Leicestershire

Agri-Environment Schemes:

Key information, scheme uptake and expenditure data – November 2012

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| Total area of county (hectares) | 255,106 |  | |  | |  |
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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) | 832 | 93,468 | | £2,842,882 | | 36.6% |
| * Combined ELS and Higher Level Stewardship (HLS)2 | 131 | 37,590 | | £4,447,847 | | 14.7% |
| * Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) | 34 | 420 | | £637,366 | | 0.2% |
| Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA) |  |  | |  | | 0.0% |
| Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS) | 65 | 1,473 | | 389,852 | | 0.6% |
| Grand Total | 1,062 | 132,951 | | 8,317,947 | | 52.1% |
| *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) | 2,540 | | 1.0% | |
| Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) | 5 | | 0.0% | |
| Special Protection Areas (SPAs) (for birds) | - | | 0.0% | |
| Ramsar sites (wetlands of international importance) | - | | 0.0% | |