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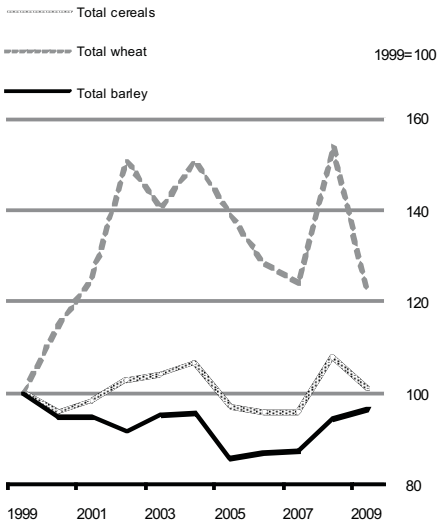
Crops and Livestock Survey

June 2009 - Final Results

Index of area under cereals



	Total Cereals	Cattle	Sheep
	'000 hectares	'000	'000
June 2008	313.8	6,719.9	5,061.4
June 2009	293.3	6,716.1	4,778.0
% change	-6.5%	-0.1%	-5.6%

Area under cereals down 6.5% in June 2009

The final results from the June 2009 agricultural survey show that the area under cereals decreased by 20,400 (-6.5%) to 293,300 hectares (ha). The area under wheat decreased by 21,900 ha (-20.9%) and the area under oats decreased by 3,200 ha (-13.7%). However, the area under barley showed an increase of 4,700 ha (2.6%). *See Table 1.*

The results also indicate that the total number of sheep have decreased by 283,400 (-5.6%) to 4,778,000. This decrease was due to reductions of 159,400 (-7.2%) in ewes 2 years and over, 3,700 (-0.9%) in ewes under 2 years, 7,900 (-9.6%) in rams and 112,400 (-4.8%) in other sheep. *See Table 2.*

Further comparisons with the June 2008 results indicate that:

- Cattle numbers decreased by 3,800 (-0.1%) to 6,716,100. Other heifers decreased by 9,400 (-6.3%) and male cattle under one year decreased by 30,900 (-3.9%). Male cattle 2 years and over and female cattle 2 years and over increased by 21,700 (3.7%) and 26,800 (8.6%) respectively. *See Table 2.*
- Pig numbers increased by 1,700 (0.1%) to 1,468,200. *See Table 2.*
- The area under potatoes increased by 7.5% to 12,900 ha. *See Table 1.*

A regional analysis of the livestock numbers indicates that the largest number of cattle recorded (1,320,200) was in the South-West region, the largest number of sheep recorded (1,242,200) was in the West region and the largest number of pigs recorded (468,100) was in the Border region. *See Tables 4 & 5.*

Cereal area figures in respect of May/June 2009 for each EU country are given at the back of this release.

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Diagram 1 : Numbers of total cattle and sheep in each region, June 2009

