



NEW farm workforce figures
Plus final results for succession planning poll

Welcome to your July newsletter

In this issue, we share new results around farm workforces from our ongoing Farmer2020 study which asks farmers how many people work on the farm, comparing part-time vs full-time employees and family vs non family.

Fig 1. Average number of employees per farm, segmented by county

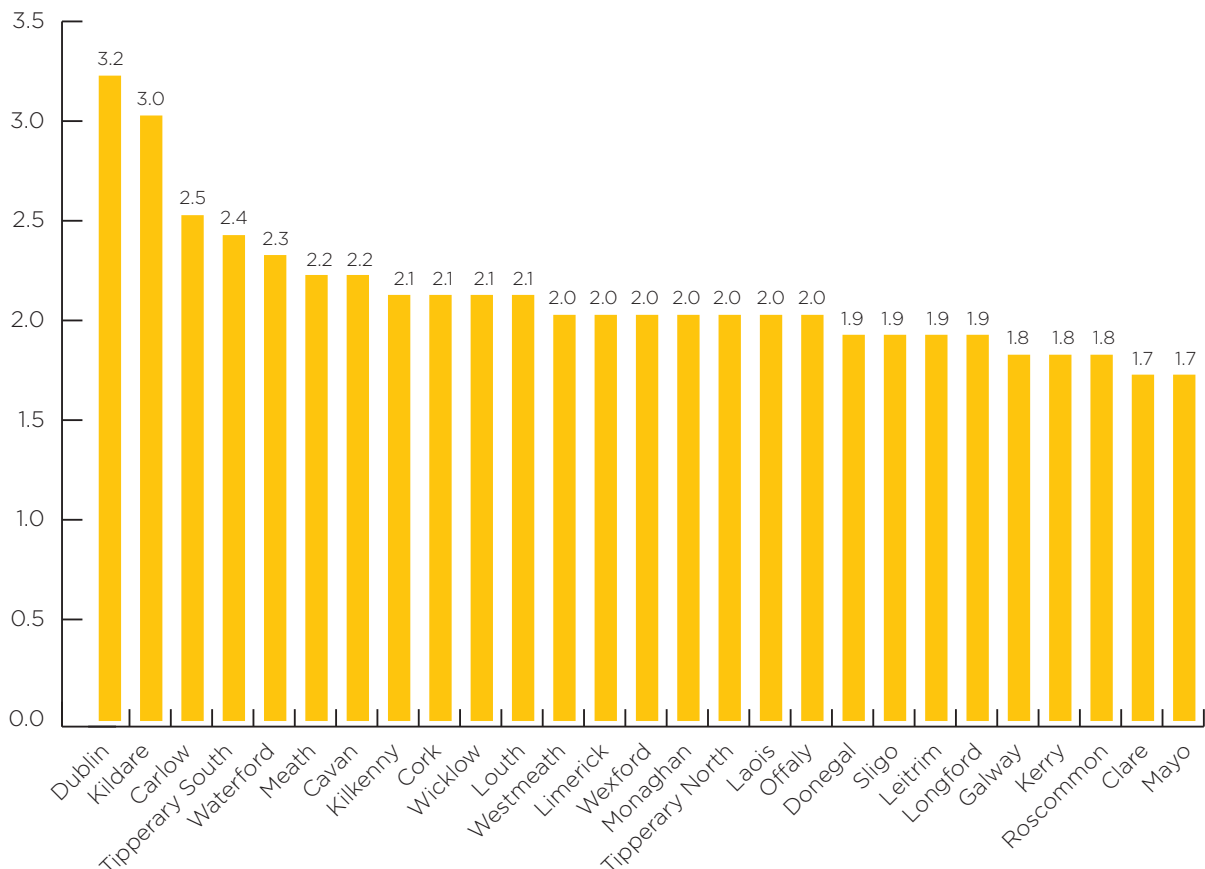
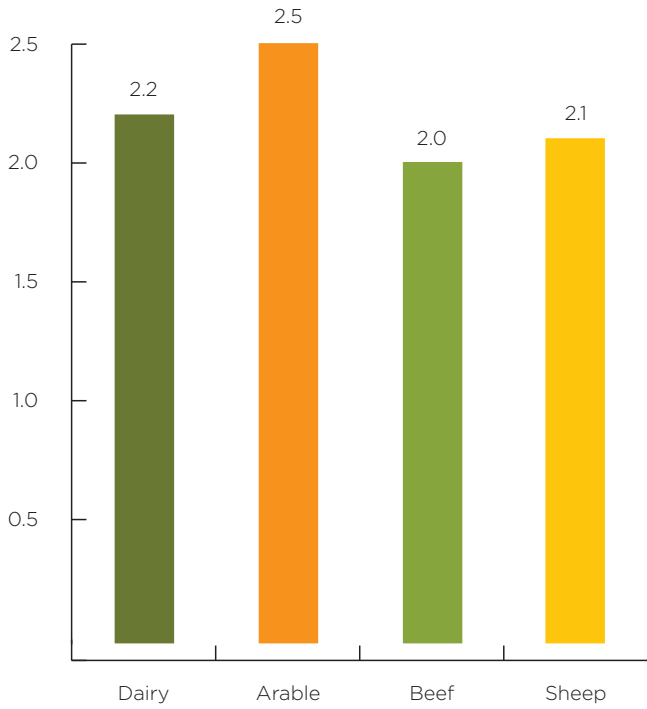
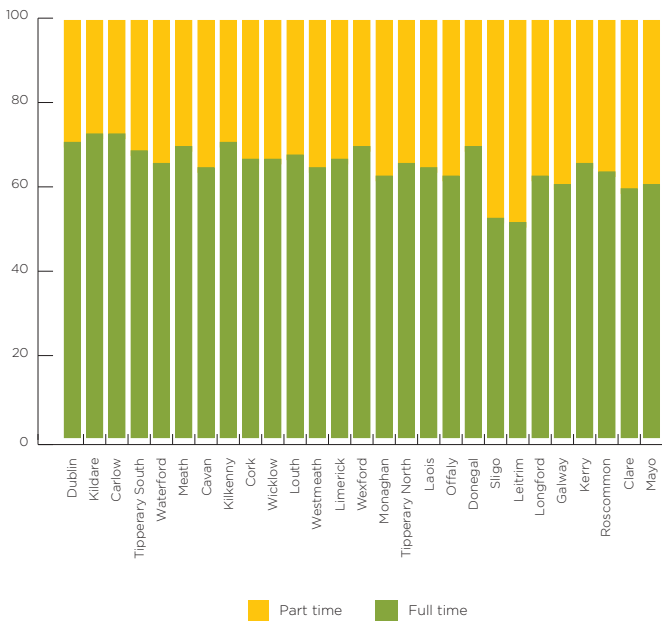


