954	9,776	4.6%	5.8%	22.9%
Non-regular ¹ labour input	7,824	6,042	4.6%	3.6%	-22.8%
Total number of farms ³	141,527	139,860			-1.2%
Average labour input per farm	1.21	1.20			-0.8%

¹ Non-Regular Labour includes casual, relief and contract workers. A gender breakdown is not available for this category.

² One Annual Work Unit =1,800 hours or more of labour input per person per annum

³ Both family farms and commercial farms are included in this table. All persons working on commercial farms are classified as regular non-family workers.

Table 4 Number of family farms¹ classified by region and characteristics of holder - 2010

Region and County	Age of Holder					Annual work units ²					Significance of farmwork			Total
	< 35	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	>= 65	0 - < 0.25	0.25 - < 0.50	0.50 - < 0.75	0.75 - < 1.00	1.00	Sole Occupation	Major Occupation	Subsidiary Occupation	
	Farms													
State	8,683	24,562	34,614	35,058	36,639	13,620	19,874	25,574	24,144	56,344	75,223	20,258	44,075	139,556
Border, Midland and Western	4,211	11,854	17,465	18,807	21,423	7,353	11,518	15,158	13,820	25,911	37,864	10,810	25,086	73,760
Border	1,988	4,932	6,765	7,229	7,852	2,920	4,766	6,122	5,345	9,613	14,562	4,046	10,158	28,766
Cavan	328	977	1,367	1,287	1,313	477	707	990	1,070	2,028	2,717	785	1,770	5,272
Donegal	756	1,571	1,899	2,334	2,662	1,058	1,827	2,093	1,541	2,703	4,743	1,162	3,317	9,222
Monaghan	357	860	1,094	1,096	1,137	395	645	888	886	1,730	2,453	661	1,430	4,544
Sligo	228	668	1,052	1,221	1,222	430	701	936	832	1,492	2,123	655	1,613	4,391
Leitrim	226	554	937	903	1,051	336	620	929	788	998	1,653	557	1,461	3,671
Louth	93	302	416	388	467	224	266	286	228	662	873	226	567	1,666
Midland	804	2,359	3,228	3,114	3,303	1,197	1,696	2,243	2,191	5,481	6,934	1,897	3,977	12,808
Laois	221	636	853	745	851	292	386	534	541	1,553	1,899	489	918	3,306
Longford	148	451	626	680	694	242	390	536	477	954	1,356	360	883	2,599
Offaly	231	645	867	850	863	336	427	576	602	1,515	1,860	522	1,074	3,456
Westmeath	204	627	882	839	895	327	493	597	571	1,459	1,819	526	1,102	3,447
West	1,419	4,563	7,472	8,464	10,268	3,236	5,056	6,793	6,284	10,817	16,368	4,867	10,951	32,186
Galway	601	1,905	3,070	3,507	4,351	1,359	2,067	2,794	2,543	4,671	6,929	2,057	4,448	13,434
Mayo	533	1,648	2,828	3,361	4,077	1,294	2,083	2,707	2,397	3,966	6,345	1,792	4,310	12,447
Roscommon	285	1,010	1,574	1,596	1,840	583	906	1,292	1,344	2,180	3,094	1,018	2,193	6,305

¹ Farms run by commercial concerns or institutions are excluded from this table.

² One annual work unit = 1,800 hours or more of labour input per person per annum

Table 4 (cont'd) Number of family farms¹ classified by region and characteristics of holder - 2010

Region and County	Age of Holder					Annual work units ²					Significance of farmwork			Total
	< 35	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	>= 65	0 - < 0.25	0.25 - < 0.50	0.50 - < 0.75	0.75 - < 1.00	1.00	Sole Occupation	Major Occupation	Subsidiary Occupation	
	Farms													
State	8,683	24,562	34,614	35,058	36,639	13,620	19,874	25,574	24,144	56,344	75,223	20,258	44,075	139,556
Southern and Eastern	4,472	12,708	17,149	16,251	15,216	6,267	8,356	10,416	10,324	30,433	37,359	9,448	18,989	65,796
Mid-East and Dublin	561	1,699	2,612	2,591	2,806	1,186	1,394	1,726	1,557	4,406	5,516	1,469	3,284	10,269
Dublin	34	125	201	181	244	106	124	148	110	297	409	98	278	785
Kildare	147	392	637	693	692	315	356	429	395	1,066	1,337	353	871	2,561
Wicklow	144	436	634	568	597	218	306	369	345	1,141	1,317	375	687	2,379
Meath	236	746	1,140	1,149	1,273	547	608	780	707	1,902	2,453	643	1,448	4,544
Mid-West	1,031	3,154	4,216	4,159	3,766	1,485	2,108	2,666	2,878	7,189	9,070	2,300	4,956	16,326
Clare	370	1,165	1,673	1,707	1,633	522	865	1,152	1,284	2,725	3,536	968	2,044	6,548
Limerick	386	1,166	1,539	1,531	1,359	622	795	960	1,002	2,602	3,358	779	1,844	5,981
North Tipperary	275	823	1,004	921	774	341	448	554	592	1,862	2,176	553	1,068	3,797
South-East	1,153	3,303	4,382	3,979	3,786	1,532	1,944	2,357	2,334	8,436	9,937	2,413	4,253	16,603
Carlow	125	356	423	447	444	175	217	267	252	884	1,042	269	484	1,795
Kilkenny	243	722	995	911	854	293	388	474	552	2,018	2,310	568	847	3,725
South Tipperary	266	781	1,082	916	878	376	491	600	588	1,868	2,238	561	1,124	3,923
Waterford	207	513	714	650	667	260	347	382	354	1,408	1,691	368	692	2,751
Wexford	312	931	1,168	1,055	943	428	501	634	588	2,258	2,656	647	1,106	4,409
South-West	1,727	4,552	5,939	5,522	4,858	2,064	2,910	3,667	3,555	10,402	12,836	3,266	6,496	22,598
Cork	1,132	2,980	3,806	3,328	2,946	1,284	1,717	2,102	2,073	7,016	8,311	1,992	3,889	14,192
Kerry	595	1,572	2,133	2,194	1,912	780	1,193	1,565	1,482	3,386	4,525	1,274	2,607	8,406

