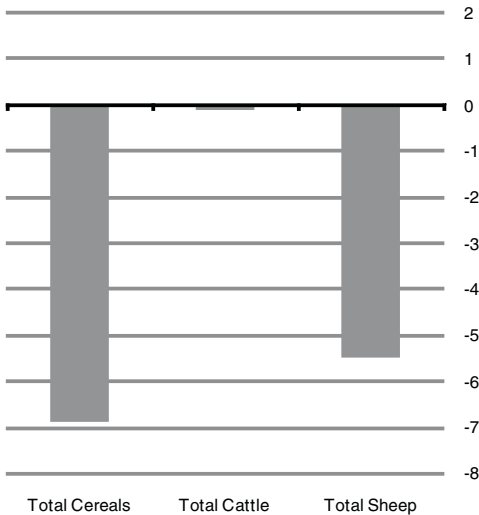




Crops and Livestock Survey June 2009 – Provisional Estimates

Percentage change in selected items, June 2008/2009 %



	Total Cereals	Cattle	Sheep
	'000 ha	'000	'000
June 2008	313.8	6,719.9	5,061.4
June 2009	292.2	6,714.7	4,785.3
% change	-6.9%	-0.1%	-5.5%

Area under cereals down 6.9% in June 2009

Preliminary estimates from the June 2009 agricultural survey show a decrease of 21,600 ha (-6.9%) in the area under cereals. The area under wheat decreased by 22,300 ha (-21.2%) and the area under oats decreased by 3,500 ha (-15.0%). However, the area under barley showed an increase of 4,400 ha (2.5%). *See Table 1.*

The total number of sheep was 4,785,300, a decrease of 5.5% on the previous June. This was mainly due to reductions of 152,200 (-6.9%) in ewes 2 years and over, 111,000 (-4.7%) in other sheep, 8,300 (-10.1%) in rams and 4,700 (-1.2%) in ewes under 2 years. *See Table 2.*

The June 2009 survey results also show that:

- ◆ The total number of cattle decreased by 5,200 (-0.1%). Other heifers decreased by 8,800 (-6.0%), other cows decreased by 25,500 (-2.2%) and male cattle under 1 year decreased by 32,300 (-4.0%). However, there was an increase of 26,500 (8.5%) in female cattle 2 years and over and 21,900 (3.7%) in male cattle 2 years and over.
- ◆ The area under potatoes increased by 8.2% to 12,900 ha.

For further information contact Fiona O'Callaghan at 021 453 5705, Margaret Power at 021 453 5373 or Angela Hickey at 021 453 5316.

Published by the Central Statistics Office, Ireland.

Ardee Road
Dublin 6
Ireland

Skehard Road
Cork
Ireland

LoCall: 1890 313 414 (ROI)
0870 8760256 (UK/NI)

Tel: +353 1 498 4000
Fax: +353 1 498 4229

Tel: +353 21 453 5000
Fax: +353 21 453 5555

Both offices may be contacted through any of these telephone numbers.

CSO on the Web: www.cso.ie

and go to

Business Sectors: Agriculture and Fishing

Director General: Gerard O'Hanlon

Enquiries:

Statistics
Agriculture Section, ext 5316
agri@cso.ie

Sales
Information Section, ext 5021
information@cso.ie

© Central Statistics Office

The contents of this release may be quoted provided the source is given clearly and accurately. Reproduction for own or internal use is permitted.

Table 1 Area under Crops

Description	June	June	June	Change 2008 - 2009	
	2007	2008	2009	' 000 ha	%
	' 000 hectares				
Wheat - total	84.3	104.9	82.6	-22.3	-21.2
Winter wheat	64.7	80.8	60.5	-20.2	-25.0
Spring wheat	19.6	24.1	22.1	-2.1	-8.6
Oats - total	21.3	23.3	19.8	-3.5	-15.0
Winter oats	13.5	18.6	9.8	-8.8	-47.3
Spring oats	7.8	4.7	10.0	5.3	113.5
Barley - total	167.5	181.2	185.7	4.4	2.5
Winter barley	18.7	19.7	20.1	0.5	2.3
Spring barley	148.8	161.6	165.6	4.0	2.5
Other cereals	5.8	4.3	4.1	-0.3	-6.3
Total cereals	278.9	313.8	292.2	-21.6	-6.9
Potatoes	11.7	12.0	12.9	1.0	8.2

