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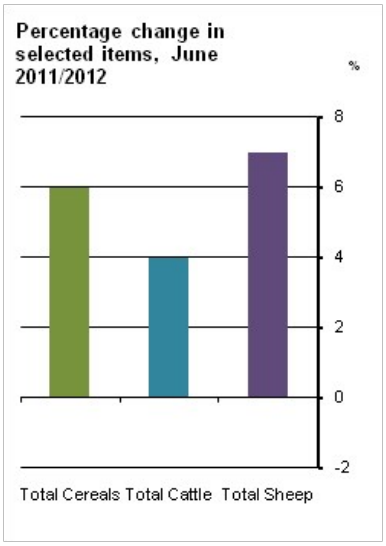
Crops and Livestock Survey June Final Results

June 2012

	Total Cereals	Cattle	Sheep
	'000 hectares	'000	'000
June 2011	297.4	6,493.0	4,830.0
June 2012	315.4	6,754.1	5,170.0
% change	+6.0%	+4.0%	+7.0%

Sheep numbers up 7.0% in June 2012



The final results for June 2012 show that the total sheep numbers increased by 340,100 (+7.0%) to 5,170,000. Other sheep (non-breeding) increased by 182,000 (+7.8%) and breeding sheep increased by 158,100 (+6.3%). *See Table 2.*

The results also indicate that the area under cereals increased by 17,900 hectares (+6.0%) to 315,400 ha. There was an increase in each of the main cereals, with the area under oats increasing by 2,300 ha (+10.7%), the area under barley increasing by 12,100 ha (+6.7%) and the area under wheat increasing by 3,900 ha (+4.1%). *See Table 1*.

A comparison with the June 2011 results indicates that:

- Cattle numbers increased by 261,100 (+4.0%) to 6,754,100. This was mainly due to increases of 131,200 (+14.7%) in male cattle under 1 year and 96,800 (+14.4%) in male cattle 1 to 2 years. *See Table 2*.
- Pig numbers increased by 21,600 (+1.4%) to 1,570,600. The number of non-breeding pigs increased by 2.3% while the number of breeding pigs decreased by 6.7% in the same period. *See Table 2.*
- The area under potatoes decreased by 13.1% to 9,000 ha. *See Table 1.*

A regional analysis of the livestock numbers indicates that the largest number of cattle (1,357,600) was in the South-West region, the largest number of sheep (1,377,200) was in the West region and the largest number of pigs (429,500) was in the Border region. *See Tables 4 and 5.*

Table 1 Area under Crops and Pasture

Description	June 2010	June 2011	June 2012	Change 2011 - 2012	
	' 000 hectares			' 000 hectares	%
Wheat - total	77.8	94.2	98.0	3.9	4.1
Winter wheat	59.8	77.7	84.6	6.8	8.8
Spring wheat	18.0	16.4	13.5	-3.0	-18.0
Oats - total	19.7	21.4	23.7	2.3	10.7
Winter oats	10.3	9.0	9.9	0.8	9.2
Spring oats	9.4	12.4	13.8	1.5	11.8
Barley - total	174.8	180.6	192.8	12.1	6.7
Winter barley	28.8	35.9	41.0	5.2	14.4
Spring barley	146.0	144.8	151.8	7.0	4.8
Other cereals	1.6	1.2	0.9	-0.3	-28.2
Total cereals	**273.9**	**297.4**	**315.4**	**17.9**	**6.0**
Beans and peas	4.6	2.9	4.1	1.2	41.9
Oilseed rape	8.0	12.4	17.5	5.1	41.1
Arable silage	4.1	2.9	2.4	-0.5	-18.7
Maize silage	22.8	19.0	13.7	-5.2	-27.5
Fodder rape and kale	1.8	1.3	1.7	0.3	24.0
Potatoes	12.2	10.4	9.0	-1.4	-13.1
Turnips	1.2	1.0	1.1	0.1	7.6
Beet[1]	9.6	8.2	7.8	-0.4	-4.5
Vegetables for sale	4.9	3.8	3.6	-0.2	-5.3
Fruit	1.2	0.8	0.9	0.1	6.0
Nurseries, horticulture etc.	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.7
Other crops[2]	9.4	4.9	4.5	-0.4	-7.7
Total crops, fruit and horticulture	**353.9**	**365.4**	**382.1**	**16.6**	**4.6**
Silage	1,076.4	1,070.2	1,075.0	4.8	0.4
Hay	193.8	213.2	203.5	-9.8	-4.6
Pasture	2,507.6	2,459.3	2,391.0	-68.3	-2.8
Crops and Pasture	**4,131.7**	**4,108.2**	**4,051.5**	**-56.6**	**-1.4**
Rough grazing in use	437.3	447.3	481.2	33.8	7.6
Area farmed	**4,568.9**	**4,555.5**	**4,532.7**	**-22.8**	**-0.5**

