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Agri-Environment Schemes:

Key information, scheme uptake and expenditure data – November 2012



Total area of county (hectares) 133,291

Agri-Environment Scheme	Number of Agreements	Area of the county under agreement (hectares)	Payments over lifetime of agreement (£) ³	Percentage of county in agreement
Environmental Stewardship (ES) ¹ :				
Entry Level Stewardship (ELS)	463	35,790	£1,323,080	26.9%
Combined ELS and Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) ²	84	8,359	£1,345,181	6.3%
Higher Level Stewardship (HLS)	23	606	£173,353	0.5%
Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)	2	17	1,208	0.0%
Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS)	63	1,603	301,730	1.2%
Grand Total	635	46,374	3,144,553	34.8%

Note 1 - All ES data includes conventional ES and Organic ES agreements.

Note 2 - For combined ELS/HLS, the area figure refers to total agreement area i.e. underpinning ELS area on which HLS options are located (not the area under HLS management).

Designated sites	Area of county designated (hectares)	Percentage of county designated (hectares)
Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs)	9,367	7.0%
Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)	5,547	4.2%
Special Protection Areas (SPAs) (for birds)	5,830	4.4%
Ramsar sites (wetlands of international importance)	6,696	5.0%

Note 3 - Payment figures excludes payments for Capital Items and Conservation Plans.