

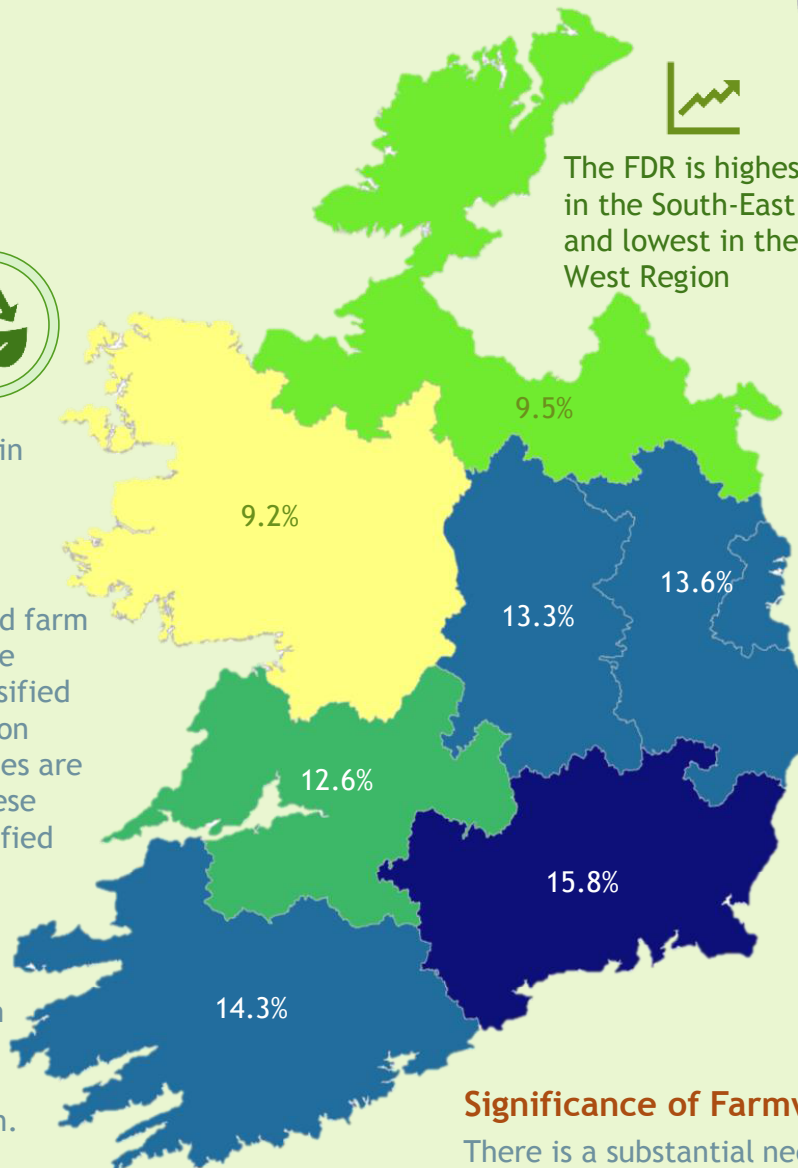
Sustainable Farm Livelihoods



Regional Farm Diversification Rate (FDR)



The FDR is highest in the South-East and lowest in the West Region



Of 137,000 farms in Ireland in 2016, 11,500 (12%) had at least one diversified enterprise.

There were 19,500 diversified farm enterprises in total, i.e. some farms had two or more diversified enterprises. The most common types of diversified enterprises are forestry and contracting. These account for 76% of all diversified enterprises.

There are a variety of other types of diversified enterprises including tourism related businesses, food processing, home crafts and renewable energy production.

Supporting Sustainable Farm Livelihoods

Compared to other EU countries, the diversification rate in Ireland remains low.

Research is required to understand why and develop 'wrap-around' supports for all types of farms.



Significance of Farmwork

There is a substantial need for additional farm household income. 50% of farms in the BMW region do not generate sufficient income to meet their needs.