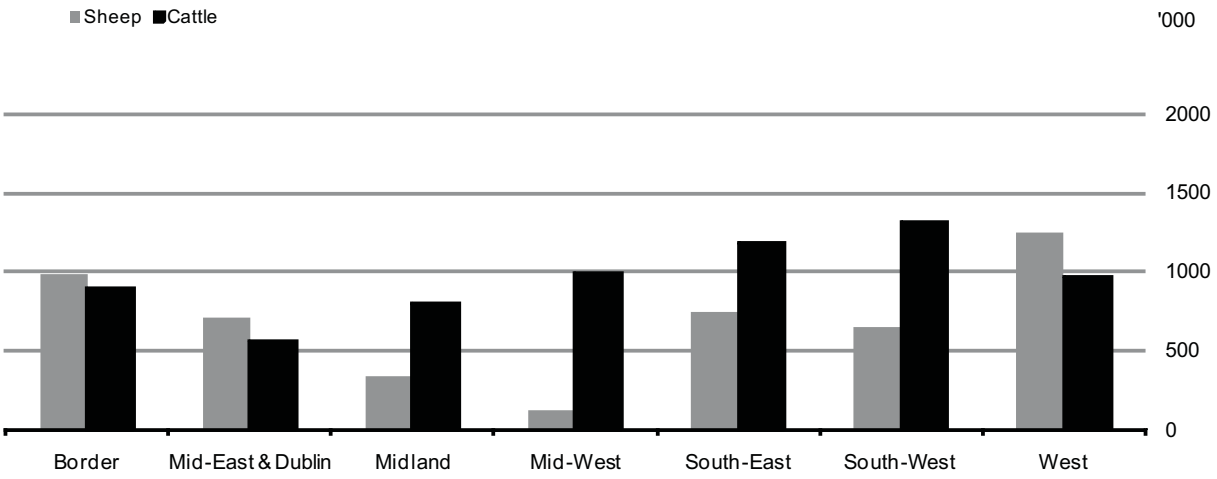

Diagram 2 : Change in areas under certain crops, June 2008 - 2009

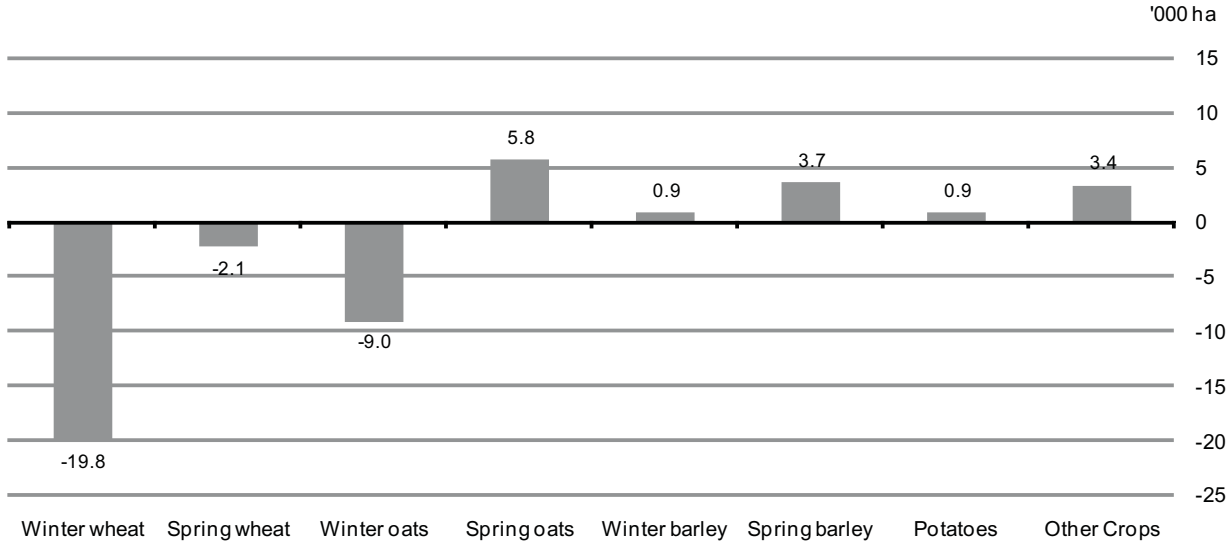

Table 1 Area under Crops and Pasture

Description	June 2007	June 2008	June 2009	Change 2008 - 2009	
	' 000 hectares			' 000 ha	%
Wheat - total	84.3	104.9	83.0	-21.9	-20.9
Winter wheat	64.7	80.8	61.0	-19.8	-24.5
Spring wheat	19.6	24.1	22.0	-2.1	-8.8
Oats - total	21.3	23.3	20.1	-3.2	-13.7
Winter oats	13.5	18.6	9.6	-9.0	-48.6
Spring oats	7.8	4.7	10.5	5.8	124.7
Barley - total	167.5	181.2	185.9	4.7	2.6
Winter barley	18.7	19.7	20.6	0.9	4.8
Spring barley	148.8	161.6	165.3	3.7	2.3
Other cereals	5.8	4.3	4.3	0.0	-0.5
Total cereals	**278.9**	**313.8**	**293.3**	**-20.4**	**-6.5**
Beans and peas	2.9	2.4	3.6	1.1	46.3
Oilseed rape	8.2	6.7	6.5	-0.2	-3.1
Arable silage	17.0	29.6	25.4	-4.2	-14.1
Maize silage	20.9	20.8	20.9	0.1	0.3
Fodder rape and kale	2.0	2.2	2.6	0.5	21.5
Potatoes	11.7	12.0	12.9	0.9	7.5
Turnips	1.1	1.1	1.5	0.4	38.4
Beet[1]	7.8	7.3	8.3	1.0	14.2
Vegetables for sale	4.2	4.0	4.2	0.2	5.2
Fruit	1.6	1.4	1.6	0.2	12.5
Nurseries, horticulture etc.	1.2	1.3	1.5	0.2	12.2
Other crops[2]	21.8	16.4	19.8	3.4	20.5
Total crops, fruit and horticulture	**379.4**	**418.9**	**402.1**	**-16.9**	**-4.0**
Silage	1,039.9	1,034.8	1,033.9	-0.9	-0.1
Hay	243.3	238.1	220.3	-17.8	-7.5
Pasture	2,158.5	2,062.3	2,092.4	30.1	1.5
Crops and Pasture	**3,821.1**	**3,754.1**	**3,748.7**	**-5.4**	**-0.1**
Rough grazing in use	454.8	445.8	441.2	-4.6	-1.0
Area farmed	**4,275.9**	**4,199.9**	**4,189.9**	**-10.0**	**-0.2**

[1] Includes sugar beet and fodder beet. *See background notes*.

[2] Includes fallow land.

