

Northumberland

Agri-Environment Schemes:

Key information, scheme uptake and expenditure data – November 2012



Total area of county (hectares)	502,988
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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)	999	159,139	£6,434,211	31.6%
• Combined ELS and Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) ²	423	182,895	£12,833,146	36.4%
• Higher Level Stewardship (HLS)	4	163	£41,005	0.0%
Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)	18	265	29,069	0.1%
Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS)	146	7,736	1,196,003	1.5%
Grand Total	1,590	350,198	20,533,435	69.6%

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)	58,695	11.7%
Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)	36,721	7.3%
Special Protection Areas (SPAs) (for birds)	27,753	5.5%
Ramsar sites (wetlands of international importance)	5,363	1.1%