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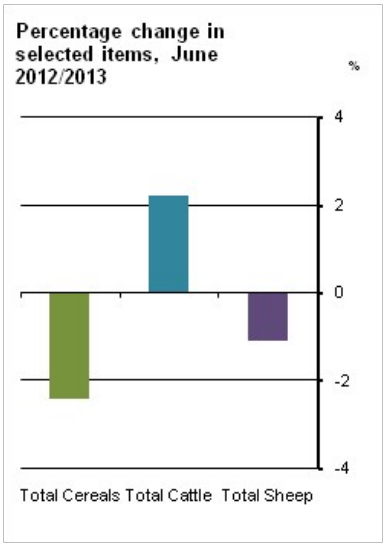
Crops and Livestock Survey June Final Results

June 2013

	Total Cereals	Cattle	Sheep
	'000 hectares	'000	'000
June 2012	315.4	6,754.1	5,170.0
June 2013	307.8	6,902.6	5,110.6
% change	-2.4	+2.2	-1.1

Area under cereals down 2.4% in June 2013



The final results for June 2013 show that the area under cereals decreased by 7,600 hectares (-2.4%) to 307,800 ha. The area under winter cereals (wheat, oats and barley) decreased by 48,700 ha (-36.0%), including a drop of 39,200 ha (-46.3%) in winter wheat. The area under spring cereals showed an increase of 40,900 ha (+22.9%) in the same period, with an increase of 31,700 ha (+20.9%) in spring barley. *See Table 1*.

The results also indicate that the total number of cattle was 6,902,600, an increase of 148,500 (+2.2%) on June 2012. This was mainly due to increases of 102,500 (+13.3%) in male cattle 1 to 2 years, 27,600 (+7.6%) in male cattle 2 years and over and an increase of 48,500 (+5.4%) in female cattle 1 to 2 years. The number of dairy cows also increased by 22,400 (+2.0%). *See Table 2*.

A comparison with the June 2012 results indicates that:

- Sheep numbers were down by 59,400 (-1.1%) to 5,110,600. There were decreases of 21,900 (-3.9%) in the number of ewes under 2 years and 41,100 (-1.6%) in non-breeding sheep. *See Table 2*.
- Pig numbers dropped by 18,600 (-1.2%) to 1,552,000. The number of breeding pigs was up by 1.2%, while non-breeding pig numbers were down by 1.4%. *See Table 2.*
- The area under potatoes increased by 19.4% to 10,700 ha. *See Table 1.*

A regional analysis of the livestock numbers indicates that the largest number of cattle (1,376,800) was in the South-West region, the largest number of sheep (1,355,800) was in the West region and the largest number of pigs (417,100) was in the Border region. *See Tables 4 and 5.*

