

# FOREST AREA BY COUNTY (NFI, 2017)

County	Forest Area (ha)	Percent Forest Cover within County (%)
Carlow	8,403	9.4
Cavan	18,032	9.3
Clare	55,106	17.2
Cork	90,020	12.1
Donegal	55,534	11.4
Dublin	6,011	6.5
Galway	60,605	9.9
Kerry	57,540	12.1
Kildare	10,396	6.1
Kilkenny	19,825	9.6
Laois	26,462	15.4
Leitrim	30,061	18.9
Limerick	27,933	10.4
Longford	9,160	8.4
Louth	2,428	2.9
Mayo	51,325	9.2
Meath	13,326	5.7
Monaghan	5,997	4.6
Offaly	29,332	14.7
Roscommon	28,311	11.1
Sligo	20,980	11.4
Tipperary	50,241	11.8
Waterford	26,949	14.7
Westmeath	15,163	8.2
Wexford	14,620	6.2
Wicklow	36,262	17.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>770,020</b>	

# FOREST AREA IN IRELAND 1656-2017

Year	Area (ha)	% of Total Land Area
1656 <sup>3</sup>	170,000	2.5
1841 <sup>4</sup>	140,000	2.0
1908 <sup>5</sup>	125,200	1.8
1918 <sup>6</sup>	100,717	1.4
1928 <sup>7</sup>	89,000	1.2
1949 <sup>8</sup>	144,000	2.1
1965 <sup>9</sup>	254,350	3.7
1973 <sup>10</sup>	323,654	4.6
1985 <sup>11</sup>	411,529	5.9
2006 <sup>12</sup>	697,730	10.1
2012 <sup>13</sup>	731,650	10.5
2017 <sup>14</sup>	770,020	11.0

Source: Forest Statistics Ireland 2019, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

<sup>3</sup> Rackham, O., 1986. *The History of the Countryside*. Dent & Sons Ltd., London.

<sup>4</sup> Aalen, F. H. A., Whelan K. and Stout M. (Eds). 1997. *Atlas of the Irish Rural Landscape*. Cork University Press

<sup>5</sup> Dept. Of Agriculture & Technical Instruction. 1908. *Report of the Departmental Committee on Irish Forestry*. A. Thom & Co., 1908.

<sup>6</sup> Dept. of Agriculture, 1926. *Forest Lands and Timber Supply in the Irish Free State*. Proceedings of the First International Congress on Sylviculture, Rome, 1926.

<sup>7</sup> Minister for Lands & Agriculture. Dail Eireann, Volume 23, 3rd May 1928.

<sup>8</sup> Estimate generated from Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture, 1943/49.

<sup>9</sup> Estimate generated from Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture, 1964/65.

<sup>10</sup> Estimate generated from Purcell, T.J, 1973. *Inventory of Private Forests - 1973*. Department of Fisheries and Forestry and Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture 1972/73.

<sup>11</sup> Estimate generated from Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture, 1985.

<sup>12</sup> *National Forest Inventory Republic of Ireland Results. 2007*. Forest Service, Dept. of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

<sup>13</sup> *National Forest Inventory Republic of Ireland Results. 2013*. Forest Service, Dept. of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

<sup>14</sup> *National Forest Inventory Republic of Ireland Results. 2017*. Forest Service, Dept. of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.