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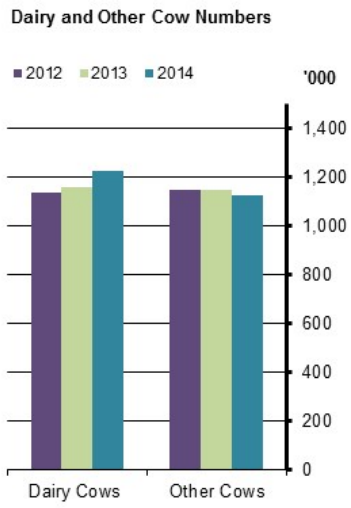
Crops and Livestock Survey June Final Results

June 2014

	Total Cereals	Cattle	Sheep
	'000 hectares	'000	'000
June 2013	307.8	6,902.6	5007.0 [1]
June 2014	306.7	6,926.1	5,096.8
% change	-0.4	+0.3	+1.8

[1]Revised.

Cattle numbers up 0.3% in June 2014



The final results for June 2014 show that the total number of cattle was 6,926,100, an increase of 23,500 (+0.3%) on June 2013. The number of *Dairy cows* increased by 63,200 (+5.4%), while *Other cows* decreased by 21,200 (-1.8%). *See Table 2*.

The results also indicate that the number of sheep increased by 89,700 (+1.8%) to 5,096,800. There were increases of 147,000 (+6.2%) in *Other sheep* and 31,500 (+1.6%) in *Ewes 2 years and over*. *See Table 2*.

A comparison with the June 2013 results also indicates that:

- The area under cereals decreased by 1,100 hectares (-0.4%) to 306,700 ha. The area under spring cereals (wheat, oats and barley) fell by 49,400 ha (-22.5%), while winter cereals increased by 48,600 ha (+56.0%) *See Table 1*.
- The area under potatoes dropped by 11.9% to 9,500 ha. *See Table 1.*
- Pig numbers were up by 2,700 (+0.2%) to 1,554,700. The number of breeding pigs was up by 2.5%, while non-breeding pig numbers were down slightly by 0.1%. *See Table 2.*

A regional analysis of the livestock numbers indicates that the largest number of cattle (1,389,400) was in the South-West region, the largest number of sheep (1,355,600) was in the West region and the largest number of pigs (407,800) was in the Border region. *See Tables 4 and 5.*

Other sheep numbers for 2013 have been revised as a result of a change in the methodology used to correct for the number of lambs recorded in late returns. *See Tables 2 and 6*.

