

West Midlands

Agri-Environment Schemes:

Key information, scheme uptake and expenditure data – November 2012



Total area of county (hectares)	89,869
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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)	47	3,476	£91,019	3.9%
• Combined ELS and Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) ²	3	186	£22,707	0.2%
• Higher Level Stewardship (HLS)	10	874	£227,634	1.0%
Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)				0.0%
Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS)	12	136	29,745	0.2%
Grand Total	72	4,672	371,106	5.2%

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)	1,131	1.3%
Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)	15	0.0%
Special Protection Areas (SPAs) (for birds)	-	0.0%
Ramsar sites (wetlands of international importance)	-	0.0%