Table 2 Number of Livestock

Description	June 2007	June 2008	June 2009	Change 2008 - 2009	
	' 000			' 000	%
Total cattle	**6,704.1**	**6,719.9**	**6,716.1**	**-3.8**	**-0.1**
Breeding cattle	**2,706.4**	**2,735.6**	**2,715.6**	**-20.1**	**-0.7**
Dairy cows[1]	1,087.0	1,113.9	1,126.9	13.0	1.2
Other cows	1,180.9	1,179.9	1,155.4	-24.6	-2.1
Dairy heifers[2]	217.8	225.4	227.9	2.4	1.1
Other heifers	152.8	147.9	138.5	-9.4	-6.3
Bulls	68.0	68.5	66.9	-1.6	-2.3
Other cattle	**3,997.6**	**3,984.3**	**4,000.5**	**16.2**	**0.4**
Male: 2 years and over	614.5	589.0	610.7	21.7	3.7
Female: 2 years and over	313.8	313.1	340.0	26.8	8.6
Male: 1-2 years	843.9	842.5	828.7	-13.8	-1.6
Female: 1-2 years	631.9	623.8	634.4	10.5	1.7
Male: under 1 year	784.5	801.2	770.2	-30.9	-3.9
Female: under 1 year	809.0	814.7	816.6	1.8	0.2
Total sheep	**5,521.6**	**5,061.4**	**4,778.0**	**-283.4**	**-5.6**
Breeding sheep	**2,943.8**	**2,695.9**	**2,525.0**	**-171.0**	**-6.3**
Ewes: 2 years and over	2,402.1	2,219.5	2,060.1	-159.4	-7.2
: under 2 years	452.1	394.6	390.9	-3.7	-0.9
Rams	89.6	81.8	73.9	-7.9	-9.6
Other sheep	**2,577.8**	**2,365.4**	**2,253.1**	**-112.4**	**-4.8**
Total pigs	**1,587.8**	**1,466.5**	**1,468.2**	**1.7**	**0.1**
Breeding pigs	**165.4**	**156.8**	**157.5**	**0.7**	**0.4**
Female breeding pigs	163.6	155.3	156.1	0.8	0.5
Boars	1.8	1.5	1.4	-0.1	-3.7
Other pigs	**1,422.4**	**1,309.7**	**1,310.6**	**1.0**	**0.1**
20kg and over	972.5	922.3	910.2	-12.1	-1.3
Less than 20kg	449.9	387.4	400.4	13.1	3.4
Horses and ponies	89.2	95.7	98.1	2.4	2.5
Mules, jennets and asses	7.2	8.8	8.8	0.0	0.2
Goats	7.3	8.9	10.1	1.2	13.8
Farmed deer	9.6	9.7	9.2	-0.5	-5.6