Figure 2 Total cattle and sheep in each region, June 2014

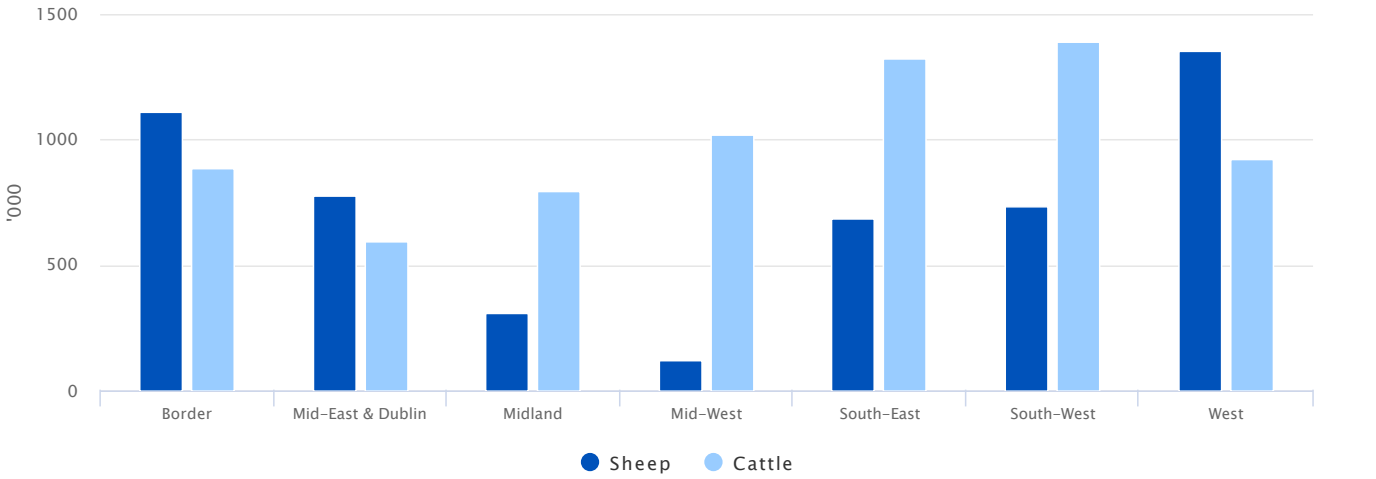


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Figure 3 Change in areas under selected crops, June 2013 - 2014

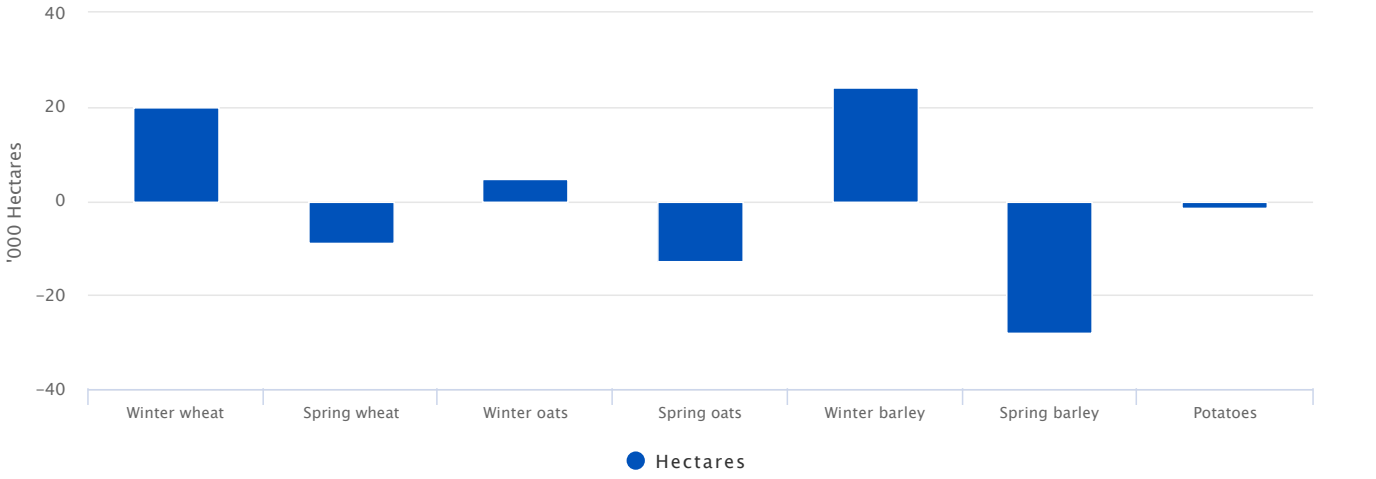

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Table 1 Area under Crops and Pasture

