

Manchester

Agri-Environment Schemes:

Key information, scheme uptake and expenditure data – November 2012



Total area of county (hectares)	128,563
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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)	160	9,053	£339,147	7.0%
• Combined ELS and Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) ²	20	3,154	£511,310	2.5%
• Higher Level Stewardship (HLS)	10	428	£196,118	0.3%
Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)	8	4,331	353,201	3.4%
Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS)	10	124	49,053	0.1%
Grand Total	208	17,090	1,448,829	13.3%

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)	4,290	3.3%
Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)	4,014	3.1%
Special Protection Areas (SPAs) (for birds)	3,921	3.1%
Ramsar sites (wetlands of international importance)	-	0.0%