[1] Dairy cows are those kept principally to produce milk for human consumption.

[2] Heifers in calf intended for the dairy herd.

Table 3 Area under Crops and Pasture in each Region, June 2009

' 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	8.7	4.7	0.3	13.7	34.2	1.4	21.3	12.4	69.3	83.0
Winter wheat	7.8	3.1	0.1	10.9	26.7	0.6	13.9	8.9	50.1	61.0
Spring wheat	0.9	1.7	0.2	2.8	7.5	0.8	7.5	3.5	19.3	22.0
Oats - total	1.8	1.7	0.4	4.0	4.6	0.6	8.4	2.5	16.1	20.1
Winter oats	0.7	1.2	0.0	2.0	2.3	0.1	3.9	1.3	7.6	9.6
Spring oats	1.1	0.5	0.4	2.0	2.3	0.4	4.5	1.3	8.5	10.5
Barley - total	16.1	21.6	3.5	41.2	34.2	6.6	72.4	31.5	144.7	185.9
Winter barley	4.6	1.4	0.0	6.0	6.1	0.3	3.8	4.4	14.6	20.6
Spring barley	11.6	20.2	3.4	35.2	28.1	6.3	68.6	27.1	130.1	165.3
Other cereals	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.0	1.9	1.5	3.8	4.3
Total cereals	**26.7**	**28.2**	**4.4**	**59.3**	**73.4**	**8.5**	**104.0**	**48.0**	**234.0**	**293.3**
Beans and peas	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	1.1	0.2	1.4	0.5	3.2	3.6
Oilseed rape	0.5	0.5	0.1	1.1	1.1	2.1	1.5	0.7	5.4	6.5
Arable silage	4.8	2.5	6.8	14.1	1.6	3.5	2.7	3.5	11.3	25.4
Maize silage	2.9	1.5	0.6	5.1	3.2	1.2	5.0	6.4	15.8	20.9
Fodder rape and kale	0.2	0.9	0.1	1.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	1.4	2.6
Potatoes	3.4	0.2	0.2	3.8	5.8	0.2	2.0	1.1	9.1	12.9
Turnips	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.5	1.2	1.5
Beet[1]	0.3	1.0	0.1	1.5	0.5	0.3	3.5	2.5	6.9	8.3
Vegetables for sale	0.3	0.4	0.4	1.1	2.1	0.1	0.4	0.5	3.2	4.2
Fruit	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.6	0.1	1.3	1.6
Nurseries, horticulture etc.	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.2	1.3	1.5
Other crops[2]	2.4	1.9	2.3	6.6	3.1	1.8	4.9	3.4	13.2	19.8
Crops, fruit and horticulture	**41.9**	**37.6**	**15.4**	**94.8**	**93.7**	**18.3**	**127.4**	**67.9**	**307.2**	**402.1**
Silage	158.3	111.3	171.2	440.8	73.1	154.7	168.2	197.2	593.1	1,033.9
Hay	29.2	29.7	34.4	93.3	24.4	28.0	40.0	34.7	127.0	220.3
Pasture	345.4	225.8	387.3	958.6	200.9	287.0	300.8	345.2	1,133.9	2,092.4
Crops and pasture	**574.8**	**404.4**	**608.3**	**1,587.5**	**392.0**	**488.0**	**636.4**	**644.9**	**2,161.2**	**3,748.7**
Rough grazing in use	117.4	13.1	106.0	236.6	13.6	43.8	25.8	121.5	204.6	441.2
Area farmed	**692.2**	**417.5**	**714.3**	**1,824.1**	**405.6**	**531.7**	**662.2**	**766.4**	**2,365.9**	**4,189.9**