Table 2 Number of Livestock

Description	June	June	June	Change 2008 - 2009	
	2007	2008	2009	' 000	%
	' 000				
Total cattle	6,704.1	6,719.9	6,714.7	-5.2	-0.1
Breeding cattle	2,706.4	2,735.6	2,716.5	-19.2	-0.7
Dairy cows ¹	1,087.0	1,113.9	1,128.9	15.0	1.3
Other cows	1,180.9	1,179.9	1,154.4	-25.5	-2.2
Dairy heifers ²	217.8	225.4	227.2	1.7	0.8
Other heifers	152.8	147.9	139.1	-8.8	-6.0
Bulls	68.0	68.5	66.9	-1.6	-2.3
Other cattle	3,997.6	3,984.3	3,998.2	13.9	0.3
Male: 2 years and over	614.5	589.0	610.8	21.9	3.7
Female: 2 years and over	313.8	313.1	339.6	26.5	8.5
Male: 1-2 years	843.9	842.5	830.1	-12.4	-1.5
Female: 1-2 years	631.9	623.8	632.0	8.2	1.3
Male: under 1 year	784.5	801.2	768.8	-32.3	-4.0
Female: under 1 year	809.0	814.7	816.8	2.1	0.3
Total sheep	5,521.6	5,061.4	4,785.3	-276.1	-5.5
Breeding sheep	2,943.8	2,695.9	2,530.8	-165.2	-6.1
Ewes: 2 years and over	2,402.1	2,219.5	2,067.3	-152.2	-6.9
Ewes: under 2 years	452.1	394.6	389.9	-4.7	-1.2
Rams	89.6	81.8	73.5	-8.3	-10.1
Other sheep	2,577.8	2,365.4	2,254.5	-111.0	-4.7

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

² Heifers in calf intended for the dairy herd.

Area under selected cereals, May/June 2008

'000 ha

Country	Wheat	Oats	Barley
European Union 27	¹ 26,517	¹ 3,005	¹ 14,491
Austria	297	27	186
Belgium	224	5	55
Bulgaria	1,112	25	223
Cyprus	¹ 5	¹ 3	¹ 33
Czech Republic	802	49	482
Denmark	638	¹ 75	717
Estonia	108	34	137
Finland	220	373	613
France	5,493	100	1,799
Germany	3,214	180	1,962
Greece	657	84	150
Hungary	1,130	61	330
Ireland	105	23	181
Italy	2,289	148	331
Latvia	257	66	131
Lithuania	404	68	333
Luxembourg	15	1	10
Malta	*	*	*
Netherlands	157	2	50
Poland	2,278	551	1,207
Portugal	88	55	43
Romania	2,110	200	394
Slovakia	374	17	213
Slovenia	35	2	19
Spain	¹ 2,067	¹ 499	¹ 3,462
Sweden	361	223	399
United Kingdom	2,080	135	1,032

¹ Provisional

* Data not available

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

Note: Complete estimates for May/June 2009 from all of the EU 27 member states will be published in the *Crops and Livestock Survey, June 2009 - Final Results* statistical release.

Background Notes

Introduction This release presents provisional estimates of land utilisation and livestock numbers in June 2009 at State level. The estimates are based on returns from the June 2009 Crops and Livestock Survey.

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 (e.g. pigs, poultry).

Results The June 2009 results are based on the trends obtained by comparing the returns from the 2008 sample with the 2009 returns for the same 15,700 farms and applying these trends to the June 2008 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.

Current and historical survey results at State and Regional level are also available on the Database Direct Service at www.cso.ie.

Comparison with DAFF AIM Data The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Animal Identification and Movement System (AIM), formerly CMMS, has provided new administrative information on cattle numbers and on flows into/out of the cattle population since December 2002. Overall, the AIM figure for the start of June 2008 indicated total cattle numbers some 2.7% higher than the CSO estimate for 1 June 2008.

The CSO is continuing to compare the AIM and CSO survey figures at farm level, in order to provide a more detailed analysis and explanation of the reasons for the differences between the two sources of data.