Fig 2. Average number of employees per farm, segmented by enterprise



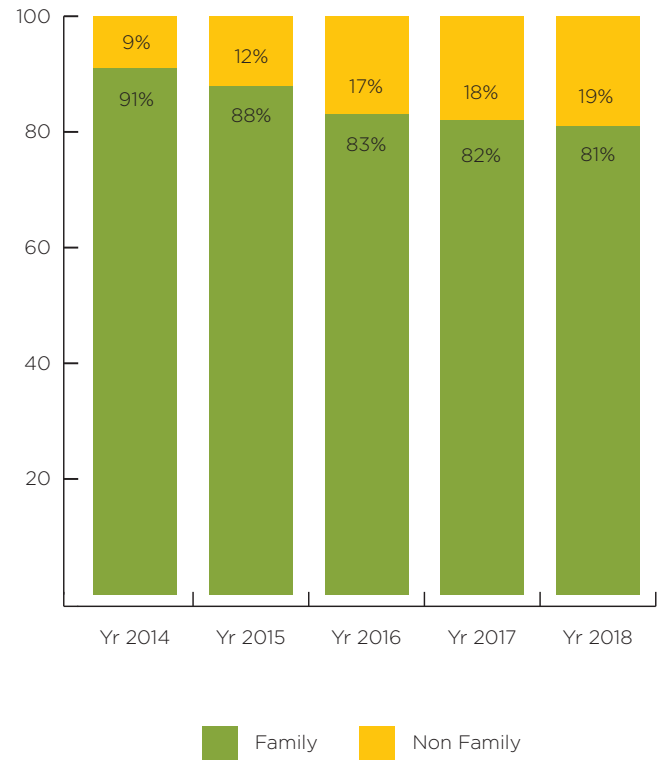
Our results show farmers are employing more part-time staff with the number of full-time employees decreasing over the past 3 years, down from just over 70% to 56% in 2018 (at May). Figures were very similar across all sectors. Generally, labour has steadily increased year on year over the past 3 years.

Fig 3. Farm employees, segmented by employment type



Workforce is currently made up of 81% family members but interestingly, this number has reduced by 10% over the past 4 years (91% in 2014).

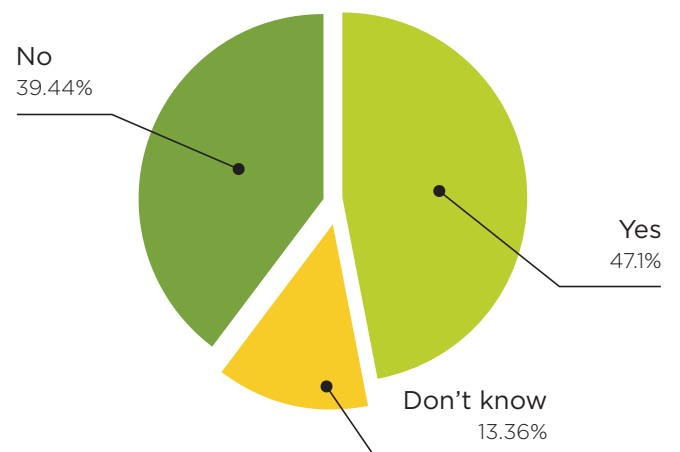
Fig 4. Farm employees, segmented by family vs non family



Poll Results

We asked 1,070 Irish farmers “When considering the future of your farm, is there a plan for the younger generation to take over?” As the chart below demonstrates, over half of farmers polled either have no succession plan in place or are unsure of their future plans. Other polls carried out within the agricultural sector indicate that these figures are consistent with our findings.

Fig 5. Poll results: “When considering the future of your farm, is there a plan for the younger generation to take over?”



We hope you have found this newsletter of interest, we warmly welcome your feedback and any suggestions for improvement or future topics. Please get in touch: sharyn.scott@mapof.ag

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As part of the Map of Ag group, we are proud to work at the heart of UK agriculture as a voice for farmer concerns and opinions. With your vital help and support, we can continue to represent UK and Irish farmers and build a detailed picture of what's going on in UK and Irish farming today.

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