Description	June 2012	June 2013	June 2014	Change 2013 - 2014	
	' 000 hectares			' 000 hectares	%
Wheat - total	98.0	60.6	71.6	11.0	18.2
Winter wheat	84.6	45.4	65.1	19.8	43.6
Spring wheat	13.5	15.2	6.5	-8.8	-57.6
Oats - total	23.7	26.7	18.6	-8.0	-30.2
Winter oats	9.9	5.4	10.1	4.7	88.3
Spring oats	13.8	21.3	8.5	-12.8	-60.0
Barley - total	192.8	219.4	215.7	-3.8	-1.7
Winter barley	41.0	36.0	60.1	24.1	67.0
Spring barley	151.8	183.5	155.6	-27.9	-15.2
Other cereals	0.9	1.1	0.8	-0.3	-29.2
Total cereals	**315.4**	**307.8**	**306.7**	**-1.1**	**-0.4**
Beans and peas	4.1	4.5	3.5	-1.0	-21.2
Oilseed rape	17.5	13.7	9.4	-4.2	-31.0
Arable silage	2.4	3.9	3.5	-0.5	-12.0
Maize silage	13.7	14.5	13.9	-0.7	-4.6
Fodder rape and kale	1.7	1.4	1.2	-0.2	-13.9
Potatoes	9.0	10.7	9.5	-1.3	-11.9
Turnips	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.0	-3.0
Beet [1]	7.8	10.1	10.3	0.2	2.0
Vegetables for sale	3.6	3.5	3.4	-0.1	-2.1
Fruit	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	-2.2
Nurseries, horticulture etc.	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.0	-2.9
Other crops [2]	4.5	4.7	4.0	-0.7	-14.0
Total crops, fruit and horticulture	**382.1**	**377.2**	**367.7**	**-9.5**	**-2.5**
Silage	1,075.0	1,071.0	1,077.6	6.6	0.6
Hay	203.5	218.4	217.9	-0.5	-0.2
Pasture	2,391.0	2,337.7	2,308.4	-29.3	-1.3
Crops and Pasture	**4,051.5**	**4,004.3**	**3,971.5**	**-32.8**	**-0.8**
Rough grazing in use	481.2	473.5	494.2	20.8	4.4
Area farmed	**4,532.7**	**4,477.8**	**4,465.8**	**-12.0**	**-0.3**

[1] Includes sugar beet and fodder beet.

[2] Includes fallow land, miscanthus and other energy crops.

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Table 2 Number of Livestock

Description	June 2012	June 2013	June 2014	Change 2013 - 2014	
		' 000		' 000	%
Total cattle	**6,754.1**	**6,902.6**	**6,926.1**	**23.5**	**0.3**
Dairy cows [1]	1,140.8	1,163.2	1,226.4	63.2	5.4
Other cows	1,148.6	1,150.3	1,129.0	-21.2	-1.8
Bulls [2]	36.1	41.4	40.8	-0.7	-1.6
Cattle male: 2 years and over	360.6	388.2	455.9	67.7	17.4
Cattle female: 2 years and over	372.0	380.1	428.4	48.3	12.7
Cattle male: 1-2 years	770.2	872.7	820.5	-52.2	-6.0
Cattle female: 1-2 years	889.8	938.3	946.7	8.4	0.9
Cattle male: under 1 year	1,023.2	959.2	901.6	-57.6	-6.0
Cattle female: under 1 year	1,012.8	1,009.3	976.8	-32.5	-3.2
Total cattle male	**2,190.1**	**2,261.5**	**2,218.8**	**-42.7**	**-1.9**
Total cattle female	**4,564.1**	**4,641.1**	**4,707.3**	**66.2**	**1.4**
Total sheep	**5,170.0**	**5,007.0** [3]	**5,096.8**	**89.7**	**1.8**
Breeding sheep	**2,667.0**	**2,648.6**	**2,591.3**	**-57.3**	**-2.2**
Ewes: 2 years and over	2,027.9	2,028.7	2,060.3	31.5	1.6
Ewes: under 2 years	561.4	539.5	453.6	-85.9	-15.9
Rams	77.7	80.4	77.5	-2.9	-3.6
Other sheep	**2,503.0**	**2,358.4** [3]	**2,505.4**	**147.0**	**6.2**
Total pigs	**1,570.6**	**1,552.0**	**1,554.7**	**2.7**	**0.2**
Breeding pigs	**145.7**	**147.5**	**151.1**	**3.7**	**2.5**
Female breeding pigs	144.6	146.5	150.3	3.8	2.6
Boars	1.1	0.9	0.8	-0.1	-13.1
Other pigs	**1,425.0**	**1,404.6**	**1,403.6**	**-1.0**	**-0.1**
20kg and over	980.7	955.8	962.6	6.8	0.7
Less than 20kg	444.3	448.8	441.0	-7.7	-1.7
Horses and ponies [4]	111.1	101.6	95.0	-6.5	-6.4
Mules, jennets and asses	9.8	8.2	8.1	-0.1	-1.0
Goats	10.3	8.7	12.2 [5]	3.5	40.1
Farmed deer	2.1	1.5	2.3	0.8	48.8

[1] Dairy cows are those kept principally to produce milk for human consumption.
[2] Bulls used for breeding purposes only.
[3] Revised.
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[5] Source DAFM. See Background Notes.