¹ Farms run by commercial concerns or institutions are excluded from this table.

² One annual work unit = 1,800 hours or more of labour input per person per annum

Table 5 Number of family farms¹ classified by farm size (AAU²) and characteristics of holder - 2010

Characteristics of holder	Farm size (AAU) - hectares							Total	Average farm size (hectares)
	< 5	5 - < 10	10 - < 20	20 - < 30	30 - < 50	50 - < 100	>= 100		
	Farms								
Age									
< 35	542	902	1,850	1,510	2,131	1,447	301	8,683	34.4
35 - 44	1,420	2,161	4,846	4,139	6,087	4,885	1,024	24,562	37.5
45 - 54	2,216	3,500	7,821	6,021	8,091	5,740	1,225	34,614	34.2
55 - 64	2,525	4,174	8,603	6,369	7,504	4,722	1,161	35,058	31.7
>= 65	2,960	4,985	10,412	6,630	6,815	3,914	923	36,639	28.3
Annual work units³									
0 - < 0.25	3,411	3,089	3,579	1,652	1,253	529	107	13,620	16.3
0.25 - < 0.50	3,404	4,427	5,956	2,891	2,276	766	154	19,874	18.1
0.50 - < 0.75	1,509	4,621	9,691	4,715	3,642	1,222	174	25,574	21.2
0.75 - < 1.00	491	1,531	6,882	6,609	6,201	2,056	374	24,144	29.4
1.00	848	2,054	7,424	8,802	17,256	16,135	3,825	56,344	48.2
Significance of farmwork									
Sole occupation	2,889	5,785	14,932	12,905	19,257	15,812	3,643	75,223	39.6
Major occupation	736	1,665	4,774	4,188	5,325	2,935	635	20,258	34.1
Subsidiary occupation	6,038	8,272	13,826	7,576	6,046	1,961	356	44,075	19.9
Total	9,663	15,722	33,532	24,669	30,628	20,708	4,634	139,556	32.7

¹ Farms run by commercial concerns or institutions are excluded from this table.

² Agricultural Area Utilised

³ One Annual Work Unit = 1,800 hours or more of labour input per person per annum

Table 6 Number of family farms¹ classified by farm type² and characteristics of holder - 2010

Characteristics of holder	Farm Type ²								Total
	Specialist tillage	Specialist dairying	Specialist beef production	Specialist sheep	Mixed grazing livestock	Mixed crops and livestock	Mixed Field Crops	Other	
	Farms								
Age									
< 35	456	1,100	4,416	1,143	788	158	538	84	8,683
35 - 44	914	4,135	12,586	2,306	2,527	446	1,357	291	24,562
45 - 54	1,140	4,709	18,589	3,027	4,067	665	2,010	407	34,614
55 - 64	1,194	3,677	19,689	3,454	3,907	623	2,211	303	35,058
>= 65	1,016	2,015	22,390	3,615	3,370	544	3,483	206	36,639
Annual work units ³									
0 - < 0.25	665	185	6,935	1,745	1,526	140	2,235	189	13,620
0.25 - < 0.50	594	329	10,808	2,589	1,959	231	3,184	180	19,874
0.50 - < 0.75	984	320	15,739	2,962	2,015	252	3,145	157	25,574
0.75 - < 1.00	732	1,320	17,162	2,157	1,913	346	397	117	24,144
1.00	1,745	13,482	27,026	4,092	7,246	1,467	638	648	56,344
Significance of farmwork									
Sole Occupation	2,412	13,202	39,735	6,423	8,142	1,562	3,022	725	75,223
Major Occupation	882	1,630	11,926	2,026	2,056	413	1,141	184	20,258
Subsidiary Occupation	1,426	804	26,009	5,096	4,461	461	5,436	382	44,075
Total	4,720	15,636	77,670	13,545	14,659	2,436	9,599	1,291	139,556

¹ Farms run by commercial concerns or institutions are excluded from this table.

² For more information on farm type see background notes.

