

## Agricultural and Horticultural Census 2003 - 2016

All figures are shown rounded to the nearest whole number. The sum of individual items may not, therefore, appear to equal the total.

**Table 1 - Summary - Agricultural Land, Livestock, Labour & Holdings**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2015	2016	Annual change
<b>Land Use (acres)</b>												
Arable	11,697	12,120	12,339	12,749	13,254	13,803	12,281	12,278	11,935	10,100	9,435	(7%)
Grass	66,711	66,935	66,403	64,616	62,648	66,466	65,774	65,925	65,332	62,768	64,579	3%
Rough	34,588	34,136	35,282	27,101	28,220	30,111	29,104	29,007	28,067	26,905	26,831	(0%)
<b>Total Land Use</b>	<b>112,996</b>	<b>113,191</b>	<b>114,024</b>	<b>104,466</b>	<b>104,122</b>	<b>110,380</b>	<b>107,158</b>	<b>107,210</b>	<b>105,334</b>	<b>98,855</b>	<b>100,845</b>	2%
<b>Livestock</b>												
Cattle	20,908	21,523	21,721	35,433	36,934	37,377	33,989	32,160	30,290	29,442	29,774	1%
Sheep	91,573	85,073	87,077	136,751	145,864	148,776	144,919	137,102	133,701	132,426	124,961	(6%)
Pigs	760	817	634	3,511	3,707	3,652	3,906	3,552	1,841	2,254	1,793	(20%)
Poultry	12,832	14,871	19,714	20,169	19,461	18,347	17,409	14,668	12,751	13,098	12,924	(1%)
Goats	90	87	84	61	256	246	232	223	218	421	231	(45%)
<b>Total Livestock</b>	<b>126,163</b>	<b>122,371</b>	<b>129,230</b>	<b>195,925</b>	<b>206,222</b>	<b>208,398</b>	<b>200,455</b>	<b>187,705</b>	<b>178,801</b>	<b>177,641</b>	<b>169,683</b>	(4%)
<b>Farm Labour</b>												
Principal Farmers & Partners	0	0	0	479	510	498	503	461	528		453	(3%)
Spouse	0	0	0	72	74	77	82	87				
Paid Workers	151	145	142	159	130	126	134	121	103		142	8%
Other Workers	77	75	74	110	109	110	96	110	123		65	(9%)
<b>Total Farm Labour</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>754</b>			
<b>Holdings (by size)</b>												
Under 50 acres	356	340	337	329	288	163	115	110	108	95	93	(2%)
50 and over but less than 150 acres	142	148	150	135	137	139	125	116	112	124	121	(2%)
150 and over but less than 300 acres	128	127	127	108	99	94	102	104	105	100	83	(17%)
300 acres and over	92	90	88	86	96	95	87	88	90	86	84	(2%)
<b>Total Number of holdings</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>381</b>	(6%)

### Notes

Shaded areas indicate figures were not collected for that category in the relevant period.

- 1 From 2009 land usage was assessed by **eligible** acreage rather than total acreage per field parcel.
- 2 From 2006 land acreage data is based on the Government's digital mapping system with land usage data being collected on a field by field basis. Census forms were issued only to registered land
- 3 The significant differences in animal figures between 2002-03 and 2005-06 are due to re-categorising animal types. See individual figures below.
- 4 Holding sizes are recorded by **total** land area.

**Table 2 - Arable Areas (in acres)**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2015	2016	Annual change
<b>Cereals</b>												
Winter wheat	1,097	1,193	1,175	1,334	1,111	1,206	975	1,169	1,278	1,037	1,102	6%
Spring wheat	670	753	710	1,044	1,018	550	584	672	561	293	188	(36%)
Winter barley	1,070	874	1,068	857	1,162	1,358	940	1,075	760	791	591	(25%)
Spring barley	5,538	5,687	5,464	4,305	5,675	6,247	5,336	4,877	4,471	3,153	3,374	7%
Oats	726	911	983	764	1,063	1,249	1,182	1,431	1,974	1,538	1,340	(13%)
Maize	262	245	258	278	305	282	224	194	100	84	84	(0%)
Triticale	104	122	300	319	340	338	326	309	234			0%
Other cereals - from 2015 OSR only				1,970	243					173	128	(26%)
<b>Total Cereals</b>	<b>9,467</b>	<b>9,784</b>	<b>9,958</b>	<b>10,871</b>	<b>10,918</b>	<b>11,230</b>	<b>9,566</b>	<b>9,728</b>	<b>9,378</b>	<b>7,069</b>	<b>6,807</b>	<b>(4%)</b>
<b>Other Forage Crops</b>												
Forage Crops	952	967	758	598	674	896	1,181	1,131	1,134			
Cereals for Forage	167	318	631	370	381	286	329	343	428			
<b>Total Other Forage Crops</b>	<b>1,119</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>1,389</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>1,056</b>	<b>1,182</b>	<b>1,511</b>	<b>1,475</b>	<b>1,562</b>	<b>1,845</b>	<b>1,828</b>	<b>(1%)</b>
<b>Pulses</b>												
For Combining	579	535	521	566	733	808	655	627	615			
For Forage	44	57	56	47	216	265	188	124	58			
<b>Total Pulses</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>1,074</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>673</b>	864	569	(34%)
<b>Potatoes</b>												
1st and 2nd Earlies	72	58	69	10	36	29	76	35	36			
Main Crop	261	244	195	167	202	193	186	210	217			
<b>Total Potatoes</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>(14%)</b>
<b>Horticulture</b>												
Vegetables	85	92	86	57	50	80	83	64	58	54	57	1%
Small Fruit	7	8	8	7	1	1	1	0	1			
Flowers	1	1	2	1	0							
Nursery Stock	39	33	30	31	26	10	13	13	10			
Bulbs	3	4	5	7	0	0						
Flowers under glass	17	18	18	15	12	1	1	1				
Vegetables under glass	4	3	3	3	3	1						
<b>Total Horticulture</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Total Arable Area</b>	<b>11,697</b>	<b>12,120</b>	<b>12,339</b>	<b>12,749</b>	<b>13,254</b>	<b>13,803</b>	<b>12,281</b>	<b>12,278</b>	<b>11,935</b>	<b>10,100</b>	<b>9,492</b>	<b>(6%)</b>