[1] Includes sugar beet and fodder beet.

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

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Table 2 Number of Livestock

Description	June 2010	June 2011	June 2012	Change 2011 - 2012	
		' 000		' 000	%
Total cattle	**6,606.6**	**6,493.0**	**6,754.1**	**261.1**	**4.0**
Dairy cows[1]	1,070.8	1,116.9	1,140.8	23.9	2.1
Other cows	1,158.4	1,123.3	1,148.6	25.3	2.3
Bulls[2]	52.0	41.8	36.1	-5.8	-13.8
Cattle male: 2 years and over	506.2	425.5	360.6	-64.9	-15.3
Cattle female: 2 years and over	426.2	411.9	372.0	-39.9	-9.7
Cattle male: 1-2 years	760.3	673.4	770.2	96.8	14.4
Cattle female: 1-2 years	871.5	854.7	889.8	35.1	4.1
Cattle male: under 1 year	826.7	891.9	1,023.2	131.2	14.7
Cattle female: under 1 year	934.6	953.6	1,012.8	59.3	6.2
Total cattle male	**2,145.1**	**2,032.7**	**2,190.1**	**157.4**	**7.7**
Total cattle female	**4,461.5**	**4,460.3**	**4,564.1**	**103.8**	**2.3**
Total sheep	**4,745.4**	**4,830.0**	**5,170.0**	**340.1**	**7.0**
Breeding sheep	**2,529.5**	**2,508.9**	**2,667.0**	**158.1**	**6.3**
Ewes: 2 years and over	1,964.8	1,939.1	2,027.9	88.8	4.6
Ewes: under 2 years	484.8	496.1	561.4	65.3	13.2
Rams	80.0	73.7	77.7	4.0	5.4
Other sheep	**2,215.9**	**2,321.0**	**2,503.0**	**182.0**	**7.8**
Total pigs	**1,516.3**	**1,549.0**	**1,570.6**	**21.6**	**1.4**
Breeding pigs	**161.4**	**156.2**	**145.7**	**-10.5**	**-6.7**
Female breeding pigs	159.7	154.9	144.6	-10.3	-6.6
Boars	1.7	1.3	1.1	-0.2	-18.2
Other pigs	**1,354.9**	**1,392.8**	**1,425.0**	**32.1**	**2.3**
20kg and over	961.5	972.0	980.7	8.7	0.9
Less than 20kg	393.4	420.8	444.3	23.4	5.6
Horses and ponies	106.0	106.0	111.1	5.1	4.8
Mules, jennets and asses	7.5	8.7	9.8	1.1	12.6
Goats	10.5	11.4	10.3	-1.1	-9.5
Farmed deer	5.2	2.8	2.1	-0.8	-27.5

