

# WORKSHEET 2.1: INTERDEPENDENCE TRUE OR FALSE

**1. Irish consumers spend an estimated €1.8bn on imported food brands per year**  
TRUE <sup>1</sup>

**2. Ireland's biggest export is Food**  
FALSE – Food accounts for 8%, Pharmaceuticals is the largest export at 28%

**3. Fairtrade cocoa farmers on average have farms equivalent to 10 full size football pitches**  
FALSE - About 3.5 times a full-size football pitch. The average farm is 2.7 hectares.

**4. Coffee is the most valuable and widely traded commodity in the world.**  
FALSE - it is second after Oil.

**5. Tea is a very labour-intensive product to grow, labour costs account for ½ of production costs.**  
TRUE - Around half the costs of production, and 75 per cent of those are the cost of plucking. China and India are the biggest tea producing countries in the world

**6. Banana producers earn around 25% of the average banana value of a banana sold in Ireland.**  
FALSE - They earn around 7% of the value, compared to the retailer taking around 39%.

**7. 10 Million people worldwide depend on small scale gold mining for their livelihoods**  
FALSE - There are 15 million artisanal and small scale gold miners in the world (ASM), with a further 100 million people who are dependent on ASM for their survival. <sup>2</sup>

**8. Over half of the income from exports in the Burkina Faso comes from cotton sales.**  
TRUE – Like many countries in Central and West Asia and Africa, cotton exports are significant, 58.7% in Burkina Faso's and 26.4% in Benin for example.

**9. In 2012, the global export of Sugar was worth \$44billion.**  
TRUE - Sugar accounts for 70 per cent of the value of Cuba's exports and 40 per cent of exports from Belize.

**10. Colombia is the lead exporter of cut roses to the European Union .**  
FALSE – Kenya is the largest exporter with a market share of 38%, while Colombia accounts for 18% of exports internationally.

**11. 85 people have as much wealth as the poorest half of the world's people**  
TRUE – They share a combined wealth of over €1 trillion, as much as the poorest 3.5 billion of the world's population. <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.loveirishfood.ie/news/irish-consumers-spending-an-estimated-e1-5bn-on-imported-food-brands/#sthash.oE48V4cN.dpuf>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.fairgold.org/about-us/>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.theguardian.com/business/2014/jan/20/oxfam-85-richest-people-half-of-the-world>