³ One annual work unit = 1,800 hours or more of labour input per person per annum

Table 7 Number of family farms¹ classified by economic size (SO) and characteristics of holder - 2010

Characteristics of holder	Standard Output (SO) ²							Total Family Farms	Average Standard Output ² (€)
	Less than €4,000	€4,000 - < €8,000	€8,000 - < €15,000	€15,000 - < €25,000	€25,000 - < €50,000	€50,000 - < €100,000	Over €100,000		
Farms									
Age									
< 35	1,827	1,461	1,659	1,239	985	724	788	8,683	39,658
35 - 44	4,777	3,611	4,416	3,180	3,066	2,584	2,928	24,562	41,558
45 - 54	7,416	5,824	6,429	4,453	4,148	3,400	2,944	34,614	34,182
55 - 64	8,641	6,507	6,737	4,438	3,906	2,733	2,096	35,058	27,856
>= 65	11,998	7,713	6,756	4,233	3,018	1,687	1,234	36,639	19,275
Annual work units ³									
0 - < 0.25	8,002	2,623	1,532	678	438	194	153	13,620	8,930
0.25 - < 0.50	9,708	4,504	3,139	1,346	695	300	182	19,874	9,685
0.50 - < 0.75	10,780	6,080	4,806	2,256	1,066	358	228	25,574	11,660
0.75 - < 1.00	2,796	6,251	7,489	4,024	2,187	964	433	24,144	18,962
1.00	3,373	5,658	9,031	9,239	10,737	9,312	8,994	56,344	55,041
Significance of farmwork									
Sole occupation	12,139	11,584	13,030	10,314	10,541	8,971	8,644	75,223	41,807
Major occupation	3,817	3,443	4,540	3,396	2,704	1,438	920	20,258	26,991
Subsidiary occupation	18,703	10,089	8,427	3,833	1,878	719	426	44,075	10,884
Total	34,659	25,116	25,997	17,543	15,123	11,128	9,990	139,556	30,726

¹ Farms run by commercial concerns or institutions are excluded from this table.

² Standard Output is the average monetary value of the agricultural output at farm-gate prices. See background notes.

³ One Annual Work Unit = 1,800 hours or more of labour input per person per annum

Table 8 Family and regular non-family workers : Number of persons and labour input (AWU¹) by region on all farms² - 2010

Region and County	Family workers								Regular non-family workers		Total	
	Total family workers		Holder		Spouse		Other family		persons	AWU	persons	AWU
	persons	AWU	persons	AWU	persons	AWU	persons	AWU				
State	255,637	152,569	139,556	102,609	45,769	20,303	70,312	29,657	16,379	9,776	272,016	162,345
Border, Midland and Western	131,220	76,906	73,760	52,716	22,341	9,609	35,119	14,582	7,177	4,106	138,397	81,012
Border	49,419	28,940	28,766	20,268	8,041	3,419	12,612	5,253	2,874	1,659	52,293	30,599
Cavan	9,354	5,669	5,272	3,908	1,598	693	2,484	1,069	545	322	9,899	5,991
Donegal	14,734	8,544	9,222	6,177	2,104	890	3,408	1,477	769	427	15,503	8,970
Monaghan	8,171	4,851	4,544	3,352	1,388	595	2,239	904	569	351	8,740	5,202
Sligo	7,739	4,520	4,391	3,122	1,395	620	1,953	778	397	207	8,136	4,727
Leitrim	6,352	3,615	3,671	2,543	1,070	427	1,611	646	302	174	6,654	3,789
Louth	3,069	1,742	1,666	1,168	486	194	917	379	292	178	3,361	1,919
Midland	24,060	14,360	12,808	9,586	4,273	1,848	6,979	2,927	1,492	872	25,552	15,232
Laois	6,239	3,831	3,306	2,541	1,072	459	1,861	831	431	251	6,670	4,082
Longford	4,725	2,775	2,599	1,883	859	379	1,267	513	273	155	4,998	2,930
Offaly	6,653	3,968	3,456	2,604	1,183	515	2,014	849	395	247	7,048	4,216
Westmeath	6,443	3,786	3,447	2,558	1,159	494	1,837	734	393	219	6,836	4,005
West	57,741	33,606	32,186	22,862	10,027	4,342	15,528	6,402	2,811	1,576	60,552	35,181
Galway	24,206	14,166	13,434	9,587	4,242	1,837	6,530	2,741	1,053	564	25,259	14,730
Mayo	22,182	12,757	12,447	8,698	3,818	1,662	5,917	2,397	1,216	725	23,398	13,482
Roscommon	11,353	6,683	6,305	4,576	1,967	843	3,081	1,263	542	287	11,895	6,970

¹ One annual work unit = 1,800 hours or more of labour input per person per annum

² Both family farms and commercial farms are included in this table. All persons working on commercial farms are classified as regular non-family workers.