Figure 2 Total cattle and sheep in each region, June 2013

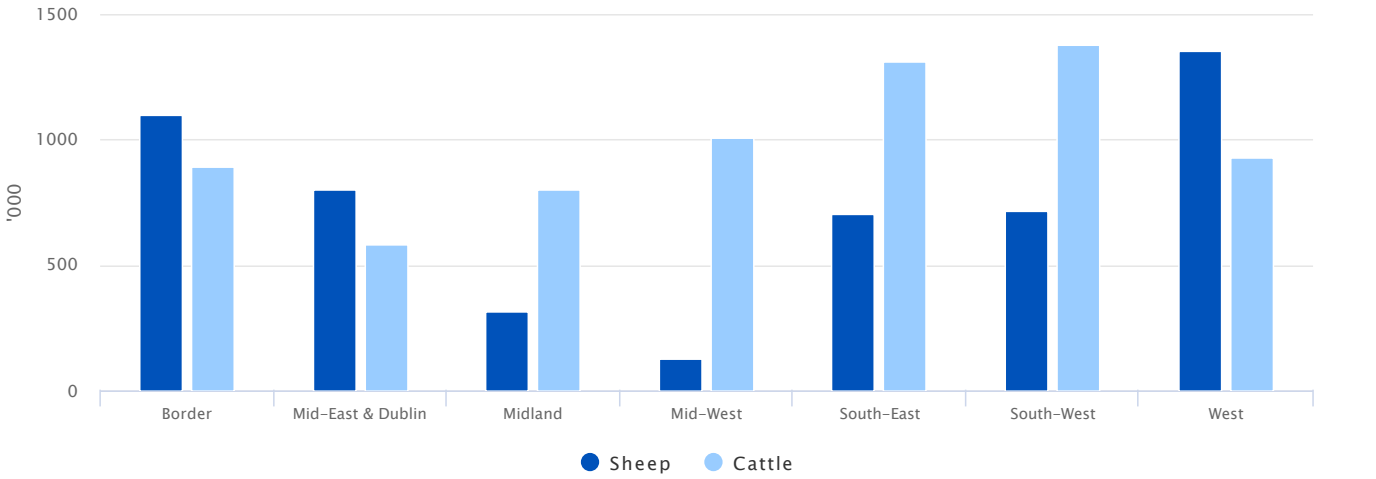


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Figure 3 Change in areas under selected crops, June 2012 - 2013

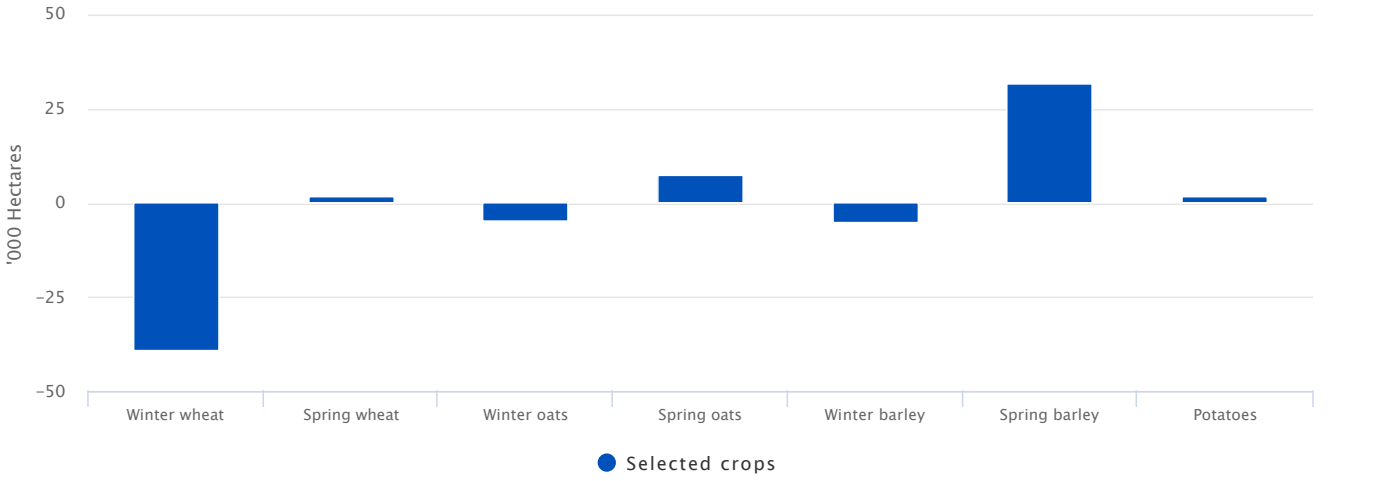

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Table 1 Area under Crops and Pasture

