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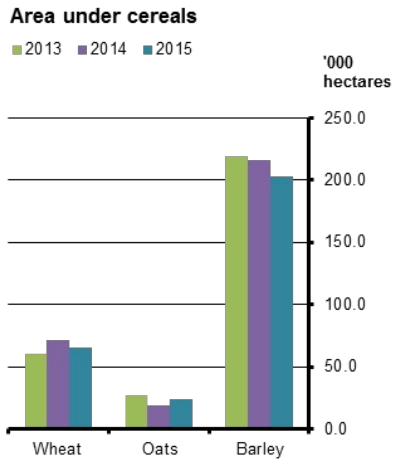
Crops and Livestock Survey June Final Results

June 2015

	Total Cereals	Cattle	Sheep
	'000 hectares(ha)	'000	'000
June 2014	306.7	6,926.1	5,096.8
June 2015	292.4	6,963.5	5,138.7
% change	-4.7	+0.5	+0.8

Area under Cereals down 4.7% in June 2015



The final results for June 2015 show that the area under cereals decreased by 14,300 ha (-4.7%) to 292,400 ha. This was principally due to a decrease of 22,600 ha (-14.5%) in the area under spring barley and a decrease of 9,900 ha (-15.2%) in the area under winter wheat. *See Table 1.*

The results also indicate that the total number of sheep was 5,138,700, an increase of 42,000 (+0.8%) on June 2014. The number of non-breeding sheep was up 2.8%, while breeding sheep numbers were down by 1.1% in the same period. *See Table 2.*

A comparison with the June 2014 results indicates that:

- Cattle numbers were up by 37,400 (+0.5%) to 6,963,500. The total number of *cattle under 1 year* increased by 163,900 (+8.7%), while *cattle 2 years and over* (excluding cows and bulls) decreased by 76,200 (-8.6%). *See Table 2.*
- The number of *dairy cows* was up by 69,400 (+5.7%), while *other cows* dropped by 53,200 (-4.7%). *See Table 2*
- Pig numbers were down by 18,400 (-1.2%) to 1,536,900. Breeding pigs were down 1.6% and non-breeding pigs down by 1.1%. *See Table 2.*
- The area under potatoes decreased by 9.9% to 8,500 ha. *See Table 1.*

A regional analysis of the livestock numbers indicates that the largest number of cattle (1,399,100) was in the South-West region, the largest number of sheep (1,391,400) was in the West region and the largest number of pigs (427,300) was in the Border region. *See Tables 4 and 5.*

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Figure 2 Total cattle and sheep in each region, June 2015