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Table 3 Area under Crops and Pasture in each Region, June 2014 ' 000 ha

Region	Border, Midland and Western				Southern and Eastern					State
	Border	Midland	West	Total	Mid-East & Dublin	Mid-West	South-East	South-West	Total	
Wheat - total	7.0	5.5	0.3	12.7	35.3	0.9	16.3	6.5	58.9	71.6
Winter wheat	6.8	4.7	0.2	11.6	33.6	0.7	14.7	4.5	53.5	65.1
Spring wheat	0.2	0.8	0.1	1.0	1.7	0.2	1.5	2.0	5.4	6.5
Oats - total	1.7	1.6	0.9	4.2	5.0	0.3	7.0	2.0	14.4	18.6
Winter oats	0.6	0.9	0.1	1.5	3.4	0.1	4.3	0.7	8.6	10.1
Spring oats	1.1	0.8	0.8	2.7	1.6	0.2	2.7	1.3	5.8	8.5
Barley - total	15.8	25.6	4.2	45.5	45.8	8.2	80.9	35.2	170.1	215.7
Winter barley	6.3	5.2	0.5	12.0	17.2	2.7	17.8	10.4	48.1	60.1
Spring barley	9.5	20.4	3.7	33.5	28.6	5.5	63.1	24.8	122.0	155.6
Other cereals	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.8
Total cereals	**24.6**	**32.8**	**5.3**	**62.8**	**86.3**	**9.4**	**104.4**	**43.7**	**243.9**	**306.7**
Beans and peas	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.6	1.4	0.1	0.9	0.5	2.9	3.5
Oilseed rape	0.8	0.6	0.0	1.4	3.5	0.1	3.8	0.6	8.1	9.4
Arable silage	0.7	0.6	0.3	1.5	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.7	1.9	3.5
Maize silage	1.0	0.9	0.2	2.1	3.0	0.5	4.0	4.3	11.8	13.9
Fodder rape and kale	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.7	1.2
Potatoes	2.1	0.2	0.1	2.4	4.1	0.1	1.9	0.9	7.0	9.5
Turnips	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.9
Beet [1]	0.2	1.6	0.2	2.0	1.1	0.3	3.9	3.0	8.3	10.3
Vegetables for sale	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.6	1.8	0.0	0.7	0.3	2.8	3.4
Fruit	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.8	0.9
Nurseries, horticulture etc.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.5
Other crops [2]	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.7	1.4	0.4	1.2	0.3	3.3	4.0
Crops, fruit and horticulture	**30.5**	**37.8**	**6.7**	**75.0**	**103.7**	**11.3**	**122.7**	**55.0**	**292.7**	**367.7**
Silage	157.9	118.8	185.1	461.8	86.1	155.5	168.2	205.9	615.8	1,077.6
Hay	38.0	23.3	30.0	91.3	23.7	37.0	38.7	27.2	126.6	217.9
Pasture	409.2	233.7	468.8	1,111.8	205.6	301.8	311.3	378.0	1,196.6	2,308.4
Crops and pasture	**635.6**	**413.6**	**690.6**	**1,739.8**	**419.1**	**505.6**	**640.8**	**666.1**	**2,231.7**	**3,971.5**
Rough grazing in use	128.6	28.6	115.1	272.2	21.5	39.5	34.1	126.9	222.0	494.2
Area farmed	**764.2**	**442.2**	**805.7**	**2,012.1**	**440.6**	**545.2**	**674.9**	**793.0**	**2,453.7**	**4,465.8**