Table 8 (cont'd) Family and regular non-family workers : Number of persons and labour input (AWU¹) by region on all farms² -2010

Region and County	Family workers								Regular non-family workers		Total	
	Total family workers		Holder		Spouse		Other family		persons	AWU	persons	AWU
	persons	AWU	persons	AWU	persons	AWU	persons	AWU				
State	255,637	152,569	139,556	102,609	45,769	20,303	70,312	29,657	16,379	9,776	272,016	162,345
Southern and Eastern	124,417	75,663	65,796	49,893	23,428	10,694	35,193	15,076	9,202	5,670	133,619	81,333
Mid-East and Dublin	19,533	11,575	10,269	7,518	3,458	1,517	5,806	2,540	2,006	1,379	21,539	12,955
Dublin	1,525	901	785	546	246	109	494	247	300	249	1,825	1,151
Kildare	4,923	2,853	2,561	1,853	909	384	1,453	616	494	340	5,417	3,193
Wicklow	4,542	2,766	2,379	1,816	844	388	1,319	563	400	257	4,942	3,023
Meath	8,543	5,055	4,544	3,305	1,459	637	2,540	1,114	812	533	9,355	5,589
Mid-West	30,585	18,423	16,326	12,350	5,671	2,558	8,588	3,515	1,814	1,016	32,399	19,439
Clare	12,238	7,363	6,548	4,958	2,307	1,048	3,383	1,357	579	310	12,817	7,672
Limerick	11,224	6,698	5,981	4,455	2,077	943	3,166	1,300	717	404	11,941	7,101
North Tipperary	7,123	4,362	3,797	2,937	1,287	567	2,039	859	518	303	7,641	4,665
South-East	32,060	19,772	16,603	12,872	6,086	2,746	9,371	4,154	2,680	1,690	34,740	21,462
Carlow	3,403	2,113	1,795	1,375	614	270	994	468	223	132	3,626	2,245
Kilkenny	7,468	4,643	3,725	2,979	1,414	632	2,329	1,031	594	359	8,062	5,002
South Tipperary	7,358	4,456	3,923	2,989	1,371	596	2,064	871	697	455	8,055	4,911
Waterford	5,298	3,270	2,751	2,119	1,001	460	1,546	692	522	340	5,820	3,610
Wexford	8,533	5,291	4,409	3,410	1,686	789	2,438	1,092	644	404	9,177	5,695
South-West	42,239	25,893	22,598	17,154	8,213	3,873	11,428	4,867	2,702	1,584	44,941	27,477
Cork	27,299	16,822	14,192	10,948	5,416	2,604	7,691	3,270	1,930	1,160	29,229	17,982
Kerry	14,940	9,071	8,406	6,206	2,797	1,269	3,737	1,597	772	424	15,712	9,496

¹ One annual work unit = 1,800 hours or more of labour input per person per annum

² Both family farms and commercial farms are included in this table. All persons working on commercial farms are classified as regular non-family workers.

Table 9 Total labour input (AWU¹) including casual, contract and relief workers by region on all farms² - 2010

Region & County	Total Farms	Regular Labour		Non-Regular Labour			Total labour input	Average labour input per farm
		Family	Non-family	Contract	Casual	Relief		
		AWU						
State	139,860	152,569	9,776	3,019	2,752	272	168,388	1.20
Border, Midland and Western	73,881	76,906	4,106	1,251	1,039	43	83,346	1.13
Border	28,831	28,940	1,659	472	424	15	31,509	1.09
Cavan	5,282	5,669	322	108	78	3	6,180	1.17
Donegal	9,240	8,544	427	96	106	4	9,176	0.99
Monaghan	4,565	4,851	351	99	69	2	5,373	1.18
Sligo	4,395	4,520	207	73	54	2	4,855	1.10
Leitrim	3,673	3,615	174	49	30	1	3,869	1.05
Louth	1,676	1,742	178	48	86	2	2,056	1.23
Midland	12,834	14,360	872	290	243	17	15,782	1.23
Laois	3,312	3,831	251	80	58	7	4,228	1.28
Longford	2,601	2,775	155	50	44	2	3,025	1.16
Offaly	3,462	3,968	247	77	64	3	4,360	1.26
Westmeath	3,459	3,786	219	83	76	5	4,170	1.21
West	32,216	33,606	1,576	490	372	11	36,054	1.12
Galway	13,445	14,166	564	201	150	4	15,085	1.12
Mayo	12,458	12,757	725	177	144	4	13,807	1.11
Roscommon	6,313	6,683	287	112	79	3	7,163	1.13

¹ One annual work unit = 1,800 hours or more of labour input per person per annum

² Both family farms and commercial farms are included in this table. All persons working on commercial farms are classified as regular non-family workers.

Table 9 (cont'd) Total labour input (AWU¹) including casual, contract and relief workers by region on all farms² - 2010

