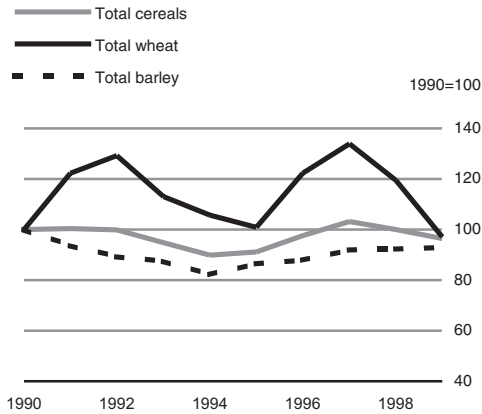




Crops and Livestock Survey June 1999

Index of cereals area



	Cereals	Cattle	Sheep
	'000ha	'000	'000
June 1998	300.6	7,794.5	8,373.4
June 1999	289.9	7,571.3	7,998.0
% change	-3.6%	-2.9%	-4.5%

Cattle numbers down 223,000 in June 1999

Final results from the June 1999 agricultural survey show that the number of cattle was 2.9% lower than in June 1998. This was mainly due to a decrease of 143,800 cattle under one year. *See Table 2.*

The area under cereals also decreased by 10,700 ha (3.6%) to 289,900 ha. The area under winter cereals for 1999 has fallen (42,000 ha) but has been partly compensated for by an increase (28,400 ha) in the area under spring cereals. *See Table 1.*

A comparison with the June 1998 results indicates that:

- ◆ The cattle decline occurred in all regions.
- ◆ Sheep numbers decreased by 375,400 (4.5%) mainly due to decreases in non-breeding sheep and ewes under 2 years.
- ◆ The area under potatoes fell 5.6% to 17,500 ha.
- ◆ The switch from hay to silage continued.

Corresponding cereals figures 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 1999

