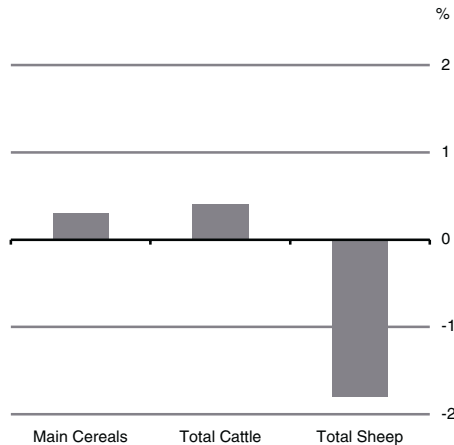




**Selected items, June 2001/2000**



## Crops and Livestock Survey June 2001 – Provisional Estimates

	Main Cereals	Cattle	Sheep
	'000 ha	'000	'000
<b>June 1999</b>	280.3	7,571.3	7,998.0
<b>June 2000</b>	282.6	7,232.4	7,637.5
<b>June 2001</b>	283.3	7,263.5	7,498.2
<b>% change</b>	0.3%	0.4%	-1.8%

### Cattle numbers up 0.4% in June 2001

Preliminary estimates from the June 2001 agricultural survey show that the number of cattle (7,263,500) was up 0.4% on the previous year. The number of male cattle 2 years and over fell by 11.5% (91,100) and there was also a decrease of 8.9% (17,900) in the number of dairy heifers. However these decreases were offset by increases in other cows (25,800), female 2 years and over (23,500), female 1-2 years (33,600) and female under 1 year (29,800). *See Table 2.*

The area under the main cereals (wheat, oats and barley) increased by 700 ha (0.3%) to 283,300 ha. The area under winters cereals for 2001 has fallen (22,900 ha) but has been compensated for by an increase (23,700 ha) in the area under spring sown cereals. *See Table 1 and Background Notes.*

A comparison with the June 2000 provisional results indicates that:

- ◆ Sheep numbers decreased by 1.8% mainly due to a decrease of 180,900 in ewes.
- ◆ The area under potatoes fell 0.7% to 13,690 ha.

These results are provisional. Final figures will be available in Spring 2002 after the Census of Agriculture 2000 figures are published.

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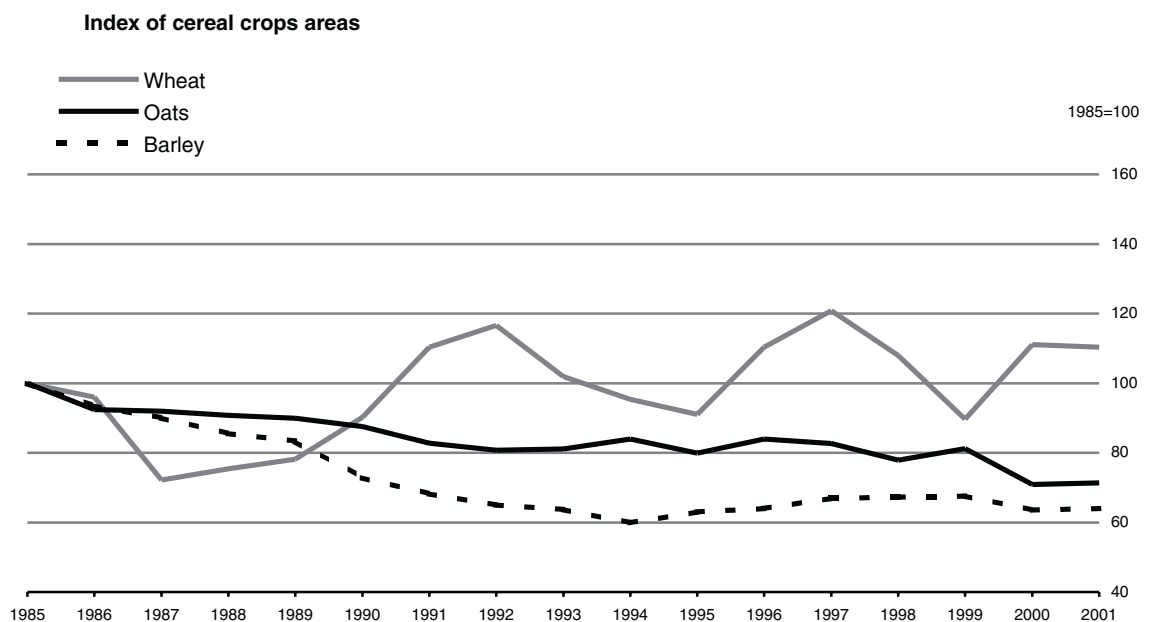
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**Table 1 Area under Crops**

