

Herefordshire & Worcestershire

Agri-Environment Schemes:

Key information, scheme uptake and expenditure data – November 2012

Total area of county (hectares)	392,334
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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)	1,433	128,052	£4,111,538	32.6%
• Combined ELS and Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) ²	440	46,161	£6,610,997	11.8%
• Higher Level Stewardship (HLS)	46	2,058	£507,125	0.5%
Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)				0.0%
Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS)	152	3,652	664,965	0.9%
Grand Total	2,071	179,923	11,894,624	45.9%

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)	8,053	2.1%
Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)	1,250	0.3%
Special Protection Areas (SPAs) (for birds)		0.0%
Ramsar sites (wetlands of international importance)		0.0%