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Table 4 Number of Cattle in each Region and County, June 2014 ' 000

Region and County	Total Cattle	Dairy Cows [1]	Other Cows	Bulls [2]	Cattle Male 2+	Cattle Female 2+	Cattle Male 1-2	Cattle Female 1-2	Cattle Male <1	Cattle Female < 1	Total Cattle Male	Total Cattle Female
State	**6,926.1**	**1,226.4**	**1,129.0**	**40.8**	**455.9**	**428.4**	**820.5**	**946.7**	**901.6**	**976.8**	**2,218.8**	**4,707.3**
Border, Midland and Western	**2,603.7**	**248.1**	**589.2**	**17.2**	**170.5**	**193.0**	**310.2**	**363.7**	**350.4**	**361.6**	**848.3**	**1,755.4**
Border	**886.9**	**109.8**	**199.2**	**6.1**	**42.7**	**62.1**	**99.6**	**122.6**	**117.7**	**127.2**	**266.1**	**620.9**
Cavan	222.1	34.1	47.7	1.7	9.3	14.3	21.7	31.5	28.7	33.2	61.3	160.8
Donegal	188.2	18.2	44.3	1.2	6.8	11.2	26.5	24.9	28.4	26.7	63.0	125.3
Leitrim	65.0	2.0	26.2	0.7	1.4	4.4	3.5	7.2	9.4	10.2	15.0	50.0
Louth	88.5	13.5	13.3	0.4	8.1	7.8	10.8	13.5	9.5	11.6	28.9	59.6
Monaghan	207.6	33.7	34.5	1.3	11.6	15.7	26.1	31.0	25.2	28.5	64.2	143.4
Sligo	115.5	8.3	33.2	0.8	5.4	8.7	11.1	14.6	16.5	16.9	33.8	81.8
Midland	**793.8**	**85.1**	**140.9**	**4.4**	**65.2**	**60.9**	**108.6**	**117.9**	**105.5**	**105.2**	**283.8**	**510.0**
Laois	238.7	32.5	36.1	1.2	19.0	14.8	36.5	32.7	34.2	31.7	91.0	147.8
Longford	112.1	8.2	27.8	0.9	8.8	7.9	14.4	14.7	14.7	14.7	38.9	73.2
Offaly	228.3	23.2	34.5	1.1	19.4	19.0	32.6	37.3	30.5	30.6	83.6	144.6
Westmeath	214.7	21.1	42.5	1.3	17.9	19.2	25.0	33.3	26.1	28.3	70.3	144.3
West	**923.0**	**53.1**	**249.1**	**6.6**	**62.6**	**69.9**	**102.0**	**123.2**	**127.2**	**129.2**	**298.4**	**624.6**
Galway	432.0	29.5	108.7	3.1	31.2	32.3	48.5	57.7	59.8	61.2	142.6	289.5
Mayo	281.0	17.2	81.7	2.0	16.0	20.4	28.2	36.5	38.7	40.3	85.0	196.0
Roscommon	210.0	6.4	58.7	1.6	15.3	17.3	25.3	29.0	28.7	27.7	70.9	139.1
Southern and Eastern	**4,322.4**	**978.3**	**539.9**	**23.6**	**285.4**	**235.5**	**510.3**	**583.0**	**551.2**	**615.2**	**1,370.5**	**2,951.9**
Mid-East and Dublin	**592.4**	**85.1**	**91.5**	**3.1**	**55.1**	**50.9**	**77.1**	**84.5**	**70.0**	**75.1**	**205.3**	**387.1**
Dublin	25.1	2.9	4.4	0.1	1.9	3.5	2.5	3.9	2.9	3.0	7.5	17.7
Kildare	133.0	12.5	21.3	0.6	17.1	10.8	20.0	19.2	15.9	15.5	53.6	79.4
Meath	308.6	50.7	41.2	1.4	29.9	28.2	41.4	44.1	33.9	37.8	106.6	202.0
Wicklow	125.6	19.0	24.6	0.9	6.2	8.4	13.2	17.3	17.3	18.8	37.6	88.0
Mid-West	**1,018.6**	**194.6**	**156.4**	**6.3**	**73.0**	**57.0**	**122.8**	**128.7**	**137.0**	**142.8**	**339.1**	**679.4**
Clare	289.9	29.7	78.3	2.5	16.4	15.8	30.6	32.2	41.0	43.2	90.6	199.3
Limerick	412.8	107.8	41.4	2.3	30.7	23.0	46.1	53.3	50.9	57.5	129.9	282.9
North Tipperary	315.8	57.1	36.6	1.5	25.8	18.2	46.1	43.2	45.2	42.1	118.6	197.2
South-East	**1,322.0**	**282.5**	**155.9**	**6.4**	**90.4**	**63.3**	**174.3**	**180.0**	**181.0**	**188.2**	**452.1**	**870.0**
Carlow	99.0	11.6	18.4	0.6	6.2	5.8	13.4	14.2	14.8	14.1	35.0	64.1
Kilkenny	351.4	69.0	40.8	1.5	26.3	15.6	51.7	47.0	51.0	48.6	130.4	220.9
South Tipperary	333.5	78.2	31.8	1.4	28.9	14.8	44.4	43.7	44.4	45.8	119.2	214.3
Waterford	259.0	66.5	27.6	1.3	16.4	11.6	28.7	34.9	33.4	38.7	79.7	179.3
Wexford	279.2	57.2	37.4	1.5	12.8	15.4	36.1	40.2	37.4	41.1	87.8	191.4
South-West	**1,389.4**	**416.2**	**136.1**	**7.8**	**66.9**	**64.3**	**136.1**	**189.7**	**163.1**	**209.1**	**374.0**	**1,015.4**
Cork	1,050.2	320.8	87.2	5.4	53.3	47.5	109.7	145.9	124.0	156.3	292.4	757.9
Kerry	339.2	95.3	48.9	2.4	13.6	16.8	26.4	43.8	39.1	52.8	81.6	257.5

