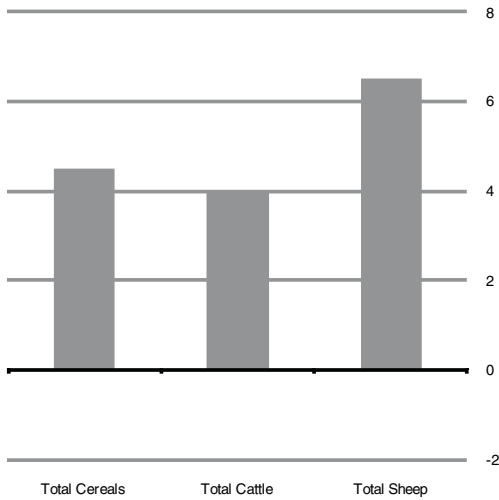




**Percentage change in selected items,
June 2011/2012**



Crops and Livestock Survey June 2012 – Revised Provisional Estimates

	Total Cereals*	Cattle	Sheep
	'000 ha	'000	'000
June 2011	297.4	6,493.0	4,830.0
June 2012	310.7	6,754.1	5,145.2
% change	+4.5%	+4.0%	+6.5%

Sheep numbers up 6.5% in June 2012

Preliminary estimates for June 2012 show an increase in sheep numbers of 315,300 (+6.5%). Other sheep (non-breeding) increased by 172,200 (+7.4%) and breeding sheep increased by 143,000 (+5.7%). *See Table 3.*

The total area under cereals increased by 13,300 hectares (+4.5%). The area under oats increased by 1,900 ha (+9.0%), the area under barley increased by 9,300 ha (+5.2%) and the area under wheat increased by 2,400 ha (+2.5%). *See Table 1.*

The June 2012 results also show that:

- ◆ The total number of cattle increased by 261,100 (+4.0%). 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.*
- ◆ The area under potatoes decreased by 15.1% to 8,800 ha.

*The crop figures in this release have been revised due to a technical issue. The overall trend has changed from showing a decrease in the area under crops to an increase of 4.5%.

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Table 1 Area under Crops

Description	June	June	June	Change 2011 - 2012	
	2010	2011	2012	' 000 ha	%
	' 000 hectares				
Wheat - total	77.8	94.2	96.6	2.4	2.5
Winter wheat	59.8	77.7	83.3	5.6	7.2
Spring wheat	18.0	16.4	13.3	-3.2	-19.3
Oats - total	19.7	21.4	23.3	1.9	9.0
Winter oats	10.3	9.0	9.8	0.7	8.2
Spring oats	9.4	12.4	13.5	1.2	9.6
Barley - total	174.8	180.6	190.0	9.3	5.2
Winter barley	28.8	35.9	40.5	4.7	13.1
Spring barley	146.0	144.8	149.4	4.6	3.2
Other cereals	1.6	1.2	0.9	-0.4	-29.5
Total cereals	273.9	297.4	310.7	13.3	4.5
Potatoes	12.2	10.4	8.8	-1.6	-15.1

Table 2 Number of Cattle

Description	June	June	June	Change 2011 - 2012	
	2010	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

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

² Bulls used for breeding purposes only.

Table 3 Number of Sheep

Description	June	June	June	Change 2011 - 2012	
	2010	2011	2012	' 000	%
Total sheep	4,745.4	4,830.0	5,145.2	315.3	6.5
Breeding sheep	2,529.5	2,508.9	2,652.0	143.0	5.7
Ewes: 2 years and over	1,964.8	1,939.1	2,017.1	78.0	4.0
Ewes: under 2 years	484.8	496.1	557.6	61.5	12.4
Rams	80.0	73.7	77.3	3.6	4.9
Other sheep	2,215.9	2,321.0	2,493.3	172.2	7.4

Area under selected cereals for EU Member States, May/June 2011

'000 ha

Country	Wheat	Oats	Barley
European Union 27	26,143	2,667	11,863
Austria	304	25	153
Belgium	203	4	44
Bulgaria	1,137	15	179
Cyprus	8	3	28
Czech Republic	863	45	373
Denmark	747	42	603
Estonia	129	28	118
Finland	255	322	433
France	5,827	78	1,545
Germany	3,248	143	1,598
Greece	544	80	102
Hungary	980	53	261
Ireland	94	21	181
Italy	1,726	110	247
Latvia	307	58	96
Lithuania	551	63	253
Luxembourg	14	1	8
Malta	*	*	*
Netherlands	151	1	34
Poland	2,259	546	1,018
Portugal	43	50	18
Romania	1,980	185	433
Slovakia	363	15	136
Slovenia	30	2	17
Spain	1,993	491	2,698
Sweden	419	177	319
United Kingdom	1,969	109	970

* Data not available

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

Background Notes

Introduction This release presents provisional estimates of land utilisation and livestock numbers in June 2012 at State level. The estimates for sheep are based on returns from the 2012 June sample survey of agricultural holdings, 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.

Results **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.

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

Sheep: The June 2012 results for sheep are based on the trends obtained by comparing the returns from the 2010 Census of Agriculture with the 2012 returns for the same 7,600 farms and applying these trends to the June 2010 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.