

Dorset

Agri-Environment Schemes:

Key information, scheme uptake and expenditure data – November 2012



Total area of county (hectares)	265,882
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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)	744	93,415	£3,205,824	35.1%
• Combined ELS and Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) ²	175	35,690	£4,760,116	13.4%
• Higher Level Stewardship (HLS)	65	8,640	£2,169,416	3.2%
Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)	28	1,540	76,124	0.6%
Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS)	86	2,266	498,004	0.9%
Grand Total	1,098	141,551	10,709,485	53.2%

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)	19,268	7.2%
Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)	11,244	4.2%
Special Protection Areas (SPAs) (for birds)	9,805	3.7%
Ramsar sites (wetlands of international importance)	10,317	3.9%