Description	June 2011	June 2012	June 2013	Change 2012 - 2013	
	' 000 hectares			' 000 hectares	%
Wheat - total	94.2	98.0	60.6	-37.4	-38.2
Winter wheat	77.7	84.6	45.4	-39.2	-46.3
Spring wheat	16.4	13.5	15.2	1.7	12.9
Oats - total	21.4	23.7	26.7	3.0	12.6
Winter oats	9.0	9.9	5.4	-4.5	-45.7
Spring oats	12.4	13.8	21.3	7.5	54.2
Barley - total	180.6	192.8	219.4	26.7	13.8
Winter barley	35.9	41.0	36.0	-5.0	-12.3
Spring barley	144.8	151.8	183.5	31.7	20.9
Other cereals	1.2	0.9	1.1	0.2	25.4
Total cereals	**297.4**	**315.4**	**307.8**	**-7.6**	**-2.4**
Beans and peas	2.9	4.1	4.5	0.4	9.4
Oilseed rape	12.4	17.5	13.7	-3.8	-21.7
Arable silage	2.9	2.4	3.9	1.6	66.3
Maize silage	19.0	13.7	14.5	0.8	5.8
Fodder rape and kale	1.3	1.7	1.4	-0.2	-14.9
Potatoes	10.4	9.0	10.7	1.7	19.4
Turnips	1.0	1.1	0.9	-0.2	-18.5
Beet [1]	8.2	7.8	10.1	2.3	29.4
Vegetables for sale	3.8	3.6	3.5	-0.1	-3.4
Fruit	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.0	4.8
Nurseries, horticulture etc.	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.0	11.8
Other crops [2]	4.9	4.5	4.7	0.2	3.7
Total crops, fruit and horticulture	**365.4**	**382.1**	**377.2**	**-4.9**	**-1.3**
Silage	1,070.2	1,075.0	1,071.0	-3.9	-0.4
Hay	213.2	203.5	218.4	14.9	7.3
Pasture	2,459.3	2,391.0	2,337.7	-53.3	-2.2
Crops and Pasture	**4,108.2**	**4,051.5**	**4,004.3**	**-47.2**	**-1.2**
Rough grazing in use	447.3	481.2	473.5	-7.7	-1.6
Area farmed	**4,555.5**	**4,532.7**	**4,477.8**	**-54.9**	**-1.2**

[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 2011	June 2012	June 2013	Change 2012 - 2013	
		' 000		' 000	%
Total cattle	**6,493.0**	**6,754.1**	**6,902.6**	**148.5**	**2.2**
Dairy cows [1]	1,116.9	1,140.8	1,163.2	22.4	2.0
Other cows	1,123.3	1,148.6	1,150.3	1.7	0.1
Bulls [2]	41.8	36.1	41.4	5.4	14.9
Cattle male: 2 years and over	425.5	360.6	388.2	27.6	7.6
Cattle female: 2 years and over	411.9	372.0	380.1	8.1	2.2
Cattle male: 1-2 years	673.4	770.2	872.7	102.5	13.3
Cattle female: 1-2 years	854.7	889.8	938.3	48.5	5.4
Cattle male: under 1 year	891.9	1,023.2	959.2	-63.9	-6.2
Cattle female: under 1 year	953.6	1,012.8	1,009.3	-3.6	-0.4
Total cattle male	**2,032.7**	**2,190.1**	**2,261.5**	**71.4**	**3.3**
Total cattle female	**4,460.3**	**4,564.1**	**4,641.1**	**77.1**	**1.7**
Total sheep	**4,830.0**	**5,170.0**	**5,110.6**	**-59.4**	**-1.1**
Breeding sheep	**2,508.9**	**2,667.0**	**2,648.6**	**-18.4**	**-0.7**
Ewes: 2 years and over	1,939.1	2,027.9	2,028.7	0.8	0.0
Ewes: under 2 years	496.1	561.4	539.5	-21.9	-3.9
Rams	73.7	77.7	80.4	2.7	3.4
Other sheep	**2,321.0**	**2,503.0**	**2,462.0**	**-41.1**	**-1.6**
Total pigs	**1,549.0**	**1,570.6**	**1,552.0**	**-18.6**	**-1.2**
Breeding pigs	**156.2**	**145.7**	**147.5**	**1.8**	**1.2**
Female breeding pigs	154.9	144.6	146.5	1.9	1.3
Boars	1.3	1.1	0.9	-0.1	-10.2
Other pigs	**1,392.8**	**1,425.0**	**1,404.6**	**-20.4**	**-1.4**
20kg and over	972.0	980.7	955.8	-24.9	-2.5
Less than 20kg	420.8	444.3	448.8	4.5	1.0
Horses and ponies	106.0	111.1	101.6	-9.5	-8.6
Mules, jennets and asses	8.7	9.8	8.2	-1.6	-16.7
Goats	11.4	10.3	8.7	-1.6	-15.8
Farmed deer	2.8	2.1	1.5	-0.5	-24.7