Region & County	Total Farms	Regular Labour		Non-Regular Labour			Total labour input	Average labour input per farm
		Family	Non-family	Contract	Casual	Relief		
		AWU						
State	139,860	152,569	9,776	3,019	2,752	272	168,388	1.20
Southern and Eastern	65,979	75,663	5,670	1,768	1,713	228	85,042	1.29
Mid-East and Dublin	10,339	11,575	1,379	283	374	33	13,644	1.32
Dublin	798	901	249	25	58	1	1,235	1.55
Kildare	2,578	2,853	340	60	62	4	3,319	1.29
Wicklow	2,394	2,766	257	59	50	13	3,146	1.31
Meath	4,569	5,055	533	139	203	14	5,945	1.30
Mid-West	16,346	18,423	1,016	376	284	39	20,137	1.23
Clare	6,550	7,363	310	131	86	5	7,895	1.21
Limerick	5,991	6,698	404	149	107	20	7,377	1.23
North Tipperary	3,805	4,362	303	95	91	14	4,864	1.28
South-East	16,660	19,772	1,690	529	590	87	22,668	1.36
Carlow	1,802	2,113	132	49	107	2	2,404	1.33
Kilkenny	3,737	4,643	359	124	142	26	5,294	1.42
South Tipperary	3,934	4,456	455	133	131	25	5,199	1.32
Waterford	2,761	3,270	340	98	83	21	3,813	1.38
Wexford	4,426	5,291	404	125	128	11	5,959	1.35
South-West	22,634	25,893	1,584	580	465	70	28,593	1.26
Cork	14,222	16,822	1,160	416	331	52	18,780	1.32
Kerry	8,412	9,071	424	165	134	18	9,813	1.17

¹ One annual work unit = 1,800 hours or more of labour input per person per annum

² Both family farms and commercial farms are included in this table. All persons working on commercial farms are classified as regular non-family workers.

Table 10 Family and regular non-family workers : Number of persons and labour input (AWU¹) classified by farm size (AAU²), type of farm and economic size (SO³) on all farms⁴ - 2010

Farm characteristics	Family workers								Regular non-family workers		Total		Total Farms ⁴	Average per farm	
	Total family workers		Holder		Spouse		Other family		persons	AWU	persons	AWU		persons	AWU
	persons	AWU	persons	AWU	persons	AWU	persons	AWU							
Farm size (AAU) - hectares															
< 5	14,393	5,520	9,663	3,924	2,234	761	2,496	835	1,236	897	15,629	6,417	2,341	6.7 ⁵	2.7
5 - < 10	25,192	11,688	15,722	8,328	4,146	1,506	5,324	1,854	1,187	599	26,379	12,287	23,133	1.1	0.5
10 - < 20	57,656	31,729	33,532	22,184	9,792	4,046	14,332	5,500	2,622	1,419	60,278	33,148	33,581	1.8	1.0
20 - < 30	45,212	27,473	24,669	18,822	8,102	3,627	12,441	5,023	2,140	1,135	47,352	28,608	24,687	1.9	1.2
30 - < 50	59,857	39,022	30,628	25,968	11,187	5,281	18,042	7,772	3,365	1,843	63,222	40,864	30,668	2.1	1.3
50 - < 100	43,317	29,896	20,708	19,051	8,423	4,127	14,186	6,718	3,770	2,285	47,087	32,180	20,755	2.3	1.6
>= 100	10,010	7,242	4,634	4,332	1,885	955	3,491	1,955	2,059	1,599	12,069	8,841	4,695	2.6	1.9
Farm type ⁶															
Specialist tillage	8,468	4,934	4,720	3,306	1,487	599	2,261	1,028	1,521	1,173	9,989	6,107	4,795	2.1	1.3
Specialist dairying	34,048	24,104	15,636	14,984	6,915	3,542	11,497	5,579	2,916	1,792	36,964	25,896	15,654	2.4	1.7
Specialist beef production	139,473	82,350	77,670	56,800	24,308	10,437	37,495	15,114	6,877	3,637	146,350	85,987	77,738	1.9	1.1
Specialist sheep	22,373	12,581	13,545	9,020	3,695	1,572	5,133	1,990	953	446	23,326	13,027	13,555	1.7	1.0
Mixed grazing livestock	28,117	17,118	14,659	11,105	5,321	2,469	8,137	3,544	1,826	1,139	29,943	18,256	14,697	2.0	1.2
Mixed crops and livestock	4,892	3,120	2,436	2,031	929	401	1,527	688	424	277	5,316	3,397	2,443	2.2	1.4
Mixed field crops	15,673	6,797	9,599	4,424	2,562	988	3,512	1,385	916	539	16,589	7,336	9,635	1.7	0.8
Other	2,593	1,566	1,291	940	552	295	750	331	946	773	3,539	2,339	1,343	2.6	1.7
Economic size (SO ³)															
Less than €4,000	54,364	24,312	34,659	17,198	8,536	3,091	11,169	4,024	2,467	1,226	56,831	25,538	34,714	1.6	0.7
€4,000 - < €8,000	42,773	23,839	25,116	16,945	7,310	3,001	10,347	3,893	1,836	950	44,609	24,789	25,144	1.8	1.0
€8,000 - < €15,000	48,001	29,050	25,997	19,956	8,679	3,801	13,325	5,293	2,342	1,236	50,343	30,286	26,023	1.9	1.2
€15,000 - < €25,000	33,676	21,913	17,543	14,760	6,189	2,900	9,944	4,254	1,813	1,007	35,489	22,920	17,570	2.0	1.3
€25,000 - < €50,000	30,365	20,635	15,123	13,632	5,682	2,777	9,560	4,226	1,873	1,072	32,238	21,707	15,155	2.1	1.4
€50,000 - < €100,000	23,911	16,625	11,128	10,516	4,757	2,355	8,026	3,755	1,688	1,015	25,599	17,640	11,156	2.3	1.6
Over €100,000	22,547	16,195	9,990	9,603	4,616	2,379	7,941	4,213	4,360	3,271	26,907	19,465	10,098	2.7	1.9
Total	255,637	152,569	139,556	102,609	45,769	20,303	70,312	29,657	16,379	9,776	272,016	162,345	139,860	1.9	1.2

¹ One annual work unit = 1,800 hours or more of labour input per person per annum

² Agricultural Area Utilised

³ Standard Output is the average monetary value of the agricultural output at farm-gate prices. See background notes.