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Table 3 Area under Crops and Pasture in each Region, June 2012 ' 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	8.1	7.6	0.3	16.0	43.4	1.8	25.4	11.4	82.0	98.0
Winter wheat	7.7	6.3	0.1	14.1	41.0	1.2	21.1	7.2	70.5	84.6
Spring wheat	0.4	1.3	0.2	2.0	2.5	0.6	4.3	4.2	11.5	13.5
Oats - total	2.5	1.8	0.9	5.2	6.5	0.4	8.5	3.2	18.5	23.7
Winter oats	0.6	0.7	0.0	1.3	3.8	0.1	3.9	0.9	8.6	9.9
Spring oats	1.9	1.2	0.9	3.9	2.7	0.3	4.6	2.3	9.9	13.8
Barley - total	14.0	25.6	4.1	43.8	35.1	8.1	72.1	33.7	148.9	192.8
Winter barley	5.0	3.9	0.1	8.9	11.0	1.5	11.3	8.3	32.1	41.0
Spring barley	9.1	21.8	4.1	34.9	24.1	6.6	60.8	25.3	116.8	151.8
Other cereals	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.9
Total cereals	**24.8**	**35.2**	**5.4**	**65.4**	**85.2**	**10.2**	**106.3**	**48.3**	**250.0**	**315.4**
Beans and peas	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.5	1.0	0.0	1.5	1.0	3.6	4.1
Oilseed rape	1.9	1.0	0.0	3.0	6.8	0.2	6.0	1.5	14.5	17.5
Arable silage	0.7	0.3	0.3	1.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.4	1.1	2.4
Maize silage	0.9	1.1	0.2	2.2	2.8	0.7	4.0	4.1	11.6	13.7
Fodder rape and kale	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.3	1.1	1.7
Potatoes	1.9	0.2	0.1	2.2	3.9	0.2	1.8	0.8	6.7	9.0
Turnips	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.8	1.1
Beet[1]	0.1	1.2	0.1	1.5	0.8	0.2	2.7	2.6	6.4	7.8
Vegetables for sale	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.6	2.0	0.1	0.7	0.3	3.0	3.6
Fruit	0.0	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	0.4
Other crops[2]	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.9	1.1	0.6	1.4	0.6	3.7	4.5
Crops, fruit and horticulture	**31.3**	**40.3**	**6.9**	**78.5**	**104.6**	**12.4**	**126.3**	**60.2**	**303.5**	**382.1**
Silage	170.1	114.8	181.9	466.8	85.7	156.6	167.3	198.6	608.2	1,075.0
Hay	35.8	25.8	32.5	94.0	20.9	24.5	36.2	27.9	109.5	203.5
Pasture	411.8	235.3	481.2	1,128.3	213.3	309.3	331.1	409.1	1,262.8	2,391.0
Crops and pasture	**649.0**	**416.2**	**702.4**	**1,767.6**	**424.5**	**502.8**	**660.9**	**695.8**	**2,284.0**	**4,051.5**
Rough grazing in use	127.1	17.1	119.1	263.3	24.1	37.8	32.9	123.1	217.9	481.2
Area farmed	**776.2**	**433.2**	**821.5**	**2,030.8**	**448.6**	**540.6**	**693.8**	**818.9**	**2,501.9**	**4,532.7**

[1] Includes sugar beet and fodder beet.

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

Table 4 Number of Cattle in each Region, June 2012 ' 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 cattle	**883.7**	**783.2**	**914.6**	**2,581.6**	**560.6**	**989.3**	**1,265.1**	**1,357.6**	**4,172.6**	**6,754.1**
Dairy cows[1]	103.3	79.0	48.6	230.9	78.7	182.1	259.2	390.0	910.0	1,140.8
Other cows	202.9	146.1	251.1	600.0	91.0	159.5	157.3	140.8	548.6	1,148.6
Bulls[2]	5.5	4.0	5.8	15.2	2.7	5.4	5.8	6.9	20.8	36.1
Cattle male: 2 years and over	35.4	54.4	50.9	140.7	43.8	55.8	69.9	50.4	219.9	360.6
Cattle female: 2 years and over	55.3	53.0	59.4	167.7	41.9	48.8	57.4	56.1	204.3	372.0
Cattle male: 1-2 years	95.4	104.4	97.4	297.3	69.3	114.1	161.8	127.8	472.9	770.2
Cattle female: 1-2 years	114.5	110.7	117.9	343.2	79.6	121.2	165.7	180.1	546.6	889.8
Cattle male: under 1 year	134.1	122.0	141.9	397.9	77.2	155.0	202.8	190.3	625.3	1,023.2
Cattle female: under 1 year	137.4	109.8	141.6	388.7	76.4	147.4	185.1	215.2	624.1	1,012.8
Total cattle male	**270.3**	**284.7**	**296.0**	**851.1**	**193.0**	**330.2**	**440.3**	**375.4**	**1,339.0**	**2,190.1**
Total cattle female	**613.4**	**498.5**	**618.6**	**1,730.5**	**367.6**	**659.0**	**824.7**	**982.2**	**2,833.6**	**4,564.1**

