South Yorkshire

Agri-Environment Schemes:

Key information, scheme uptake and expenditure data – November 2012



Total area of county (hectares) 156,053

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)	237	23,893	£701,719	15.3%
Combined ELS and Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) ²	64	9,589	£1,036,578	6.1%
Higher Level Stewardship (HLS)	10	249	£91,943	0.2%
Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)	16	6,210	362,812	4.0%
Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS)	48	745	214,376	0.5%
Grand Total	375	40,686	2,407,428	26.1%

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)	14,247	9.1%
Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)	12,859	8.2%
Special Protection Areas (SPAs) (for birds)	12,204	7.8%
Ramsar sites (wetlands of international importance)	-	0.0%