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Table 5 Number of Sheep, Pigs and Other Livestock in each Region, June 2014 ' 000

Region	Border, Midland and Western				Southern and Eastern					State
	Border	Midland	West	Total	Mid-East & Dublin	Mid-West	South-East	South-West	Total	
Total sheep	**1,108.4**	**312.1**	**1,355.6**	**2,776.0**	**779.4**	**123.7**	**683.4**	**734.2**	**2,320.7**	**5,096.8**
Breeding sheep	**572.0**	**153.6**	**684.3**	**1,409.9**	**394.6**	**64.3**	**346.0**	**376.5**	**1,181.4**	**2,591.3**
Ewes: 2 years and over	457.6	125.3	539.8	1,122.8	307.6	50.0	279.5	300.5	937.5	2,060.3
Ewes: under 2 years	96.9	23.5	122.5	243.0	75.7	12.0	57.2	65.7	210.6	453.6
Rams	17.4	4.8	22.0	44.2	11.4	2.3	9.2	10.4	33.3	77.5
Other sheep	**536.4**	**158.5**	**671.2**	**1,366.1**	**384.8**	**59.4**	**337.4**	**357.6**	**1,139.3**	**2,505.4**
Total pigs	**407.8**	**290.4**	**45.4**	**743.6**	**83.3**	**95.9**	**322.3**	**309.6**	**811.2**	**1,554.7**
Breeding pigs	**40.8**	**26.5**	**4.2**	**71.5**	**10.9**	**10.4**	**30.2**	**28.2**	**79.6**	**151.1**
Female breeding pigs	40.6	26.4	4.2	71.1	10.9	10.3	30.0	28.0	79.2	150.3
Boars	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.8
Other pigs	**367.0**	**263.9**	**41.2**	**672.1**	**72.4**	**85.6**	**292.1**	**281.4**	**731.5**	**1,403.6**
20kg and over	244.6	191.4	27.3	463.4	47.6	58.4	204.0	189.3	499.2	962.6
Less than 20kg	122.3	72.5	13.9	208.7	24.8	27.2	88.2	92.1	232.3	441.0
Horses and ponies [1]	11.3	10.0	17.9	39.2	15.3	11.6	15.4	13.5	55.8	95.0
Mules, jennets and asses	1.8	0.5	2.5	4.8	0.3	1.7	0.6	0.8	3.3	8.1
Goats [2]	2.3	1.2	2.7	6.3	1.9	1.3	1.3	1.3	5.9	12.2
Farmed deer	0.2	0.0	1.0	1.3	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.7	1.0	2.3