Description	June 1999	June 2000	June 2001	Change 2000 - 2001	
	'000 hectares			'000 ha	%
Wheat - total	68.1	84.3	83.8	-0.5	-0.6
Winter wheat	40.6	62.7	49.0	-13.7	-21.9
Spring wheat	27.4	21.6	34.9	13.2	61.2
Oats - total	20.2	17.6	17.8	0.1	0.7
Winter oats	7.7	10.2	5.6	-4.6	-45.4
Spring oats	12.5	7.4	12.2	4.8	64.1
Barley - total	192.0	180.6	182.0	1.4	0.8
Winter barley	26.2	24.6	20.0	-4.6	-18.6
Spring barley	165.8	156.0	161.7	5.7	3.6
<b>Main cereals<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>280.3</b>	<b>282.6</b>	<b>283.3</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Potatoes	17.5	13.8	13.7	-0.1	-0.7

<sup>1</sup> Wheat, oats and barley

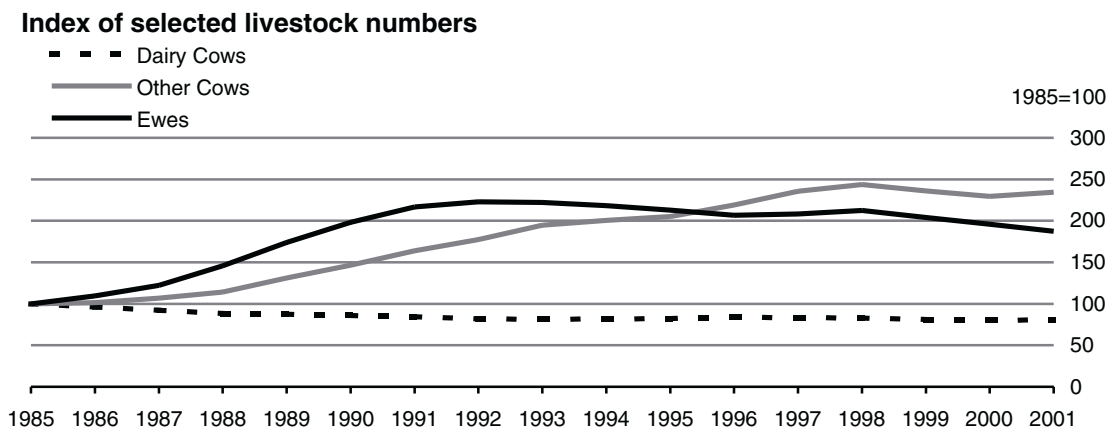


**Table 2 Number of Livestock**

Description	June 1999	June 2000	June 2001	Change 2000 - 2001	
		'000		'000	%
<b>Total cattle</b>	<b>7,571.3</b>	<b>7,232.4</b>	<b>7,263.5</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Breeding cattle</b>	<b>2,815.6</b>	<b>2,765.7</b>	<b>2,789.0</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>0.8</b>
Dairy cows <sup>1</sup>	1,284.0	1,270.3	1,279.0	8.7	0.7
Other cows	1,183.4	1,149.9	1,175.8	25.8	2.2
Dairy heifers <sup>2</sup>	209.2	201.7	183.8	-17.9	-8.9
Other heifers	94.5	99.1	104.5	5.4	5.4
Bulls	44.5	44.6	45.9	1.2	2.8
<b>Other cattle</b>	<b>4,755.8</b>	<b>4,466.5</b>	<b>4,474.4</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Male: 2 years and over	800.0	792.1	701.0	-91.1	-11.5
Female: 2 years and over	370.0	345.7	369.2	23.5	6.8
Male: 1-2 years	1,081.8	955.0	954.8	-0.2	-0.0
Female: 1-2 years	678.7	616.3	649.9	33.6	5.5
Male: under 1 year	954.5	908.0	920.4	12.5	1.4
Female: under 1 year	870.8	849.3	879.1	29.8	3.5
<b>Total sheep</b>	<b>7,998.0</b>	<b>7,637.5</b>	<b>7,498.2</b>	<b>-139.4</b>	<b>-1.8</b>
<b>Breeding sheep</b>	<b>4,477.8</b>	<b>4,305.5</b>	<b>4,121.5</b>	<b>-184.0</b>	<b>-4.3</b>
Ewes: 2 years and over	3,572.4	3,504.9	3,369.4	-135.5	-3.9
: under 2 years	794.5	692.1	646.7	-45.4	-6.6
Rams	110.9	108.5	105.4	-3.1	-2.8
<b>Other sheep</b>	<b>3,520.2</b>	<b>3,332.0</b>	<b>3,376.7</b>	<b>44.6</b>	<b>1.3</b>

<sup>1</sup> Dairy cows are those kept principally to produce milk for human consumption.

<sup>2</sup> Heifers in calf intended for the dairy herd.