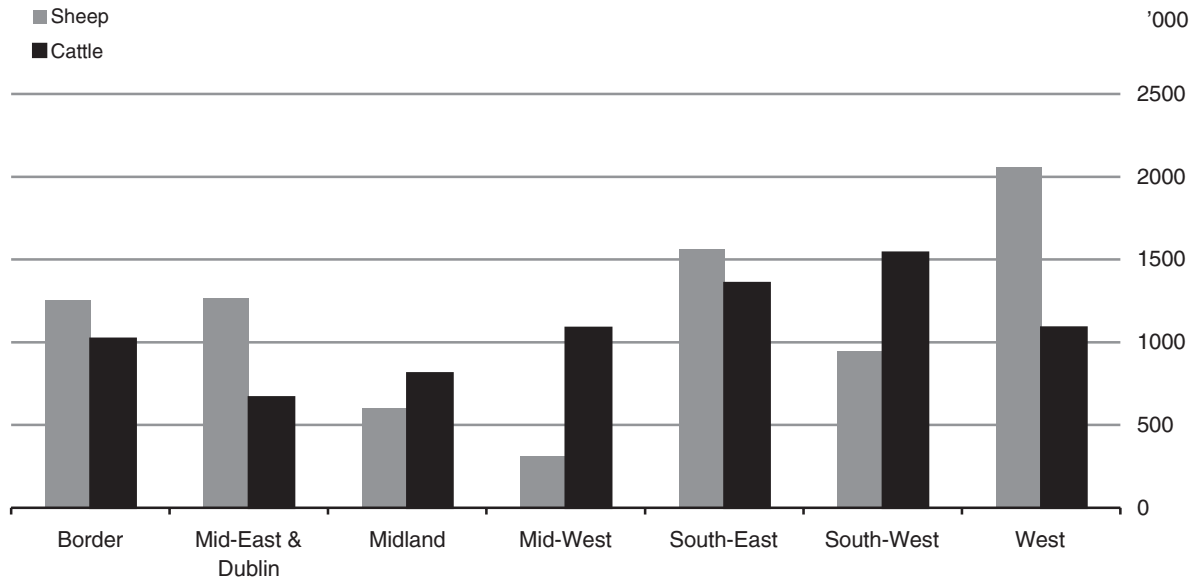


Diagram 2 : Change in areas under certain crops, June 1998 - 1999

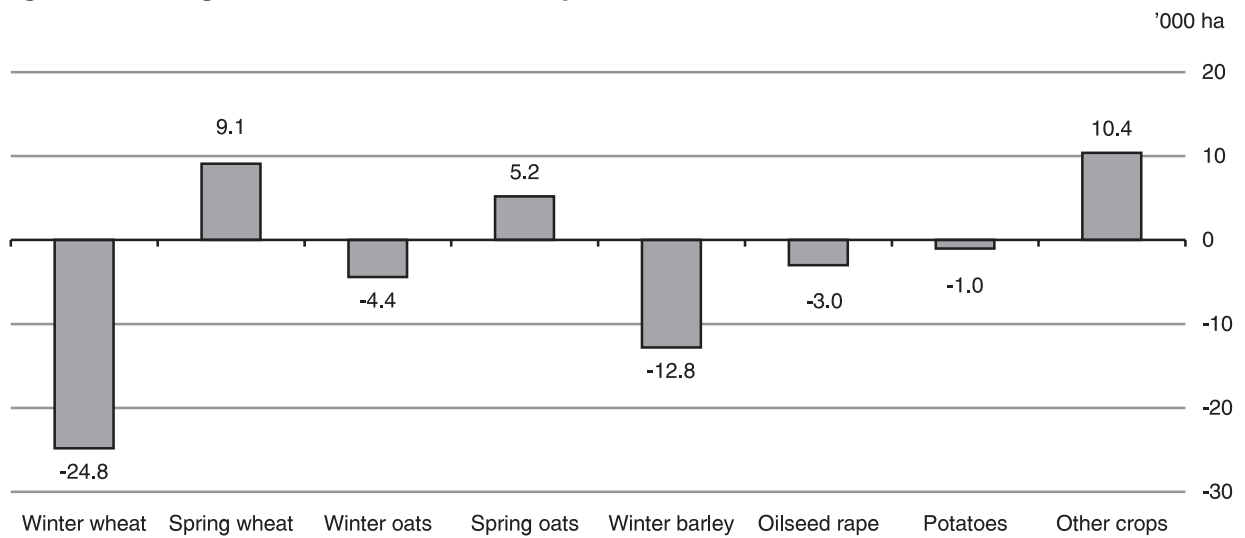


Table 1 Area under Crops and Pasture

Description	June 1997	June 1998	June 1999	Change 1998 - 1999	
	'000 hectares	'000 ha	'000 ha		%
Wheat - total	93.9	83.8	68.1	-15.8	-18.8
Winter wheat	70.2	65.5	40.6	-24.8	-37.9
Spring wheat	23.7	18.4	27.4	9.1	49.4
Oats - total	20.6	19.4	20.2	0.8	4.2
Winter oats	11.2	12.1	7.7	-4.4	-36.2
Spring oats	9.4	7.3	12.5	5.2	71.3
Barley - total	189.8	190.7	192.0	1.3	0.7
Winter barley	41.1	39.0	26.2	-12.8	-32.7
Spring barley	148.6	151.7	165.8	14.1	9.3
Other cereals	5.6	6.6	9.5	2.9	44.6
Total cereals	309.9	300.6	289.9	-10.7	-3.6
Beans and peas	4.8	6.5	4.1	-2.4	-36.5
Oilseed rape	4.4	5.6	2.6	-3.0	-53.5
Potatoes	18.2	18.5	17.5	-1.0	-5.6
Turnips	5.2	4.6	4.2	-0.4	-8.6
Sugar beet	32.3	32.9	33.8	0.9	2.7
Fodder beet	9.1	7.3	7.0	-0.3	-4.1
Kale and field cabbage	1.7	1.1	1.1	-0.1	-5.4
Vegetables for sale	4.7	5.1	4.5	-0.6	-10.9
Fruit	1.7	1.6	1.4	-0.2	-11.3
Nurseries, horticulture etc.	1.2	1.2	1.5	0.3	23.2
Other crops ¹	21.0	23.0	33.4	10.4	45.3
Total crops, fruit and horticulture	414.3	408.1	401.0	-7.1	-1.7
Silage	931.5	950.4	977.4	26.9	2.8
Hay	338.8	282.7	250.4	-32.3	-11.4
Pasture	2,273.0	2,327.3	2,325.1	-2.2	-0.1
Crops and pasture	3,957.6	3,968.4	3,953.9	-14.6	-0.4
Rough grazing in use	473.9	446.4	464.5	18.2	4.1
Area farmed	4,431.6	4,414.8	4,418.4	3.6	0.1

¹ Includes set-aside land.