[1] Includes sugar beet and fodder beet. *See background notes.*

[2] Includes fallow land.

Table 4 Number of Cattle and Sheep in each Region, June 2009

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Region	Border, Midland and Western				Southern and Eastern					State
	Border	Midland	West	Total	Mid-East & Dublin	Mid-West	South-East	South-West	Total	
Total cattle	**897.9**	**798.2**	**966.1**	**2,662.2**	**562.8**	**990.9**	**1,179.9**	**1,320.2**	**4,053.9**	**6,716.1**
Breeding cattle	**373.8**	**267.2**	**353.5**	**994.5**	**199.6**	**409.2**	**492.4**	**619.8**	**1,721.0**	**2,715.6**
Dairy cows[1]	115.8	77.6	54.0	247.4	81.2	178.6	247.8	372.0	879.5	1,126.9
Other cows	199.5	149.7	252.4	601.6	88.9	164.6	161.2	139.1	553.8	1,155.4
Dairy heifers[2]	22.3	17.8	12.2	52.3	14.2	35.7	52.9	72.8	175.5	227.9
Other heifers	26.0	15.5	24.8	66.3	10.7	19.7	20.5	21.4	72.2	138.5
Bulls	10.2	6.6	10.2	27.0	4.5	10.8	10.1	14.6	40.0	66.9
Other cattle	**524.1**	**531.0**	**612.6**	**1,667.7**	**363.3**	**581.7**	**687.5**	**700.4**	**2,332.8**	**4,000.5**
Male: 2 years and over	62.7	91.7	101.9	256.3	76.7	90.9	103.2	83.5	354.4	610.7
Female: 2 years and over	49.0	53.0	69.1	171.0	37.8	41.0	46.7	43.5	169.0	340.0
Male: 1-2 years	100.9	114.6	113.4	328.9	73.4	118.7	160.2	147.4	499.8	828.7
Female: 1-2 years	91.6	88.0	98.0	277.6	59.3	83.8	108.5	105.2	356.8	634.4
Male: under 1 year	108.2	93.4	118.5	320.1	55.9	125.7	116.8	151.9	450.2	770.2
Female: under 1 year	111.8	90.3	111.7	313.8	60.2	121.6	152.0	168.9	502.7	816.6
Total sheep	**976.3**	**340.9**	**1,242.2**	**2,559.4**	**709.4**	**119.8**	**742.1**	**647.3**	**2,218.6**	**4,778.0**
Breeding sheep	**532.6**	**162.8**	**669.5**	**1,364.8**	**350.2**	**59.6**	**376.4**	**373.9**	**1,160.1**	**2,525.0**
Ewes: 2 years and over	439.7	135.7	552.1	1,127.5	282.0	50.8	295.2	304.6	932.6	2,060.1
: under 2 years	75.4	22.3	98.8	196.5	58.0	6.3	70.5	59.5	194.3	390.9
Rams	17.5	4.8	18.5	40.8	10.2	2.5	10.6	9.8	33.1	73.9
Other sheep	**443.7**	**178.2**	**572.7**	**1,194.6**	**359.2**	**60.3**	**365.8**	**273.3**	**1,058.5**	**2,253.1**

[1] Dairy cows are those kept principally to produce milk for human consumption.

[2] Heifers in calf intended for the dairy herd.