## Background Notes

**Introduction** This release presents provisional estimates of land utilisation and livestock numbers in June 2001 at State level. The estimates are based on returns from the June 2001 Crops and Livestock Survey.

**Coverage** Farms where the agricultural area used was at least 1 hectare (2.47 acres) may be included in the June Agricultural Survey. Farms with less than 1 hectare may also be included if they were engaged in intensive production (e.g. pigs, poultry).

**Results** The results are based on the trends between June 2000 and June 2001 obtained by comparing the returns from the 2000 Census of Agriculture with the 2001 returns for the same 12,200 farms. However a significant number of the June 2001 returns have not yet been processed due to the work on the Census of Agriculture. These figures will be revised when the final results of the Census of Agriculture 2000 are published and the remaining June 2001 forms are processed.

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.

**Technical Note** Winter cereals are defined as those crops which are planted before the end of December. However in 2000/2001 due to adverse weather conditions some winter variety cereals were planted in January. Therefore there may have been some confusion over the differentiation between the variety of seed (winter or spring) and the date of planting (2000 or 2001).

**References** Comparable livestock results from EU member states for 2001 are contained in the European Statistical Office (Eurostat) publications "Statistics in Focus, Agriculture and Fisheries", Theme 5-21/2000. This was issued on 27 October, 2000.

EU	Area under selected cereals, May/June 2000			'000 ha
Country	Wheat	Oats	Barley	
<b>European Union</b>	<b>18078</b>	<b>1944</b>	<b>10773</b>	
Austria	294	33	224	
Belgium	213	5	49	
Denmark	627	45	741	
Finland	149	400	559	
France	5,266	111	1,573	
Germany	2969	237	2,068	
Greece	892	49	110	
Ireland	84	18	181	
Italy	2,330	141	344	
Luxembourg	11	2	11	
Netherlands	137	2	47	
Portugal	249	70	23	
Spain	2,370	427	3,307	
Sweden	402	295	410	
United Kingdom	2,086	109	1,128	

<sup>1</sup> 2000 is the latest available EU estimate.

Source: New Cronos database, Eurostat