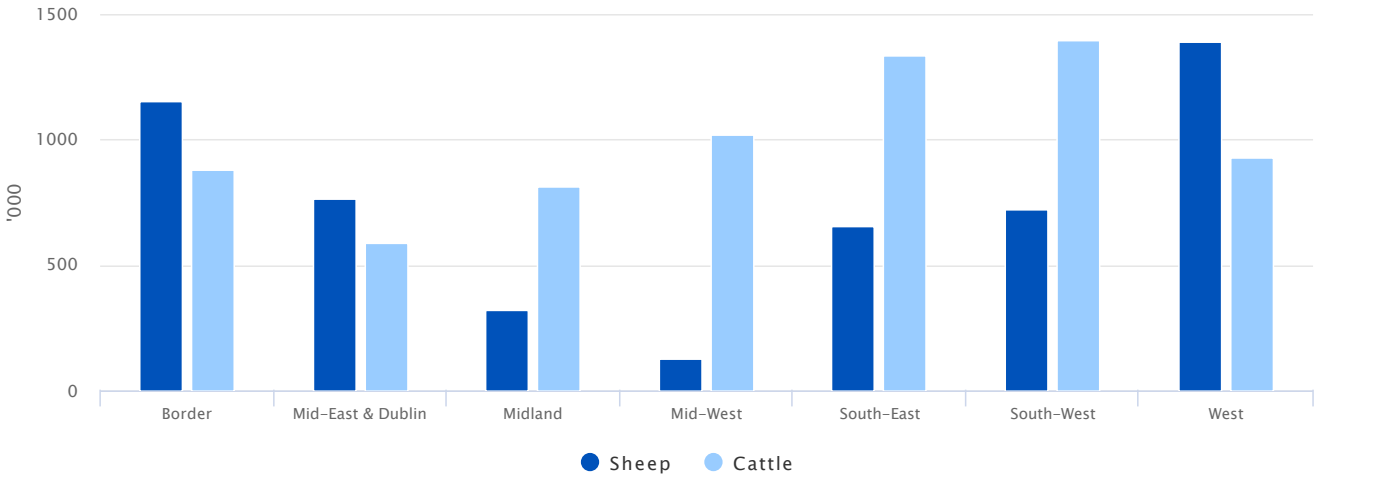

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Figure 3 Change in areas under selected crops, June 2014 - 2015

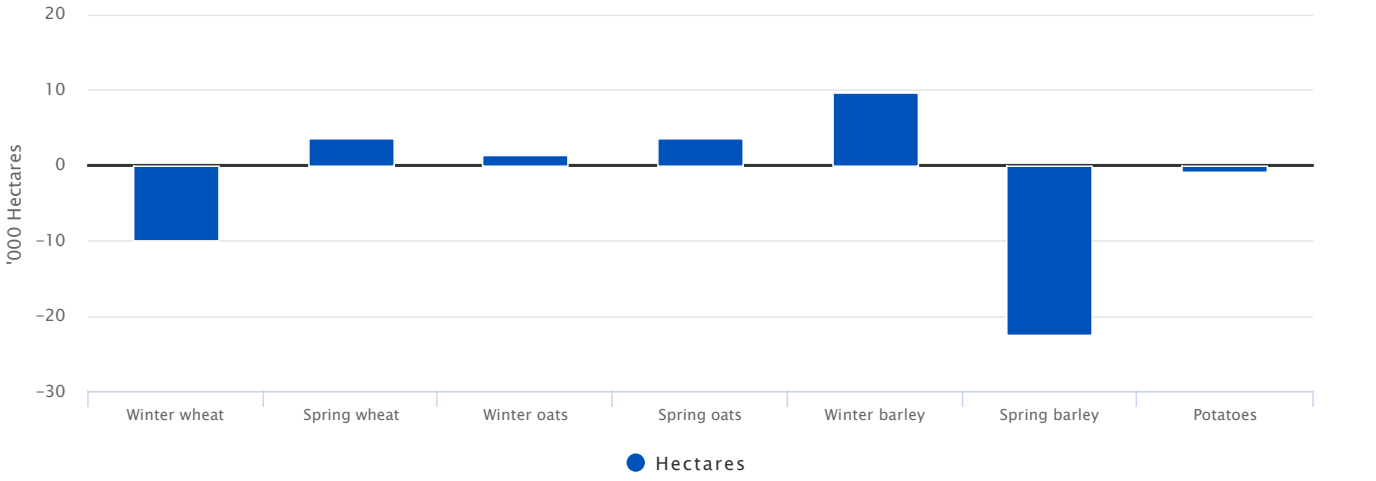

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Table 1 Area under Crops and Pasture