⁴ Both family farms and commercial farms are included in this table. All persons working on commercial farms are classified as regular non-family workers.

⁵ This higher rate is attributable to the more labour-intensive specialist farms such as horticulture, pigs and poultry which tend to hold fewer hectares.

⁶ For more information on farm type see background notes.

Table 11 Family and regular non-family workers: number of persons and labour input (AWU) classified by sex, age, AWU and significance of farmwork on all farms¹-2010

Worker characteristics	Family workers						Non-family workers		Total	
	Holder		Spouse		Other family workers		persons	AWU	persons	AWU
	persons	AWU	persons	AWU	persons	AWU				
All workers	139,556	102,609	45,769	20,303	70,312	29,657	16,379	9,776	272,016	162,345
Age										
< 35	8,683	6,224	2,677	879	51,395	19,745	6,492	3,860	69,247	30,708
35 - 44	24,562	18,274	9,222	3,347	8,336	4,249	3,471	2,129	45,591	27,999
45 - 54	34,614	25,714	13,859	5,859	3,992	2,144	3,116	1,893	55,581	35,609
55 - 64	35,058	26,635	12,625	6,406	2,523	1,360	2,190	1,283	52,396	35,685
>=65	36,639	25,763	7,386	3,812	4,066	2,159	1,110	611	49,201	32,344
Annual work units ²										
< 0.25	13,620	1,703	18,353	2,294	28,011	3,501	4,165	521	64,149	8,019
0.25 - < 0.50	19,874	7,453	10,642	3,991	19,240	7,215	2,754	1,033	52,510	19,691
0.50 - < 0.75	25,574	15,984	6,299	3,937	9,373	5,858	2,627	1,642	43,873	27,420
0.75 - < 1.00	24,144	21,126	3,152	2,758	4,841	4,236	2,019	1,767	34,156	29,887
1.00	56,344	56,344	7,323	7,323	8,847	8,847	4,814	4,814	77,328	77,328
Significance of farmwork										
Sole occupation	75,223	64,366	12,456	9,105	13,135	10,568	7,361	6,321	108,176	90,361
Major occupation	20,258	15,991	5,417	3,544	4,378	3,200	1,809	1,330	31,862	24,066
Subsidiary occupation	44,075	22,251	27,896	7,653	52,799	15,888	7,208	2,125	131,978	47,918
Males	122,211	93,019	8,107	4,644	53,383	24,267	14,223	8,405	197,924	130,335
Age										
< 35	8,046	5,880	264	144	38,704	16,226	5,487	3,170	52,501	25,421
35 - 44	22,383	17,101	1,206	634	7,086	3,720	3,057	1,843	33,732	23,298
45 - 54	30,831	23,573	2,267	1,255	3,084	1,732	2,760	1,645	38,942	28,205
55 - 64	30,612	23,994	2,546	1,534	1,649	939	1,952	1,143	36,759	27,610
>=65	30,339	22,471	1,824	1,077	2,860	1,650	967	604	35,990	25,802
Annual work units ²										
< 0.25	9,621	1,203	1,977	247	18,691	2,336	3,712	464	34,001	4,250
0.25 - < 0.50	15,683	5,881	1,654	620	14,840	5,565	2,443	916	34,620	12,983
0.50 - < 0.75	21,963	13,727	1,565	978	7,923	4,952	2,198	1,374	33,649	21,031
0.75 - < 1.00	21,884	19,149	899	787	4,124	3,609	1,750	1,531	28,657	25,075
1.00	53,060	53,060	2,012	2,012	7,805	7,805	4,120	4,120	66,997	66,997
Significance of farmwork										
Sole occupation	67,086	58,898	2,727	2,225	10,924	8,945	6,203	5,320	86,940	75,388
Major occupation	18,070	14,550	1,295	898	3,661	2,747	1,598	1,165	24,625	19,361
Subsidiary occupation	37,055	19,571	4,085	1,521	38,798	12,574	6,422	1,920	86,360	35,586

¹ Both family farms and commercial farms are included in this table. All persons working on commercial farms are classified as regular non-family workers.

² One annual work unit = 1,800 hours or more of labour input per person per annum.

