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The Orchard County

Called the Orchard County because of its extensive apple orchards — the largest concentration of apple growing in Ireland. Most striking in blossom time in late April and May.

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Armagh Bramley apples

EU Protected Geographical Indication status (like Champagne). Bramleys are primarily cooking apples. Orchards in the ring of drumlins around Armagh city.

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Drumlin landscape

South Armagh covered in drumlins — small oval hills of glacial deposit. Basket-of-eggs topography. Makes farming small-scale with a distinctive rolling character.

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Armagh City

Ecclesiastical capital of Ireland. Two St Patrick's Cathedrals on adjacent hills — Catholic and Church of Ireland. Smallest city in NI. Population about 14,000.

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St Patrick's connection

Patrick chose Armagh as the seat of the Irish church in the 5th century. Both cathedrals are built on his chosen hill. Spiritual centre for 1,500 years.

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Navan Fort (Emain Macha)

Ancient royal site near Armagh. The legendary capital of Ulster. Associated with the Ulster Cycle and Cú Chulainn.



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Armagh Planetarium

Leading science education centre. Observatory and Planetarium complex dates to the 18th century. One of the longest weather records in Ireland.

