

Somerset

Agri-Environment Schemes:

Key information, scheme uptake and expenditure data – November 2012

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Total area of county (hectares)	345,257
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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)	1,393	104,469	£3,709,040	30.3%
• Combined ELS and Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) ²	307	41,658	£6,161,470	12.1%
• Higher Level Stewardship (HLS)	167	5,280	£1,218,366	1.5%
Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)	359	20,775	1,107,457	6.0%
Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS)	136	2,815	614,978	0.8%
Grand Total	2,362	174,996	12,811,312	50.7%

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)	7,137	2.1%
Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)	872	0.3%
Special Protection Areas (SPAs) (for birds)	-	0.0%
Ramsar sites (wetlands of international importance)	563	0.2%