

Oxfordshire

Agri-Environment Schemes:

Key information, scheme uptake and expenditure data – November 2012



Total area of county (hectares)	260,590
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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)	571	91,621	£2,848,165	35.2%
• Combined ELS and Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) ²	172	35,873	£4,166,626	13.8%
• Higher Level Stewardship (HLS)	13	373	£70,629	0.1%
Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)	75	2,813	538,065	1.1%
Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS)	90	2,501	647,444	1.0%
Grand Total	921	133,182	8,270,929	51.1%

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)	3,299	1.3%
Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)	269	0.1%
Special Protection Areas (SPAs) (for birds)	-	0.0%
Ramsar sites (wetlands of international importance)	-	0.0%