Description	June 2013	June 2014	June 2015	Change 2014 - 2015	
	' 000 hectares			' 000 hectares	%
Wheat - total	60.6	71.6	65.3	-6.3	-8.8
Winter wheat	45.4	65.1	55.3	-9.9	-15.2
Spring wheat	15.2	6.5	10.1	3.6	56.0
Oats - total	26.7	18.6	23.4	4.8	25.9
Winter oats	5.4	10.1	11.4	1.3	12.4
Spring oats	21.3	8.5	12.1	3.6	41.8
Barley - total	219.4	215.7	202.8	-12.9	-6.0
Winter barley	36.0	60.1	69.8	9.7	16.1
Spring barley	183.5	155.6	133.0	-22.6	-14.5
Other cereals	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.1	9.4
Total cereals	**307.8**	**306.7**	**292.4**	**-14.3**	**-4.7**
Beans and peas	4.5	3.5	10.7	7.1	201.4
Oilseed rape	13.7	9.4	8.9	-0.5	-5.6
Arable silage	3.9	3.5	3.5	0.0	0.5
Maize silage	14.5	13.9	12.9	-1.0	-7.4
Fodder rape and kale	1.4	1.2	1.7	0.5	41.9
Potatoes	10.7	9.5	8.5	-0.9	-9.9
Turnips	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.3	32.4
Beet [1]	10.1	10.3	9.6	-0.7	-7.0
Vegetables for sale	3.5	3.4	3.2	-0.2	-4.5
Fruit	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	-3.9
Nurseries, horticulture etc.	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	9.3
Other crops [2]	4.7	4.0	5.8	1.8	43.4
Total crops, fruit and horticulture	**377.2**	**367.7**	**359.7**	**-7.9**	**-2.2**
Silage	1,071.0	1,077.6	1,071.1	-6.4	-0.6
Hay	218.4	217.9	195.7	-22.2	-10.2
Pasture	2,337.7	2,308.4	2,299.4	-9.0	-0.4
Crops and Pasture	**4,004.3**	**3,971.5**	**3,926.0**	**-45.5**	**-1.1**
Rough grazing in use	473.5	494.2	503.6	9.3	1.9
Area farmed	**4,477.8**	**4,465.8**	**4,429.5**	**-36.2**	**-0.8**

[1] Includes sugar beet and fodder beet.

[2] Includes other crops not specified elsewhere in the table, miscanthus & fallow land account for over 50% of this area.

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Table 2 Number of Livestock

Description	June 2013	June 2014	June 2015	Change 2014 - 2015	
		' 000		' 000	%
Total cattle	**6,902.6**	**6,926.1**	**6,963.5**	**37.4**	**0.5**
Dairy cows [1]	1,163.2	1,226.4	1,295.8	69.4	5.7
Other cows	1,150.3	1,129.0	1,075.8	-53.2	-4.7
Bulls [2]	41.4	40.8	36.5	-4.3	-10.6
Cattle male: 2 years and over	388.2	455.9	423.8	-32.1	-7.0
Cattle female: 2 years and over	380.1	428.4	384.4	-44.1	-10.3
Cattle male: 1-2 years	872.7	820.5	789.6	-31.0	-3.8
Cattle female: 1-2 years	938.3	946.7	915.5	-31.2	-3.3
Cattle male: under 1 year	959.2	901.6	994.4	92.8	10.3
Cattle female: under 1 year	1,009.3	976.8	1,047.8	71.1	7.3
Total cattle male	**2,261.5**	**2,218.8**	**2,244.2**	**25.4**	**1.1**
Total cattle female	**4,641.1**	**4,707.3**	**4,719.3**	**12.0**	**0.3**
Total sheep	**5,007.0**	**5,096.8**	**5,138.7**	**42.0**	**0.8**
Breeding sheep	**2,648.6**	**2,591.3**	**2,563.9**	**-27.5**	**-1.1**
Ewes: 2 years and over	2,028.7	2,060.3	2,033.1	-27.1	-1.3
Ewes: under 2 years	539.5	453.6	454.9	1.3	0.3
Rams	80.4	77.5	75.8	-1.7	-2.2
Other sheep	**2,358.4**	**2,505.4**	**2,574.9**	**69.5**	**2.8**
Total pigs	**1,552.5**	**1,555.3**	**1,536.9**	**-18.4**	**-1.2**
Breeding pigs	**147.9**	**151.7**	**149.3**	**-2.5**	**-1.6**
Female breeding pigs	146.5	150.3	147.8	-2.5	-1.6
Boars	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	-1.3
Other pigs	**1,404.6**	**1,403.6**	**1,387.6**	**-16.0**	**-1.1**
20kg and over	955.8	962.6	941.7	-20.9	-2.2
Less than 20kg	448.8	441.0	445.9	4.9	1.1
Horses and ponies [3]	101.6	95.0	93.1	-1.9	-2.1
Mules, jennets and asses	8.2	8.1	8.9	0.8	10.1
Goats	8.7	12.2 [4]	15.6 [4]	3.5	28.4