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Table 3 Area under Crops and Pasture in each Region, June 2013 ' 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	5.4	4.4	0.2	10.0	25.7	1.0	16.8	7.2	50.6	60.6
Winter wheat	4.9	3.3	0.1	8.2	19.6	0.5	12.9	4.2	37.2	45.4
Spring wheat	0.5	1.1	0.1	1.8	6.1	0.5	3.9	2.9	13.4	15.2
Oats - total	2.4	1.8	0.9	5.2	8.1	0.4	9.8	3.1	21.4	26.7
Winter oats	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.8	1.8	0.0	2.3	0.4	4.5	5.4
Spring oats	2.2	1.3	0.9	4.4	6.3	0.4	7.5	2.6	16.9	21.3
Barley - total	16.3	26.3	4.3	46.9	49.9	8.6	78.7	35.2	172.5	219.4
Winter barley	4.6	2.9	0.1	7.5	8.6	0.9	10.5	8.5	28.4	36.0
Spring barley	11.7	23.4	4.3	39.4	41.3	7.8	68.2	26.8	144.1	183.5
Other cereals	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.6	1.1
Total cereals	**24.3**	**32.7**	**5.5**	**62.6**	**84.0**	**10.0**	**105.6**	**45.5**	**245.2**	**307.8**
Beans and peas	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.8	1.6	0.0	1.3	0.8	3.7	4.5
Oilseed rape	1.2	0.9	0.0	2.1	5.1	0.1	5.6	0.8	11.5	13.7
Arable silage	0.7	0.6	0.3	1.6	0.6	0.1	0.7	0.9	2.4	3.9
Maize silage	1.2	1.0	0.2	2.4	3.2	0.5	4.0	4.5	12.1	14.5
Fodder rape and kale	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.9	1.4
Potatoes	2.3	0.3	0.1	2.8	4.7	0.2	2.1	1.0	8.0	10.7
Turnips	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.9
Beet [1]	0.3	1.4	0.2	1.9	1.2	0.3	3.6	3.2	8.3	10.1
Vegetables for sale	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.6	2.0	0.0	0.6	0.3	2.9	3.5
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	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.5
Other crops [2]	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.9	1.5	0.5	1.3	0.5	3.8	4.7
Crops, fruit and horticulture	**31.1**	**38.5**	**6.9**	**76.5**	**104.5**	**12.1**	**126.2**	**57.9**	**300.7**	**377.2**
Silage	174.7	114.9	176.8	466.3	84.8	153.9	168.9	197.0	604.7	1,071.0
Hay	36.9	23.9	35.8	96.5	23.7	27.0	41.0	30.1	121.8	218.4
Pasture	408.7	232.0	460.3	1,101.0	203.5	316.7	326.4	390.1	1,236.7	2,337.7
Crops and pasture	**651.4**	**409.2**	**679.8**	**1,740.4**	**416.5**	**509.7**	**662.5**	**675.2**	**2,263.9**	**4,004.3**
Rough grazing in use	123.5	18.1	107.5	249.1	26.6	36.3	34.9	126.6	224.4	473.5
Area farmed	**774.9**	**427.4**	**787.3**	**1,989.5**	**443.1**	**546.1**	**697.3**	**801.8**	**2,488.3**	**4,477.8**

