

Wiltshire

Agri-Environment Schemes:

Key information, scheme uptake and expenditure data – November 2012



Total area of county (hectares)	347,558
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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)	838	115,778	£4,224,405	33.3%
• Combined ELS and Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) ²	199	77,827	£7,596,604	22.4%
• Higher Level Stewardship (HLS)	11	189	£75,153	0.1%
Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)	16	2,419	109,152	0.7%
Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS)	107	3,272	836,432	0.9%
Grand Total	1,171	199,485	12,841,746	57.4%

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)	27,450	7.9%
Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)	21,628	6.2%
Special Protection Areas (SPAs) (for birds)	20,494	5.9%
Ramsar sites (wetlands of international importance)	-	0.0%