Table 5 Number of Pigs and Other Livestock in each Region, June 2009

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Region	Border, Midland and Western				Southern and Eastern					State
	Border	Midland	West	Total	Mid-East & Dublin	Mid-West	South-East	South-West	Total	
Total pigs	**468.1**	**245.9**	**53.9**	**767.9**	**77.7**	**102.4**	**282.4**	**237.8**	**700.3**	**1,468.2**
Breeding pigs	**49.9**	**26.5**	**5.2**	**81.6**	**7.1**	**12.3**	**30.6**	**26.0**	**75.9**	**157.5**
Female breeding pigs	49.6	26.4	5.1	81.1	7.1	12.2	30.0	25.8	75.0	156.1
Boars	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.9	1.4
Other pigs	**418.2**	**219.4**	**48.7**	**686.3**	**70.6**	**90.2**	**251.8**	**211.8**	**624.3**	**1,310.6**
20kg and over	298.1	153.7	29.7	481.5	46.2	57.7	170.8	154.0	428.7	910.2
Less than 20kg	120.1	65.6	19.0	204.8	24.4	32.5	80.9	57.8	195.7	400.4
Horses and ponies	10.7	7.6	18.5	36.8	14.2	16.1	18.8	12.2	61.4	98.1
Mules, jennets and asses	2.4	0.7	2.4	5.4	0.3	0.9	0.5	1.6	3.4	8.8
Goats	1.5	0.4	1.7	3.7	1.0	1.0	1.1	3.3	6.4	10.1
Farmed deer	1.2	0.9	1.2	3.3	0.9	1.3	2.4	1.3	5.9	9.2

Background Notes

Introduction This release presents final estimates of land utilisation and livestock numbers in June 2009 at State level and Regional level. The estimates are based on returns from the June 2009 Crops and Livestock Survey and June 2009 Pig Survey.

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 (e.g. pigs, poultry).

Results The June 2009 results are based on the trends obtained by comparing the returns from the June 2008 sample with the 2009 returns for the same 15,900 farms and applying these trends to the June 2008 figures.

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.

In February 2006, the EU formally adopted a reform on the EU sugar regime. This resulted in the end of sugar production in Ireland and a sharp drop in the area under sugar beet. Therefore, areas under sugar beet and fodder beet will no longer be reported separately but are combined to give an overall figure for area under beet.

Current and historical survey results at State and Regional level are also available on the CSO's Database Direct service at www.cso.ie.

Comparison with DAFF AIM Data The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Identification and Movement System (AIM), formerly CMMS, has provided new administrative information on cattle numbers and on flows into/out of the cattle population since December 2002. Overall, the AIM figure for the start of June 2008 indicated total cattle numbers some 2.7% higher than the CSO estimate for 1 June 2008. AIM data in respect of June 2009 are not yet available.

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

Area under selected cereals, May/June 2009

'000 ha

Country	Wheat	Oats	Barley
European Union 27	*	[1] **2,899**	*
Austria	309	28	182
Belgium	[1] 211	[1] 6	[1] 54
Bulgaria	1,254	29	265
Cyprus	[1] 6	[1] 4	[1] 40
Czech Republic	831	50	455
Denmark	739	55	592
Estonia	114	36	141
Finland	218	343	601
France	5,147	117	1,884
Germany	[1] 3,226	[1] 164	[1] 1,879
Greece	698	65	120
Hungary	1,142	52	321
Ireland	83	20	186
Italy	2,000	138	313
Latvia	286	61	105
Lithuania	500	64	277
Luxembourg	[1] 14	[1] 1	[1] 9
Malta	*	*	*
Netherlands	151	2	44
Poland	2,346	525	1,157
Portugal	62	47	41
Romania	[1] 2,202	[1] 205	[1] 532
Slovakia	380	17	197
Slovenia	35	2	21
Spain	[1] 1,768	[1] 553	[1] 3,045
Sweden	375	188	361
United Kingdom	*	129	*

[1] Provisional

* Data not available

Source: Eurostat website http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu and national data