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Table 4 Number of Cattle in each Region and County, June 2013 ' 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	**6,902.6**	**1,163.2**	**1,150.3**	**41.4**	**388.2**	**380.1**	**872.7**	**938.3**	**959.2**	**1,009.3**	**2,261.5**	**4,641.1**
Border, Midland and Western	**2,623.0**	**234.0**	**600.5**	**17.6**	**150.0**	**170.9**	**330.4**	**361.4**	**375.5**	**382.7**	**873.6**	**1,749.5**
Border	**893.7**	**103.3**	**202.7**	**6.2**	**36.1**	**53.9**	**105.7**	**120.8**	**128.8**	**136.1**	**276.9**	**616.8**
Cavan	225.2	32.2	49.1	1.7	7.9	12.8	22.5	31.5	31.7	35.8	63.8	161.3
Donegal	191.1	16.9	45.7	1.2	6.0	10.5	27.9	24.5	30.2	28.4	65.2	125.9
Leitrim	66.6	1.9	25.8	0.7	1.1	3.9	3.6	6.9	11.1	11.7	16.5	50.2
Louth	84.6	13.1	13.1	0.4	6.4	5.8	11.7	12.4	10.2	11.5	28.7	55.9
Monaghan	209.2	31.4	35.8	1.4	9.8	12.9	29.0	30.7	27.7	30.5	67.9	141.3
Sligo	117.0	7.8	33.3	0.8	5.1	8.1	11.0	14.8	17.8	18.2	34.8	82.2
Midland	**801.0**	**81.4**	**146.1**	**4.5**	**58.3**	**55.2**	**118.7**	**116.2**	**111.9**	**108.6**	**293.5**	**507.5**
Laois	237.5	30.8	37.3	1.2	16.9	13.3	39.0	31.2	35.8	32.0	92.9	144.6
Longford	115.5	8.4	28.4	1.0	8.0	7.1	16.0	14.9	16.0	15.8	40.9	74.6
Offaly	228.8	21.9	35.7	1.1	17.0	17.9	36.5	36.4	31.7	30.6	86.2	142.6
Westmeath	219.2	20.4	44.6	1.3	16.3	16.9	27.3	33.7	28.5	30.2	73.4	145.8
West	**928.4**	**49.3**	**251.7**	**6.9**	**55.5**	**61.9**	**106.0**	**124.3**	**134.8**	**138.0**	**303.2**	**625.2**
Galway	432.0	27.7	109.6	3.2	28.0	28.7	50.0	58.4	62.0	64.4	143.2	288.8
Mayo	284.7	16.2	82.4	2.0	14.1	18.1	28.8	37.2	42.2	43.6	87.1	197.5
Roscommon	211.7	5.4	59.7	1.7	13.4	15.0	27.2	28.7	30.7	30.0	72.9	138.8
Southern and Eastern	**4,279.6**	**929.2**	**549.8**	**23.8**	**238.2**	**209.2**	**542.3**	**576.9**	**583.7**	**626.6**	**1,388.0**	**2,891.6**
Mid-East and Dublin	**580.5**	**79.7**	**92.8**	**3.1**	**45.5**	**44.7**	**80.3**	**85.2**	**73.2**	**75.9**	**202.1**	**378.3**
Dublin	24.5	2.7	4.3	0.1	1.7	2.3	3.2	4.4	2.9	2.9	7.9	16.6
Kildare	131.9	12.4	21.2	0.6	14.9	9.4	21.1	19.4	17.1	15.8	53.7	78.2
Meath	302.1	46.8	43.2	1.5	24.0	25.1	43.0	44.7	35.5	38.2	104.0	198.1
Wicklow	122.1	17.8	24.1	0.9	5.0	7.9	13.1	16.7	17.6	19.0	36.6	85.5
Mid-West	**1,009.1**	**184.4**	**159.2**	**6.3**	**61.9**	**49.2**	**128.4**	**127.3**	**144.9**	**147.5**	**341.5**	**667.6**
Clare	290.5	28.1	77.8	2.5	14.0	13.8	30.8	32.2	44.9	46.5	92.2	198.3
Limerick	406.9	101.9	43.2	2.3	25.3	19.4	50.3	52.9	53.3	58.3	131.2	275.7
North Tipperary	311.7	54.5	38.3	1.5	22.7	15.9	47.3	42.2	46.6	42.7	118.2	193.6
South-East	**1,313.2**	**269.9**	**158.9**	**6.4**	**77.1**	**58.4**	**184.8**	**177.6**	**192.1**	**187.9**	**460.5**	**852.7**
Carlow	98.2	11.4	18.0	0.6	4.7	5.4	13.6	14.0	16.5	14.1	35.3	62.8
Kilkenny	349.5	65.9	41.5	1.6	22.4	14.2	54.8	46.1	53.7	49.3	132.5	217.0
South Tipperary	333.0	74.8	33.7	1.4	25.4	13.9	47.0	42.6	48.0	46.2	121.8	211.2
Waterford	255.1	63.3	27.9	1.3	14.4	10.6	31.2	34.8	33.4	38.3	80.2	174.9
Wexford	277.3	54.4	37.7	1.5	10.3	14.3	38.3	40.1	40.6	40.1	90.6	186.7
South-West	**1,376.8**	**395.2**	**138.9**	**8.0**	**53.6**	**57.0**	**148.7**	**186.8**	**173.5**	**215.3**	**383.8**	**993.0**
Cork	1,040.9	306.4	89.6	5.4	42.8	42.1	120.9	143.1	130.8	160.0	299.9	741.0
Kerry	335.9	88.8	49.3	2.5	10.9	14.9	27.8	43.6	42.8	55.3	84.0	252.0