Table 2 Number of Livestock

Description	June 1997	June 1998	June 1999	Change 1998 - 1999	
				'000	%
Total cattle	7,659.7	7,794.5	7,571.3	-223.1	-2.9
Breeding cattle	2,898.1	2,899.6	2,815.6	-84.0	-2.9
Dairy cows ¹	1,315.8	1,308.1	1,284.0	-24.1	-1.8
Other cows	1,176.7	1,217.4	1,183.4	-34.1	-2.8
Dairy heifers ²	240.0	224.6	209.2	-15.4	-6.8
Other heifers	122.2	105.3	94.5	-10.8	-10.2
Bulls	43.4	44.2	44.5	0.3	0.6
Other cattle	4,761.6	4,894.8	4,755.8	-139.1	-2.8
Male: 2 years and over	733.5	760.5	800.0	39.5	5.2
Female: 2 years and over	329.1	333.6	370.0	36.5	10.9
Male: 1-2 years	1,087.0	1,124.6	1,081.8	-42.8	-3.8
Female: 1-2 years	670.2	707.2	678.7	-28.5	-4.0
Male: under 1 year	1,014.5	1,044.6	954.5	-90.1	-8.6
Female: under 1 year	927.4	924.5	870.8	-53.7	-5.8
Total sheep	8,185.1	8,373.4	7,998.0	-375.4	-4.5
Breeding sheep	4,549.8	4,645.4	4,477.8	-167.7	-3.6
Ewes: 2 years and over	3,584.7	3,622.1	3,572.4	-49.7	-1.4
: under 2 years	853.7	910.0	794.5	-115.5	-12.7
Rams	111.4	113.4	110.9	-2.5	-2.2
Other sheep	3,635.3	3,727.9	3,520.2	-207.7	-5.6
Total pigs	1,699.5	1,818.6	1,786.9	-31.7	-1.7
Breeding pigs	191.7	199.9	192.6	-7.2	-3.6
Female breeding pigs	186.7	194.9	188.4	-6.5	-3.4
Boars	5.0	4.9	4.3	-0.7	-13.6
Other pigs	1,507.8	1,618.7	1,594.2	-24.5	-1.5
20kg and over	1,061.3	1,149.5	1,101.4	-48.0	-4.2
Less than 20kg	446.5	469.2	492.8	23.5	5.0
Total poultry	13,432.5	13,146.9	12,697.4	-449.5	-3.4
Ordinary fowl	12,255.4	11,586.6	11,419.7	-166.9	-1.4
Other fowl	1,177.1	1,560.2	1,277.7	-282.6	-18.1
Horses and ponies	71.9	72.8	75.5	2.7	3.7
Mules, jennets and asses	7.1	7.5	7.3	-0.2	-3.1
Goats	15.2	15.1	13.5	-1.6	-10.4
Farmed deer	17.9	16.7	16.1	-0.6	-3.7