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

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Table 3 Area under Crops and Pasture in each Region, June 2015 ' 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	5.6	4.8	0.3	10.6	31.8	0.9	15.4	6.5	54.7	65.3
Winter wheat	5.3	3.9	0.2	9.4	28.7	0.6	12.4	4.1	45.8	55.3
Spring wheat	0.2	0.8	0.1	1.2	3.1	0.3	3.0	2.5	8.8	10.1
Oats - total	2.2	2.3	1.0	5.5	6.0	0.5	8.6	2.9	17.9	23.4
Winter oats	0.8	1.0	0.1	2.0	3.9	0.1	4.2	1.1	9.4	11.4
Spring oats	1.4	1.2	0.9	3.5	2.1	0.3	4.4	1.8	8.6	12.1
Barley - total	15.4	24.2	3.7	43.3	43.9	7.6	75.7	32.3	159.5	202.8
Winter barley	7.1	6.5	0.7	14.2	20.0	2.9	21.7	10.9	55.5	69.8
Spring barley	8.3	17.7	3.1	29.1	23.9	4.7	54.0	21.4	104.0	133.0
Other cereals	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.9
Total cereals	**23.3**	**31.4**	**5.0**	**59.7**	**82.1**	**9.0**	**99.9**	**41.7**	**232.7**	**292.4**
Beans and peas	0.6	0.7	0.0	1.4	3.9	0.1	3.7	1.6	9.3	10.7
Oilseed rape	0.6	0.4	0.0	1.0	4.3	0.1	3.0	0.5	7.9	8.9
Arable silage	0.6	0.5	0.2	1.4	0.4	0.2	0.8	0.7	2.1	3.5
Maize silage	1.1	0.8	0.1	2.0	2.7	0.6	3.8	3.7	10.8	12.9
Fodder rape and kale	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.3	1.1	1.7
Potatoes	1.9	0.2	0.1	2.2	3.6	0.2	1.9	0.7	6.4	8.5
Turnips	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.9	1.1
Beet[1]	0.2	1.5	0.2	1.9	1.0	0.3	3.7	2.7	7.8	9.6
Vegetables for sale	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.6	1.6	0.0	0.7	0.3	2.7	3.2
Fruit	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.3	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	0.5	0.5
Other crops[2]	0.7	0.6	0.1	1.4	1.9	0.5	1.5	0.5	4.3	5.8
Crops, fruit and horticulture	**29.4**	**36.8**	**6.4**	**72.6**	**102.5**	**11.1**	**120.3**	**53.1**	**287.1**	**359.7**
Silage	169.8	118.7	173.1	461.5	87.8	149.8	163.9	208.0	609.6	1,071.1
Hay	31.1	19.0	33.6	83.7	20.5	40.9	27.3	23.4	112.0	195.7
Pasture	397.8	253.4	457.1	1,108.3	196.3	296.8	327.4	370.7	1,191.2	2,299.4
Crops and pasture	**628.0**	**427.9**	**670.2**	**1,726.1**	**407.0**	**498.7**	**638.9**	**655.2**	**2,199.8**	**3,926.0**
Rough grazing in use	126.7	29.6	122.7	279.0	25.9	41.0	30.0	127.6	224.5	503.6
Area farmed	**754.7**	**457.5**	**792.9**	**2,005.2**	**432.9**	**539.7**	**668.9**	**782.8**	**2,424.3**	**4,429.5**