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Table 4a Number of Cattle in each Region and County, June 2012 ' 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	**6,754.1**	**1,140.8**	**1,148.6**	**36.1**	**360.6**	**372.0**	**770.2**	**889.8**	**1,023.2**	**1,012.8**	**2,190.1**	**4,564.1**
Border, Midland and Western	**2,581.6**	**230.9**	**600.0**	**15.2**	**140.7**	**167.7**	**297.3**	**343.2**	**397.9**	**388.7**	**851.1**	**1,730.5**
Border	**883.7**	**103.3**	**202.9**	**5.5**	**35.4**	**55.3**	**95.4**	**114.5**	**134.1**	**137.4**	**270.3**	**613.4**
Cavan	223.6	32.4	49.3	1.5	8.1	13.3	20.0	29.9	32.9	36.1	62.5	161.1
Donegal	191.0	16.7	46.1	1.0	6.0	10.7	26.7	24.0	31.1	28.7	64.9	126.2
Leitrim	66.2	1.9	25.8	0.6	1.2	4.2	3.0	6.6	11.2	11.6	16.0	50.2
Louth	81.6	12.6	13.0	0.3	5.8	6.0	9.8	11.6	11.0	11.4	27.0	54.6
Monaghan	206.1	31.8	35.6	1.3	9.2	13.3	26.0	28.4	29.7	30.8	66.2	139.9
Sligo	115.2	7.9	33.0	0.7	5.1	7.8	9.9	14.0	18.2	18.7	33.8	81.4
Midland	**783.2**	**79.0**	**146.1**	**4.0**	**54.4**	**53.0**	**104.4**	**110.7**	**121.9**	**109.8**	**284.7**	**498.5**
Laois	228.9	29.4	37.2	1.0	14.9	11.9	34.1	30.4	38.5	31.5	88.6	140.3
Longford	115.6	8.2	28.8	0.8	7.9	7.4	14.5	13.7	17.8	16.5	41.0	74.6
Offaly	221.7	21.1	35.2	1.0	14.7	17.0	31.0	35.8	35.4	30.6	82.0	139.7
Westmeath	217.0	20.2	44.9	1.1	16.8	16.7	24.8	30.9	30.3	31.2	73.1	143.9
West	**914.6**	**48.6**	**251.1**	**5.8**	**50.9**	**59.4**	**97.4**	**117.9**	**141.9**	**141.6**	**296.0**	**618.6**
Galway	422.3	26.4	109.3	2.7	24.5	27.3	46.4	54.7	65.5	65.5	139.1	283.3
Mayo	281.2	16.6	82.0	1.7	13.3	17.4	25.9	35.8	43.7	44.9	84.6	196.6
Roscommon	211.1	5.6	59.8	1.4	13.2	14.7	25.1	27.4	32.6	31.2	72.4	138.7
Southern and Eastern	**4,172.6**	**910.0**	**548.6**	**20.8**	**219.9**	**204.3**	**472.9**	**546.6**	**625.3**	**624.1**	**1,339.0**	**2,833.6**
Mid-East and Dublin	**560.6**	**78.7**	**91.0**	**2.7**	**43.8**	**41.9**	**69.3**	**79.6**	**77.2**	**76.4**	**193.0**	**367.6**
Dublin	23.6	2.9	4.1	0.1	1.6	2.1	2.5	4.0	3.1	3.2	7.4	16.3
Kildare	124.4	12.1	20.2	0.6	14.3	8.8	17.5	17.7	17.8	15.4	50.1	74.3
Meath	294.8	46.3	42.8	1.3	22.7	23.6	37.9	42.5	38.6	39.2	100.5	194.4
Wicklow	117.8	17.4	23.8	0.8	5.3	7.5	11.3	15.4	17.7	18.6	35.1	82.7
Mid-West	**989.3**	**182.1**	**159.5**	**5.4**	**55.8**	**48.8**	**114.1**	**121.2**	**155.0**	**147.4**	**330.2**	**659.0**
Clare	282.7	27.7	77.8	2.1	13.2	14.3	26.5	29.6	45.7	45.8	87.5	195.2
Limerick	403.7	101.5	43.4	2.0	23.2	19.1	44.3	51.6	59.3	59.4	128.8	275.0
North Tipperary	302.9	52.9	38.3	1.3	19.4	15.4	43.3	40.1	50.0	42.2	114.0	188.9
South-East	**1,265.1**	**259.2**	**157.3**	**5.8**	**69.9**	**57.4**	**161.8**	**165.7**	**202.8**	**185.1**	**440.3**	**824.7**
Carlow	93.2	10.8	17.6	0.5	4.3	5.4	11.6	12.7	16.2	14.0	32.6	60.6
Kilkenny	333.3	62.7	41.5	1.4	19.9	13.8	46.5	43.1	56.2	48.3	124.0	209.4
South Tipperary	323.2	72.0	33.7	1.3	22.5	13.9	41.9	40.3	52.2	45.4	117.9	205.3
Waterford	249.7	60.5	28.0	1.2	13.8	10.7	28.8	33.1	36.1	37.5	79.8	169.8
Wexford	265.6	53.1	36.4	1.4	9.4	13.7	33.0	36.6	42.2	39.9	86.0	179.6
South-West	**1,357.6**	**390.0**	**140.8**	**6.9**	**50.4**	**56.1**	**127.8**	**180.1**	**190.3**	**215.2**	**375.4**	**982.2**
Cork	1,023.3	299.5	90.6	4.7	40.0	41.7	104.4	138.6	144.4	159.4	293.5	729.8
Kerry	334.3	90.5	50.2	2.2	10.4	14.4	23.4	41.5	45.9	55.8	81.9	252.4

