

# Northamptonshire

Agri-Environment Schemes:

Key information, scheme uptake and expenditure data – November 2012



<b>Total area of county (hectares)</b>	<b>236,687</b>
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<b>Agri-Environment Scheme</b>	<b>Number of Agreements</b>	<b>Area of the county under agreement (hectares)</b>	<b>Payments over lifetime of agreement (£)<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Percentage of county in agreement</b>
Environmental Stewardship (ES) <sup>1</sup> :				
• Entry Level Stewardship (ELS)	704	101,469	£3,025,096	42.9%
• Combined ELS and Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) <sup>2</sup>	109	25,763	£3,305,693	10.9%
• Higher Level Stewardship (HLS)	7	62	£24,568	0.0%
Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)	5	1,049	59,683	0.4%
Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS)	62	1,902	329,003	0.8%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>130,245</b>	<b>6,744,043</b>	<b>55.0%</b>

*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.*

<b>Designated sites</b>	<b>Area of county designated (hectares)</b>	<b>Percentage of county designated (hectares)</b>
Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs)	3,170	1.3%
Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)	-	0.0%
Special Protection Areas (SPAs) (for birds)	511	0.2%
Ramsar sites (wetlands of international importance)	1,353	0.6%