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Table 4 Number of Cattle in each Region and County, June 2015 ' 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	**6,963.5**	**1,295.8**	**1,075.8**	**36.5**	**423.8**	**384.4**	**789.6**	**915.5**	**994.4**	**1,047.8**	**2,244.2**	**4,719.3**
Border, Midland and Western	**2,622.1**	**262.7**	**568.0**	**15.2**	**161.6**	**178.5**	**301.5**	**348.6**	**390.8**	**395.2**	**869.1**	**1,753.0**
Border	**880.8**	**113.6**	**189.7**	**5.3**	**42.0**	**57.7**	**92.8**	**114.2**	**128.9**	**136.6**	**269.2**	**611.6**
Cavan	223.0	35.8	45.5	1.4	8.9	13.6	19.9	29.8	31.8	36.2	62.1	160.9
Donegal	185.5	18.9	42.0	1.1	7.4	10.1	25.1	22.8	30.6	27.5	64.1	121.3
Leitrim	65.0	2.1	25.4	0.6	1.3	4.4	3.0	6.2	10.6	11.4	15.5	49.5
Louth	87.1	14.3	12.1	0.4	8.3	7.1	9.8	12.6	10.2	12.4	28.7	58.5
Monaghan	206.7	34.4	32.8	1.2	11.1	14.2	24.6	29.0	28.2	31.1	65.1	141.6
Sligo	113.5	8.1	31.8	0.7	5.0	8.2	10.4	13.7	17.6	18.0	33.7	79.8
Midland	**811.1**	**93.3**	**136.5**	**3.8**	**61.6**	**55.7**	**108.5**	**115.9**	**120.1**	**115.7**	**294.0**	**517.1**
Laois	242.9	35.5	34.1	1.0	18.6	13.5	36.5	31.8	38.3	33.5	94.4	148.5
Longford	113.6	8.9	26.9	0.8	8.6	7.4	13.8	14.6	16.3	16.1	39.6	74.0
Offaly	233.6	25.6	33.6	0.9	17.0	16.6	33.0	37.2	35.6	33.9	86.6	147.0
Westmeath	221.0	23.3	41.9	1.1	17.3	18.1	25.1	32.2	29.9	32.1	73.4	147.6
West	**930.2**	**55.8**	**241.9**	**6.0**	**58.0**	**65.2**	**100.2**	**118.5**	**141.8**	**142.9**	**306.0**	**624.3**
Galway	438.3	31.2	105.3	2.8	29.2	30.0	48.9	56.5	67.2	67.3	148.0	290.2
Mayo	281.5	17.8	79.4	1.8	14.5	19.4	26.9	34.6	42.9	44.2	86.1	195.4
Roscommon	210.5	6.8	57.2	1.5	14.3	15.8	24.4	27.5	31.7	31.4	71.8	138.7
Southern and Eastern	**4,341.4**	**1,033.1**	**507.8**	**21.2**	**262.1**	**205.9**	**488.1**	**566.9**	**603.6**	**652.6**	**1,375.1**	**2,966.3**
Mid-East and Dublin	**591.3**	**89.6**	**87.3**	**2.7**	**51.5**	**42.4**	**75.3**	**82.6**	**78.2**	**81.7**	**207.7**	**383.6**
Dublin	23.0	2.9	4.0	0.1	1.7	2.4	2.3	3.5	3.0	3.0	7.2	15.8
Kildare	136.7	14.0	21.2	0.6	16.2	8.9	20.8	19.0	18.8	17.3	56.4	80.3
Meath	309.3	53.4	39.1	1.3	28.1	24.3	40.4	43.4	38.0	41.3	107.8	201.4
Wicklow	122.3	19.3	23.0	0.8	5.4	6.9	11.7	16.8	18.3	20.1	36.2	86.1
Mid-West	**1,017.6**	**201.9**	**147.2**	**5.6**	**68.0**	**51.2**	**115.8**	**124.9**	**152.2**	**150.8**	**341.6**	**676.0**
Clare	286.4	30.7	73.7	2.2	16.6	15.3	27.6	30.7	44.7	44.9	91.1	195.3
Limerick	409.0	109.7	39.0	2.1	27.6	20.1	43.1	50.5	57.1	59.9	129.8	279.1
North Tipperary	322.3	61.6	34.5	1.3	23.8	15.8	45.2	43.7	50.4	46.0	120.7	201.6
South-East	**1,333.3**	**304.2**	**144.6**	**5.6**	**83.7**	**55.6**	**168.8**	**177.9**	**193.8**	**198.9**	**452.0**	**881.3**
Carlow	100.0	12.9	17.3	0.5	5.8	5.4	13.1	14.2	15.6	15.2	35.0	65.0
Kilkenny	349.4	73.1	37.6	1.3	24.0	13.8	49.8	46.1	53.0	50.6	128.2	221.2
South Tipperary	340.7	84.7	29.3	1.3	27.7	12.9	42.3	42.6	50.2	49.6	121.5	219.2
Waterford	258.0	71.4	24.9	1.2	14.2	9.8	27.8	34.2	34.6	40.0	77.7	180.3
Wexford	285.3	62.1	35.5	1.3	12.1	13.7	35.8	40.8	40.4	43.5	89.6	195.6
South-West	**1,399.1**	**437.4**	**128.7**	**7.3**	**59.0**	**56.6**	**128.1**	**181.5**	**179.4**	**221.2**	**373.8**	**1,025.4**
Cork	1,059.1	339.5	82.0	5.0	46.9	40.8	104.7	140.0	134.9	165.3	291.6	767.5
Kerry	340.1	97.9	46.8	2.3	12.0	15.8	23.4	41.5	44.5	55.9	82.2	257.9

