



## How important is Agri-Food to Northern Ireland?

- Total Gross Turnover of the Northern Ireland food and drinks processing sector was £2,724 million in 2007.(£2583 million 2006)
- The total number of employees in the food and drinks processing sector was 18,400 full-time employees in 2007.
- External sales represented 65% of total sales in 2006.( £1,686 million)
- Great Britain accounting for 41% of sales in 2006.( £1,059 million)
- Average profit margins on turnover of 2.8% in 2005 and 2.7% in 2006.
- The food and drinks processing sector accounts for:-
  - 18.9% of total manufacturing sales,
  - 15.8% of manufacturing external sales and
  - 22% of manufacturing employment in 2006.
- The food and drinks processing sector's sales into export markets represented 13.7% of Northern Ireland's total manufacturing export sales in 2006
- Manufacturing sales destinations data from the DETI publication "Northern Ireland Manufacturing Sales & Exports Survey, 2006/07" published on 14 December 2007. Manufacturing employment data from the NISRA Northern Ireland Abstract of Statistics Online.