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 1999

'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	5.3	3.4	0.1	8.8	30.9	0.2	18.1	10.1	59.3	68.1
Winter wheat	3.8	2.1	0.0	6.0	21.2	0.1	9.3	4.0	34.7	40.6
Spring wheat	1.4	1.3	0.1	2.8	9.6	0.1	8.8	6.1	24.6	27.4
Oats - total	2.4	1.8	1.2	5.5	5.3	0.7	4.9	3.9	14.7	20.2
Winter oats	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.9	2.8	0.1	2.5	1.4	6.8	7.7
Spring oats	2.2	1.2	1.2	4.6	2.5	0.6	2.4	2.4	7.9	12.5
Barley - total	17.7	24.0	4.2	45.9	38.2	8.7	66.9	32.2	146.1	192.0
Winter barley	3.4	2.5	0.2	6.1	9.5	0.9	5.3	4.5	20.2	26.2
Spring barley	14.3	21.5	4.0	39.9	28.7	7.8	61.6	27.8	125.9	165.8
Other cereals	0.9	1.2	0.1	2.2	2.5	0.4	2.8	1.7	7.4	9.5
Total cereals	26.3	30.4	5.6	62.4	76.8	10.0	92.7	47.9	227.5	289.9
Beans and peas	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.9	1.3	0.1	1.7	0.2	3.3	4.1
Oilseed rape	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.6	1.4	0.0	0.5	0.0	2.0	2.6
Potatoes	4.5	0.5	0.5	5.5	7.5	0.3	2.3	1.9	12.0	17.5
Turnips	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.9	0.1	1.4	1.0	3.4	4.2
Sugar beet	0.0	4.0	0.3	4.3	2.5	0.7	15.3	10.9	29.4	33.8
Fodder beet	0.3	0.9	0.0	1.3	1.2	0.2	2.5	1.9	5.8	7.0
Kale and field cabbage	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.9	1.1
Vegetables for sale	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.7	2.4	0.2	0.6	0.7	3.8	4.5
Fruit	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.7	0.1	1.2	1.4
Nurseries, horticulture etc.	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.2	1.0	1.5
Other crops ¹	3.5	2.9	1.4	7.8	9.6	0.8	9.5	5.7	25.6	33.4
Crops, fruit and horticulture	36.0	40.6	8.5	85.0	104.5	12.7	128.0	70.7	316.0	401.0
Silage	140.4	95.7	146.3	382.4	77.2	146.2	165.5	206.1	595.0	977.4
Hay	36.6	27.0	40.4	104.0	29.8	34.8	45.3	36.4	146.4	250.4
Pasture	364.1	250.7	426.2	1,040.9	231.1	318.5	363.2	371.2	1,284.1	2,325.1
Crops and pasture	577.1	414.0	621.4	1,612.4	442.8	512.3	702.0	684.4	2,341.5	3,953.9
Rough grazing in use	98.9	20.8	100.9	220.6	24.6	45.1	33.6	140.6	244.0	464.5
Area farmed	675.9	434.7	722.3	1,833.0	467.4	557.4	735.6	825.1	2,585.5	4,418.4

¹ Includes set-aside land.

Table 4 Number of Cattle and Sheep in each Region, June 1999

'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	1,020.6	811.5	1,089.3	2,921.4	666.2	1,086.4	1,356.8	1,540.7	4,650.0	7,571.3
Breeding cattle	402.8	242.7	379.3	1,024.9	212.0	426.0	484.0	668.7	1,790.7	2,815.6
Dairy cows ¹	131.5	84.0	77.5	293.0	96.6	206.0	267.5	421.0	991.1	1,284.0
Other cows	228.4	126.8	268.6	623.7	87.1	168.3	150.8	153.4	559.6	1,183.4
Dairy heifers ²	20.8	15.3	11.6	47.7	17.7	31.3	45.1	67.5	161.5	209.2
Other heifers	15.9	12.8	17.3	46.1	7.3	12.8	12.8	15.5	48.4	94.5
Bulls	6.2	3.9	4.3	14.4	3.4	7.7	7.7	11.3	30.0	44.5
Other cattle	617.8	568.8	710.0	1,896.5	454.2	660.4	872.8	872.0	2,859.2	4,755.8
Male: 2 years and over	79.8	115.8	128.4	323.9	111.4	107.7	143.5	113.4	476.0	800.0
Female: 2 years and over	51.0	62.1	52.8	166.0	47.3	39.9	59.3	57.5	204.1	370.0
Male: 1-2 years	133.1	123.1	161.7	417.9	99.1	154.8	216.6	193.4	663.9	1,081.8
Female: 1-2 years	89.5	90.2	98.5	278.2	64.0	84.5	128.5	123.5	400.5	678.7
Male: under 1 year	132.5	91.8	148.6	372.9	67.6	144.2	175.1	194.6	581.6	954.5
Female: under 1 year	131.9	85.7	120.0	337.7	64.8	129.2	149.6	189.5	533.2	870.8
Total sheep	1,251.0	603.1	2,059.7	3,913.8	1,266.3	312.6	1,562.7	942.6	4,084.2	7,998.0
Breeding sheep	721.3	326.6	1,130.8	2,178.7	694.6	168.3	841.9	594.3	2,299.1	4,477.8
Ewes: 2 years and over	566.8	273.1	904.6	1,744.5	536.0	140.8	676.9	474.2	1,827.8	3,572.4
: under 2 years	134.5	44.6	199.6	378.8	142.0	22.9	144.6	106.2	415.7	794.5
Rams	19.9	8.9	26.5	55.3	16.6	4.6	20.5	13.9	55.5	110.9
Other sheep	529.7	276.5	929.0	1,735.2	571.6	144.3	720.8	348.3	1,785.0	3,520.2

