

Durham

Agri-Environment Schemes:

Key information, scheme uptake and expenditure data – November 2012



Total area of county (hectares)	242,875
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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)	693	73,350	£2,674,579	30.2%
• Combined ELS and Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) ²	224	68,797	£4,158,261	28.3%
• Higher Level Stewardship (HLS)	8	187	£81,683	0.1%
Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)	22	819	88,984	0.3%
Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS)	65	1,946	343,963	0.8%
Grand Total	1,012	145,099	7,347,470	59.7%

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).

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

Designated sites	Area of county designated (hectares)	Percentage of county designated (hectares)
Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs)	47,578	19.6%
Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)	41,247	17.0%
Special Protection Areas (SPAs) (for birds)	41,973	17.3%
Ramsar sites (wetlands of international importance)	53	0.0%