Table 11 (cont'd) Family and regular non-family workers: number of persons and labour input (AWU) classified by sex, age, AWU and significance of farmwork on all farms¹-2010

Worker characteristics	Family workers						Non-family workers		Total	
	Holder		Spouse		Other family workers		persons	AWU	persons	AWU
	persons	AWU	persons	AWU	persons	AWU				
Females	17,345	9,590	37,662	15,659	16,929	5,390	2,156	1,371	74,092	32,010
Age										
< 35	637	344	2,413	735	12,691	3,518	1,005	690	16,746	5,287
35 - 44	2,179	1,173	8,016	2,713	1,250	529	414	286	11,859	4,701
45 - 54	3,783	2,141	11,592	4,604	908	412	356	248	16,639	7,405
55 - 64	4,446	2,641	10,079	4,872	874	422	238	140	15,637	8,075
>=65	6,300	3,291	5,562	2,735	1,206	509	143	7	13,211	6,542
Annual work units ²										
< 0.25	3,999	500	16,376	2,047	9,320	1,165	453	57	30,148	3,769
0.25 - < 0.50	4,191	1,572	8,988	3,371	4,400	1,650	311	117	17,890	6,709
0.50 - < 0.75	3,611	2,257	4,734	2,959	1,450	906	429	268	10,224	6,390
0.75 - < 1.00	2,260	1,978	2,253	1,971	717	627	269	235	5,499	4,812
1.00	3,284	3,284	5,311	5,311	1,042	1,042	694	694	10,331	10,331
Significance of farmwork										
Sole occupation	8,137	5,468	9,729	6,880	2,211	1,623	1,159	1,001	21,236	14,973
Major occupation	2,188	1,442	4,122	2,646	717	453	211	165	7,238	4,705
Subsidiary occupation	7,020	2,680	23,811	6,132	14,001	3,314	786	205	45,618	12,332

¹ Both family farms and commercial farms are included in this table. All persons working on commercial farms are classified as regular non-family workers.

² One annual work unit = 1,800 hours or more of labour input per person per annum.

Table 12 Level of training of farm managers¹ classified by age, farm size, (AAU²), type of farm and economic size (SO³) on all farms - 2010

Farm characteristics	Full-time 3rd level qualification	Certificate in farming or farm apprenticeship	Other formal course of at least 60 hours	Other courses	Practical experience only	Total Number of Farms ⁴
	%	%	%	%	%	
Age of Manager						
under 35	13.4	27.1	6.4	4.7	48.5	9,446
35 to 44	6.1	25.9	6.5	7.5	54.0	25,150
45 to 54	3.8	11.0	9.7	10.4	65.0	34,923
55 to 64	3.3	5.2	5.6	11.0	74.9	34,972
65 and over	2.6	3.6	2.8	7.8	83.2	35,369
Farm size (AAU) - hectares						
< 5	4.1	4.6	2.1	3.8	85.5	2,341
5 - < 10	3.5	4.0	2.2	6.6	83.7	23,133
10 - < 20	3.7	6.0	3.8	9.4	77.1	33,581
20 - < 30	4.1	9.9	6.2	10.4	69.4	24,687
30 - < 50	4.8	15.4	8.8	10.1	60.9	30,668
50 - < 100	5.8	22.5	10.2	8.6	52.8	20,755
>= 100	7.9	23.9	8.7	7.0	52.6	4,695
Farm type⁵						
Specialist tillage	8.8	19.0	8.1	7.5	56.6	4,795
Specialist dairying	5.2	26.0	12.4	6.4	50.0	15,654
Specialist beef production	3.9	9.2	5.3	9.2	72.4	77,738
Specialist sheep	3.8	6.0	3.4	11.5	75.3	13,555
Mixed grazing livestock	4.4	10.4	6.7	10.3	68.2	14,697
Mixed crops and livestock	7.0	18.7	9.8	8.1	56.3	2,443
Mixed field crops	10.5	18.0	6.0	8.2	57.3	9,635
Other	4.3	8.5	4.5	7.0	75.7	1,343
Economic size (SO)						
Less than €4,000	3.5	4.6	2.8	7.2	81.9	34,714
€4,000 - < €8,000	3.4	5.5	3.6	9.7	77.9	25,144
€8,000 - < €15,000	4.0	8.9	5.7	11.1	70.3	26,023
€15,000 - < €25,000	5.0	13.1	7.4	11.1	63.4	17,570
€25,000 - < €50,000	5.3	18.1	9.5	9.2	57.8	15,155
€50,000 - < €100,000	5.4	23.0	12.3	7.2	52.2	11,156
Over €100,000	7.8	30.7	11.6	6.0	43.9	10,098
Total	4.4	11.5	6.1	9.0	69.0	139,860

¹ Details of training were only collected in respect of the farm manager.

² Agricultural Area Utilised

³ Standard Output is the average monetary value of the agricultural output at farm-gate prices. See background notes.

⁴ Both family farms and commercial farms are included in this table. All persons working on commercial farms are classified as regular non-family workers.

⁵ For more information on farm type see background notes.

Background Notes

Introduction This release presents the results of agricultural labour data collected during Census of Agriculture 2010¹ held on June 1st 2010. Tables 1-12 present a profile of the agricultural labour force categorised by key characteristics such as age, gender, location, farm size, farm type and economic size of the farm. To compliment this analysis, selected aggregated data from Census of Agriculture 2010 for certain non-labour variables such as farm numbers and farm type are also included. Data for these and other non-labour variables will be available in greater detail when the main Census of Agriculture 2010 results are published in December 2012. Provisional results from Census of Agriculture 2010 were published in February 2012 and are available on the CSO website at:

<http://www.cso.ie/en/releasesandpublications/agricultureandfishing/>

A copy of the questionnaire used in the Census of Agriculture 2010, along with the explanatory notes which accompanied it, can be found on the CSO website at:

<http://www.cso.ie/en/surveysandmethodology/agricultureandfishing/censusofagriculture2010/>

Coverage These estimates cover all farmwork undertaken on the farm. This includes time spent on the organisation and management of the farm but excludes housework. Persons are included if they are aged 15 years and over and carried out some farmwork during the reference period.