[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 2015 ' 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	**1,154.9**	**321.5**	**1,391.4**	**2,867.8**	**763.5**	**126.6**	**656.6**	**724.2**	**2,270.9**	**5,138.7**
Breeding sheep	**579.8**	**156.2**	**688.8**	**1,424.8**	**379.1**	**66.6**	**332.1**	**361.4**	**1,139.1**	**2,563.9**
Ewes: 2 years and over	459.0	128.7	536.6	1,124.4	297.2	50.9	268.6	292.2	908.8	2,033.1
Ewes: under 2 years	103.3	23.1	130.4	256.8	71.1	13.3	54.8	59.0	198.1	454.9
Rams	17.5	4.4	21.7	43.6	10.8	2.5	8.7	10.2	32.2	75.8
Other sheep	**575.1**	**165.3**	**702.6**	**1,443.1**	**384.4**	**60.1**	**324.5**	**362.8**	**1,131.8**	**2,574.9**
Total pigs	**427.3**	**286.4**	**47.4**	**761.1**	**82.1**	**92.8**	**315.5**	**285.4**	**775.8**	**1,536.9**
Breeding pigs	**39.9**	**26.3**	**4.2**	**70.4**	**10.2**	**9.2**	**31.0**	**28.4**	**78.8**	**149.3**
Female breeding pigs	39.7	26.2	4.2	70.1	10.2	9.2	30.4	28.0	77.8	147.8
Boars	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.4	1.1	1.4
Other pigs	**387.4**	**260.1**	**43.2**	**690.7**	**71.9**	**83.5**	**284.5**	**257.1**	**697.0**	**1,387.6**
20kg and over	260.6	185.8	27.1	473.5	47.2	56.2	195.9	169.0	468.2	941.7
Less than 20kg	126.8	74.3	16.1	217.1	24.7	27.4	88.7	88.1	228.8	445.9
Horses and ponies [1]	9.9	9.6	17.0	36.5	15.9	11.0	15.6	14.1	56.6	93.1
Mules, jennets and asses	2.1	0.5	3.4	6.0	0.3	1.4	0.5	0.7	3.0	8.9
Goats [2]	3.8	1.3	3.2	8.3	2.5	1.3	1.7	1.9	7.3	15.6

[1] Horses and Ponies are those kept on agricultural holdings only.

[2] 2015 goat results are obtained from DAFM's 2014 December Sheep and Goat Census.

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Background Notes

Introduction

This release presents final estimates of land utilisation and livestock numbers in June 2015 at State and regional level. The estimates for sheep and pigs are based on returns from the 2015 June sample survey of agricultural holdings and the June 2015 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 2015 goat results are obtained from DAFM's 2014 December Sheep and Goat Census.

Sheep The June 2015 results for sheep are based on the trends obtained by comparing the returns from the 2015 sample with the 2014 returns for the same 6,600 farms and applying these trends to the June 2014 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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