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Table 5 Number of Sheep, Pigs and Other Livestock 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	**1,097.7**	**313.1**	**1,355.8**	**2,766.6**	**798.8**	**127.1**	**702.2**	**715.8**	**2,344.0**	**5,110.6**
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
Ewes: 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	**518.2**	**154.2**	**658.4**	**1,330.9**	**386.6**	**58.7**	**342.5**	**343.3**	**1,131.1**	**2,462.0**
Total pigs	**417.1**	**273.2**	**43.8**	**734.1**	**82.6**	**93.2**	**312.0**	**330.0**	**817.9**	**1,552.0**
Breeding pigs	**39.6**	**24.5**	**3.8**	**67.9**	**9.4**	**10.2**	**28.0**	**32.0**	**79.6**	**147.5**
Female breeding pigs	39.4	24.3	3.7	67.5	9.4	10.2	27.8	31.8	79.0	146.5
Boars	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.9
Other pigs	**377.4**	**248.8**	**40.1**	**666.3**	**73.2**	**83.0**	**284.1**	**298.1**	**738.3**	**1,404.6**
20kg and over	255.7	180.7	26.7	463.0	44.2	57.9	196.8	194.0	492.8	955.8
Less than 20kg	121.8	68.1	13.4	203.3	29.0	25.1	87.3	104.1	245.5	448.8
Horses and ponies	11.7	9.6	19.6	40.8	15.8	11.6	20.4	12.9	60.7	101.6
Mules, jennets and asses	1.6	0.4	2.8	4.8	0.6	1.4	0.6	0.8	3.4	8.2
Goats	1.0	0.7	1.1	2.9	1.8	1.4	0.7	1.9	5.8	8.7
Farmed deer	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.9	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.6	1.5

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Background Notes

Introduction

This release presents final estimates of land utilisation and livestock numbers in June 2013 at State and regional level. The estimates for sheep and pigs are based on returns from the 2013 June sample survey of agricultural holdings and the June 2013 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.

Sheep The June 2013 results for sheep are based on the trends obtained by comparing the returns from the 2013 sample with the 2012 returns for the same 5,900 farms and applying these trends to the June 2012 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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