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, Poultry and Other Livestock in each Region, June 1999

'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 pigs	478.1	258.0	58.8	795.0	83.4	111.0	373.2	424.3	991.9	1,786.9
Breeding pigs	52.5	28.6	6.2	87.3	9.0	12.2	38.8	45.4	105.3	192.6
Female breeding pigs	51.3	28.1	6.0	85.4	8.7	11.9	37.8	44.6	103.0	188.4
Boars	1.3	0.5	0.2	1.9	0.2	0.2	1.0	0.8	2.3	4.3
Other pigs	425.6	229.4	52.6	707.7	74.4	98.8	334.4	378.9	886.5	1,594.2
20kg and over	288.7	151.5	34.2	474.3	54.8	68.3	231.4	272.6	627.2	1,101.4
Less than 20kg	137.0	78.0	18.5	233.4	19.6	30.5	102.9	106.3	259.4	492.8
Total poultry	7,219.0	94.7	571.3	7,885.0	749.4	1,585.1	1,231.0	1,246.9	4,812.4	12,697.4
Ordinary fowl	6,198.0	82.8	567.3	6,848.1	608.9	1,575.5	1,224.1	1,163.2	4,571.7	11,419.7
Other fowl	1,021.1	11.9	4.0	1,036.9	140.5	9.6	6.9	83.7	240.7	1,277.7
Horses and ponies	7.5	5.3	9.4	22.2	15.1	10.3	16.5	11.4	53.3	75.5
Mules, jennets and asses	1.0	0.7	2.5	4.2	0.5	0.9	0.7	1.0	3.0	7.3
Goats	2.9	1.8	2.3	7.0	1.4	1.8	1.3	1.9	6.5	13.5
Farmed deer	2.2	1.1	1.4	4.7	1.7	2.0	3.4	4.3	11.3	16.1

Background Notes

Introduction This release presents final estimates of land utilisation and livestock numbers in June 1999 at State and regional level. The estimates are based on returns from the June 1999 Crops and Livestock Survey.

Results The results are based on the trends between June 1997 and June 1999 obtained by comparing the returns from the 1997 sample with the 1999 returns for the same 28,000 farms.

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 County, Galway County Borough, Mayo and Roscommon

Southern and Eastern NUTS 2 Region

Dublin Dublin County Borough, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin
 Mid-East Kildare, Meath and Wicklow
 Mid-West Limerick County, Limerick County Borough, Clare and Tipperary N.R.
 South-East Waterford County, Waterford County Borough, Carlow, Kilkenny, Wexford and Tipperary S.R.
 South-West Cork County, Cork County Borough and Kerry

References Comparable livestock results from EU member states for 1999 are contained in the European Statistical Office (Eurostat) publication "Statistics in focus, Agriculture and Fisheries, Theme 5 - 17/1999" issued on the 18 October, 1999.

EU Area under selected cereals, May/June 1999 '000 ha

Country	Wheat	Oats	Barley
European Union	17,153	1,951	10,883
Austria	261	36	244
Belgium	184	8	53
Denmark	631	27	715
Finland	121	396	594
France	5,114	122	1,531
Germany	2,609	267	2,213
Greece	848	50	119
Ireland	68	20	192
Italy	2,386	143	349
Luxembourg	8	2	13
Netherlands	103	2	59
Portugal	241	61	31
Spain	2,424	408	3,112
Sweden	295	316	496
United Kingdom	1,859	93	1,163

Source: New Cronos database, Eurostat. All data are provisional.