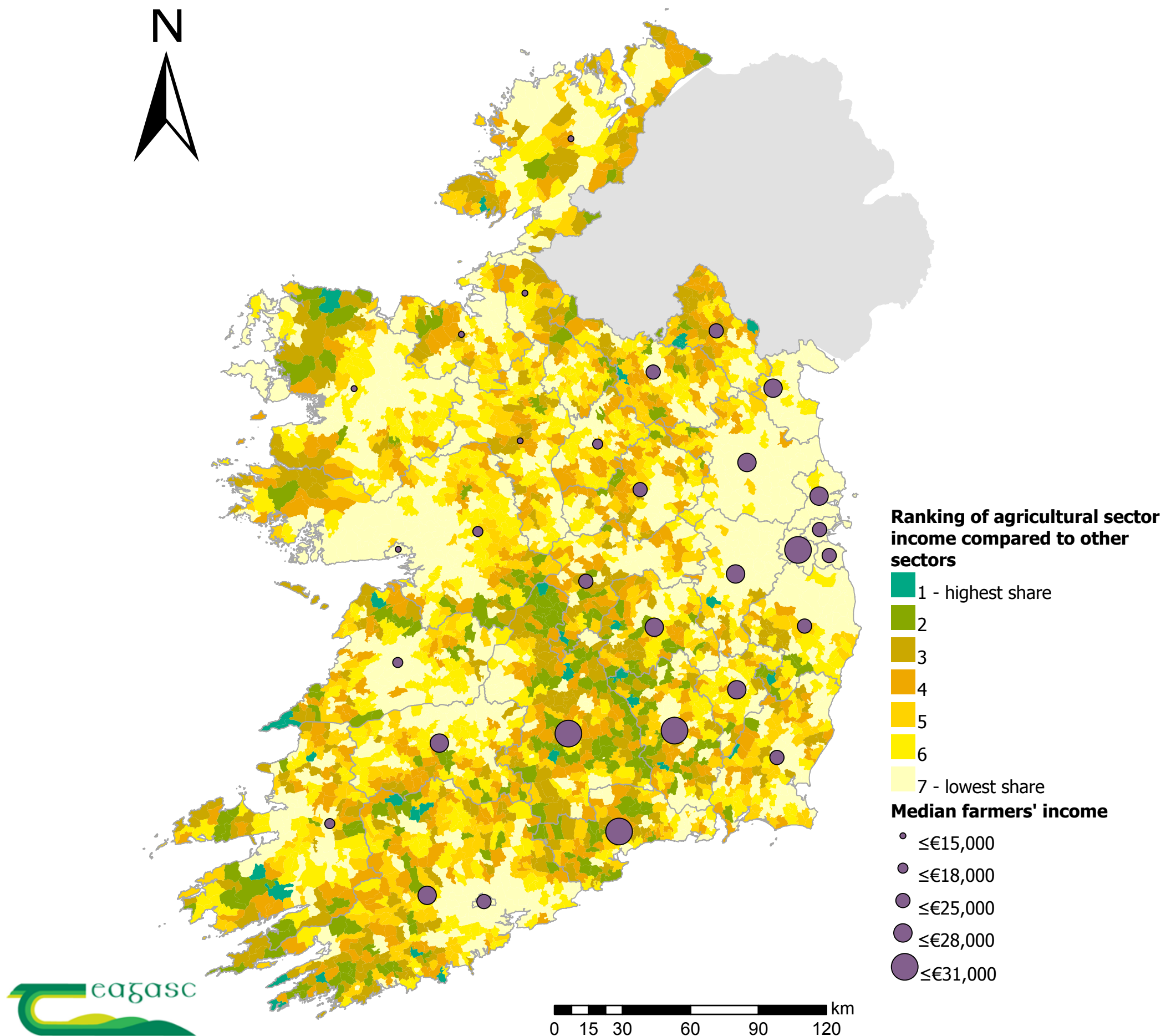


# Relative sectorial income from agriculture in Electoral Districts



The Agri-Food sector is an important sector in the Irish economy. According to the Department of Agriculture it accounted for 7.5 % of the Modified Gross National Income, 7.7 % of employment, and 10 % of total exports (all values for 2018). The national median share of income from Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing was reported at 7.6 % for 2016 (CSO). However, the share of the sector on incomes varies spatially.

This Map of the Month shows ranking of the share of the income in each Electoral District (ED) attributed to Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing (colour coding) (compared to the other sectors observed, see accompanying text.) As this information alone does not provide much information about income as such we added median farmer income for each county (circles). While median income follows an east-west and north south slope, with the east and the south showing the highest median farmer incomes, the share of the Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery sectors shows a more complex distribution. The highest ranking areas show up in the midlands, as well as in parts of the south and west. It shows that farmer incomes are somewhat disassociated from the importance of farming in a specific area in Ireland.

Projection: Irish Transverse Mercator

Datasets used:  
CSO Proportion of earned income sectors by Electoral Division, Year and Statistic (IIA07)  
CSO Median Earned Income by County, Detailed Occupational Group and Year (IIA11)  
CSO map of Electoral Districts

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