[1] Horses and Ponies are those kept on agricultural holdings only.
[2] Source DAFM. See Background Notes.

Table 6 Number of Sheep in each Region, June 2013 ' 000

Region	Border, Midland and Western				Southern and Eastern					State
	Border	Midland	West	Total	Mid-East & Dublin	Mid-West	South-East	South-West	Total	
Total sheep [1]	**1,076.1**	**306.3**	**1,328.5**	**2,710.9**	**782.0**	**124.6**	**688.2**	**701.3**	**2,296.1**	**5,007.0**
Breeding sheep	**579.5**	**158.9**	**697.4**	**1,435.7**	**412.2**	**68.4**	**359.7**	**372.6**	**1,212.9**	**2,648.6**
Ewes: 2 years and over	452.3	125.2	529.0	1,106.5	313.2	47.2	271.5	290.4	922.3	2,028.7
: under 2 years	109.6	28.8	145.3	283.7	88.1	18.5	78.2	71.1	255.8	539.5
Rams	17.6	4.8	23.1	45.6	10.9	2.7	10.0	11.1	34.8	80.4
Other sheep [1]	**496.6**	**147.5**	**631.1**	**1,275.2**	**369.8**	**56.1**	**328.5**	**328.7**	**1,083.2**	**2,358.4**

[1] Revised

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Background Notes

Introduction

This release presents final estimates of land utilisation and livestock numbers in June 2014 at State and regional level. The estimates for sheep and pigs are based on returns from the 2014 June sample survey of agricultural holdings and the June 2014 Pig Survey conducted by the Central Statistics Office (CSO). The estimates for cattle and for crops are obtained from administrative data from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM).

Coverage Farms where the agricultural area used was at least one hectare (2.47 acres) are included in the June Agricultural Sample Survey. Farms with less than one hectare may also be included if they were engaged in intensive production.

Results

Crops The results for crops are based on data obtained from the DAFM Single Payment Scheme.

Cattle The results for cattle are obtained from DAFM's Animal Identification and Movement (AIM) system, formerly known as the Cattle Movement Monitoring System (CMMS). This system was introduced at the beginning of 2000 and involves electronically recording data on animal movements.

Goats The 2014 goat results are obtained from DAFM's 2013 December Sheep and Goat Census.

Sheep The June 2014 results for sheep are based on the trends obtained by comparing the returns from the 2014 sample with the 2013 returns for the same 7,700 farms and applying these trends to the June 2013 figures.

Pigs A specialist pig survey was conducted by the CSO due to the intensive nature of this activity.

As the figures in the text and tables have been rounded to the nearest 100 units, there may be slight discrepancies between the sum (or difference) of the constituent items and the total shown. Percentage changes have been calculated on actual figures.

Composition of Regions

Border, Midland and Western NUTS 2 Region

Border	Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Louth, Monaghan and Sligo
Midland	Laois, Longford, Offaly and Westmeath
West	Galway City, Galway County, Mayo and Roscommon

Southern and Eastern NUTS 2 Region

Dublin	Dublin City, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin
Mid-East	Kildare, Meath and Wicklow
Mid-West	Limerick City, Limerick County, Clare and North Tipperary
South-East	Waterford City, Waterford County, Carlow, Kilkenny, Wexford and South Tipperary
South-West	Cork City, Cork County and Kerry

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