

Suffolk

Agri-Environment Schemes:

Key information, scheme uptake and expenditure data – November 2012

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| Total area of county (hectares) | 381,242 |
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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 |
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| Environmental Stewardship (ES) ¹ : | | | | |
| • Entry Level Stewardship (ELS) | 898 | 126,565 | £3,735,911 | 33.2% |
| • Combined ELS and Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) ² | 269 | 66,796 | £5,481,980 | 17.5% |
| • Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) | 38 | 1,560 | £495,888 | 0.4% |
| Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA) | 346 | 8,333 | 1,584,512 | 2.2% |
| Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS) | 97 | 1,290 | 465,901 | 0.3% |
| Grand Total | 1,648 | 204,545 | 11,764,192 | 53.7% |

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) |
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| Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) | 23,162 | 6.1% |
| Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) | 6,114 | 1.6% |
| Special Protection Areas (SPAs) (for birds) | 14,089 | 3.7% |
| Ramsar sites (wetlands of international importance) | 8,377 | 2.2% |