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

[2] Bulls used for breeding purposes only.

Table 5 Number of Sheep, Pigs and Other Livestock in each Region, June 2012 ' 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	**1,108.9**	**335.3**	**1,377.2**	**2,821.4**	**772.0**	**131.8**	**699.6**	**745.1**	**2,348.6**	**5,170.0**
Breeding sheep	**585.0**	**164.3**	**706.3**	**1,455.6**	**391.5**	**67.6**	**356.7**	**395.6**	**1,211.4**	**2,667.0**
Ewes: 2 years and over	444.8	129.3	540.0	1,114.1	285.0	49.7	268.0	311.1	913.8	2,027.9
Ewes: under 2 years	121.9	30.1	145.3	297.3	95.7	15.5	78.9	74.1	264.1	561.4
Rams	18.3	4.9	21.0	44.2	10.8	2.4	9.8	10.5	33.5	77.7
Other sheep	**524.0**	**171.0**	**670.8**	**1,365.8**	**380.6**	**64.2**	**342.9**	**349.5**	**1,137.2**	**2,503.0**
Total pigs	**429.5**	**271.3**	**50.1**	**750.9**	**73.3**	**100.0**	**306.1**	**340.3**	**819.7**	**1,570.6**
Breeding pigs	**41.0**	**24.7**	**3.9**	**69.6**	**9.3**	**9.8**	**26.7**	**30.3**	**76.1**	**145.7**
Female breeding pigs	40.7	24.5	3.9	69.1	9.3	9.7	26.4	30.1	75.5	144.6
Boars	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.6	1.1
Other pigs	**388.5**	**246.7**	**46.2**	**681.3**	**64.0**	**90.3**	**279.4**	**310.0**	**743.6**	**1,425.0**
20kg and over	255.5	183.6	29.9	469.1	42.1	64.0	191.6	213.9	511.6	980.7
Less than 20kg	133.0	63.1	16.2	212.3	21.8	26.3	87.8	96.1	232.0	444.3
Horses and ponies	13.3	8.9	24.1	46.4	15.5	15.5	20.1	13.6	64.7	111.1
Mules, jennets and asses	2.0	0.5	3.0	5.5	0.7	1.9	0.6	1.1	4.4	9.8
Goats	1.2	2.1	0.9	4.1	1.8	1.4	0.6	2.3	6.2	10.3
Farmed deer	0.2	0.0	1.0	1.3	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.8	2.1