Reference period The reference period was the 12 month period ending on May 31st 2010.

Farm Type For analytical purposes, farms are classified in this report as one of eight types. These types represent the primary areas of specialisation in Irish Farming. They are derived from groupings applied to a detailed EU farm typology classification system² and are based on the relative economic importance of the various lines of agricultural activity carried out on each farm. These types are Specialist Tillage, Specialist Dairying, Specialist Beef Production, Specialist Sheep, Mixed Grazing Livestock, Mixed Crops & Livestock, Mixed Field Crops³ and Other⁴. More detailed tables on farm type will be presented in the main Census of Agriculture 2010 publication in December 2012.

Standard Output The Standard Output (SO) of an agricultural product is defined as the average monetary value of the agricultural output at farm-gate price. SO is not a measure of farm income. It does not take into account costs, direct payments (such as the Single Farm Payment), value added tax or taxes on products. This has replaced the concept of Standard Gross Margin (SGM) which was previously used to measure the economic size of a farm. Therefore, direct comparisons cannot be made between the economic size of farms in this report and the economic size of farms published for earlier years.

Economic Size The economic size of the holding is measured as the total standard output of the holding expressed in euro. Holdings are classified by fourteen size classes which are set out in Annex II to Commission Regulation (EC) no 1242/2008. Some of these size classes have been grouped together and therefore, only eight size classes are presented in this report.

Comparisons As the methodology for determining farm type has changed with the introduction of the concept of Standard Output (previously Standard Gross Margin), direct comparisons cannot be made with the economic size of farms published for earlier years.

¹ Census of Agriculture 2010 was undertaken within the framework of the statistical programme of the European Union and in particular Regulation (EC) No 1166/2008.

² Commission Regulation (EC) No 1242/2008 of 08 December 2008 establishing a Community typology for agricultural holdings (Official Journal of the European Communities No L 335/3 of 13 December 2008).

³ This group have no dominant enterprise and it includes farms having silage, hay pasture or rough grazing, but no livestock, on the reference date.

⁴ This group includes farms specializing in horticulture or fruit, pig or poultry production as well as mixed crops or mixed livestock farms.

Rounding As figures in some of the tables have been rounded to the nearest whole number, there may be some slight discrepancies between the sum of the constituent items and the total shown.

Definitions **Family Farms**

These are farms which are operated as family based enterprises.

Commercial Farms

These are farms registered as companies which paid all their workers as employees (including management) or farms connected with institutions (e.g. schools, colleges, religious communities, prisons etc.). All persons working on commercial farms are classified as regular non-family workers.

Farm Holder

The legal owner of a family farm.

Farm Manager

The person responsible for the day to day running of the farm. On 97% of Irish farms, this was also found to be the holder.

Non-Regular Labour Input

This refers to the labour supplied by those not employed on a regular basis such as casual workers, agricultural contractors and farm relief services.

Annual Work Unit (AWU)

The labour input of each person who worked on the farm was measured in terms of AWUs with one AWU being defined as 1800 hours or more of labour per person per annum.

Significance of Farmwork

This categorises the relative importance of farmwork as an occupation to the farm holder.

Sole occupation: If an individual engaged in farmwork had no other occupation from which an income was earned, then farmwork was the sole occupation.

Major occupation: If farmwork took up the greater part of a worker's time, it was regarded as the major occupation.

Subsidiary occupation: If the time spent on gainful non-farming activity exceeded that spent on farmwork then farmwork was regarded as a subsidiary occupation. Gainful non-farming activity includes paid farmwork on other farms and all other non-farming activities from which an income was obtained, whether undertaken on or off the farm.

Agricultural Area Utilised (AAU)

The Agricultural Area Utilised (AAU) is the combined area under crops, silage, hay, pasture and rough grazing land in use (including any fallow land). Areas under roads, tracks, water, bog, marsh, rocks, unused rough grazing land, buildings etc. are excluded.

Regional classifications The regional classifications used in this report are based on the EU Nomenclature of Territorial Units (NUTS) classification. The NUTS3 regions correspond to the eight Regional Authorities established under the Local Government Act 1991, Regional Authorities Establishment Order 1993, which came into operation in 1 January 1994. The NUTS2 regions, which were proposed by Government and agreed by Eurostat in 1999, are groupings of the NUTS3 regions. The composition of the NUTS regions is set out below.

Border, Midland and Western NUTS2 Region

Border	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo
Midland	Laoighis Longford Offaly Westmeath
West	Galway City Galway County Mayo Roscommon

Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region

Dublin	Dublin Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
Mid-East	Kildare Meath Wicklow
Mid-West	Clare Limerick City Limerick County North Tipperary
South-East	Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford County Wexford
South-West	Cork City Cork County Kerry