

West Yorkshire

Agri-Environment Schemes:

Key information, scheme uptake and expenditure data – November 2012



Total area of county (hectares)	203,419
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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)	474	31,823	£1,118,521	15.6%
• Combined ELS and Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) ²	78	16,163	£2,333,253	7.9%
• Higher Level Stewardship (HLS)	19	4,540	£969,718	2.2%
Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)	13	4,029	265,120	2.0%
Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS)	43	2,244	143,982	1.1%
Grand Total	627	58,799	4,830,594	28.9%

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)	19,212	9.4%
Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)	18,383	9.0%
Special Protection Areas (SPAs) (for birds)	18,350	9.0%
Ramsar sites (wetlands of international importance)	-	0.0%