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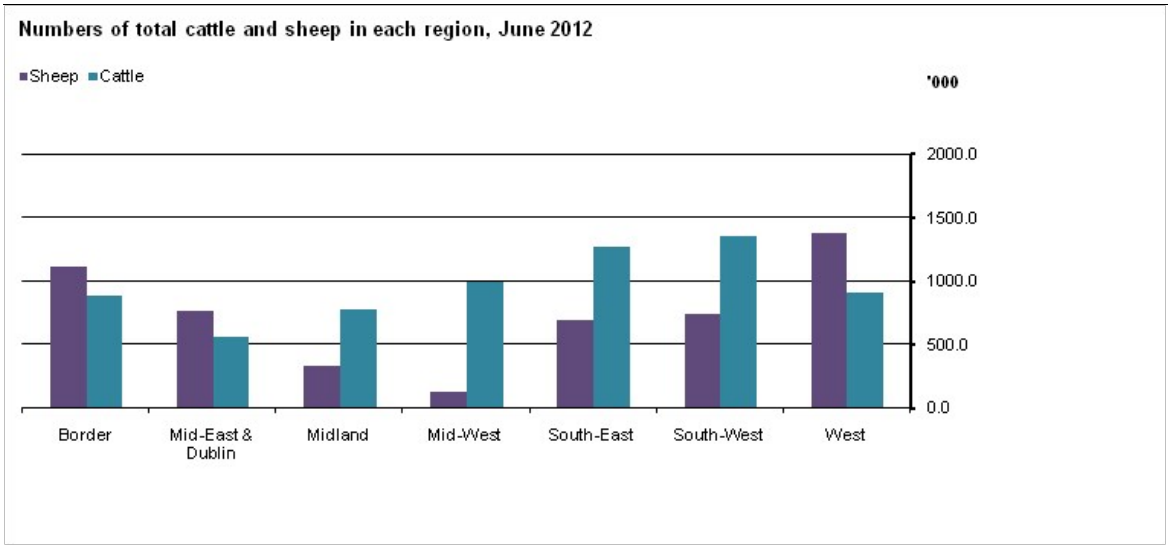

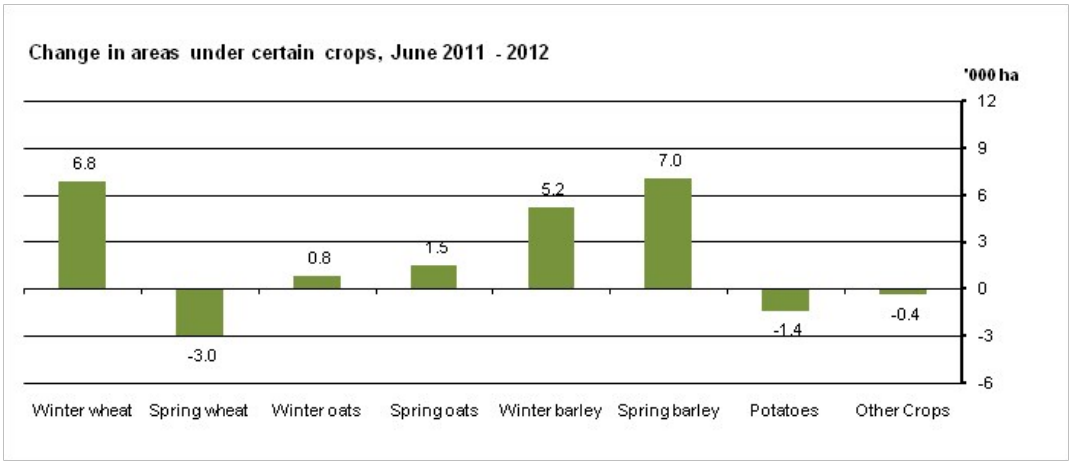

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Background Notes

Introduction

This release presents final estimates of land utilisation and livestock numbers in June 2012 at State and regional level. The estimates for sheep and pigs are based on returns from the 2012 June sample survey of agricultural holdings and the June 2012 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. Information on cattle numbers and on flows into and out of the cattle population has been available from this system since December 2002.

Sheep The June 2012 results for sheep are based on the trends obtained by comparing the returns from the 2012 sample with the 2011 returns for the same 7,700 farms and applying these trends to the June 2011 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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