**Table 3 - Grass and Other Agricultural Land (in acres)**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2015	2016	Annual change
<b>Grass</b>												
Temporary Grass (under 10 yrs)	31,685	32,635	31,711	56,405	54,684	54,561	50,981	50,398	49,808			
Permanent Grass (10 yrs & over)	35,027	34,300	34,692	8,211	7,964	11,905	14,793	15,527	15,524			
<b>Total Grass</b>	<b>66,711</b>	<b>66,935</b>	<b>66,403</b>	<b>64,616</b>	<b>62,648</b>	<b>66,466</b>	<b>65,774</b>	<b>65,925</b>	<b>65,332</b>	<b>62,768</b>	<b>64,579</b>	3%
<b>Other Agricultural Land</b>												
Rough Mountain Heath Or Moorland	34,588	34,136	35,282	27,101	28,220	30,111	29,104	29,007	28,067	26,905	24,623	(8%)
<b>Total Grass and Other Agricultural Land</b>	<b>101,299</b>	<b>101,071</b>	<b>101,685</b>	<b>91,717</b>	<b>90,868</b>	<b>96,578</b>	<b>94,878</b>	<b>94,931</b>	<b>93,399</b>	<b>89,673</b>	<b>89,203</b>	(1%)

**Table 4 - Cattle**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2015	2016	Annual change
<b>Dairy Cows &amp; Heifers</b>												
Cows & Heifers that have calved	5,989	5,807	5,669	5,530	5,378	5,234	4,627	4,422	4,163	3,768	4,117	9%
Replacement Heifers in first calf	1,260	1,117	1,043	990	1,027	1,011	832	806	766	960	980	2%
Heifers over 1yr to be put to bull	814	643	634	651	564	714	651	704	623	565	912	61%
<b>Total Dairy Cows &amp; Heifers</b>	<b>8,063</b>	<b>7,567</b>	<b>7,346</b>	<b>7,171</b>	<b>6,969</b>	<b>6,959</b>	<b>6,110</b>	<b>5,932</b>	<b>5,552</b>	<b>5,293</b>	<b>6,009</b>	14%
<b>Beef Cows &amp; Heifers</b>												
Cows & Heifers that have calved	7,744	8,223	8,539	9,179	9,834	10,112	8,576	8,234	7,845	7,147	7,208	1%
Replacement Heifers in first calf	892	929	1,012	990	879	859	416	489	375	513	392	(24%)
Heifers over 1yr to be put to bull	1,231	1,356	1,486	1,410	1,257	1,102	915	945	787	1,142	1,155	1%
<b>Total Beef Cows &amp; Heifers</b>	<b>9,867</b>	<b>10,508</b>	<b>11,037</b>	<b>11,579</b>	<b>11,970</b>	<b>12,073</b>	<b>9,907</b>	<b>9,668</b>	<b>9,007</b>	<b>8,802</b>	<b>8,755</b>	(1%)
<b>Bulls</b>												
<b>Total Bulls</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>416</b>	1%
<b>Other Cattle</b>												
<b>1 year and over:</b>												
Heifers for finishing or sale				3,344	3,767	3,951	4,050	3,644	3,465	3,204	2,945	(8%)
Young Bulls for finishing or sale				989	943	988	1,070	859	543	719	610	(15%)
Steers for finishing or sale				2,435	2,452	2,817	2,925	2,902	3,015	2,916	3,227	11%
Cattle 2 years old and over												
Cattle 1 to 2 years												
<b>Under 1 year:</b>												
Cattle under 1 year				9,463	10,361	10,031	9,502	8,720	8,287	8,096	7,812	(4%)
Steers/Bulls												
Female												
Replacement dairy calves	1,266	1,088	1,208									
Replacement beef calves	1,325	1,963	1,621									
<b>Total Other Cattle</b>	<b>2,591</b>	<b>3,051</b>	<b>2,829</b>	<b>16,231</b>	<b>17,523</b>	<b>17,787</b>	<b>17,547</b>	<b>16,125</b>	<b>15,310</b>	<b>14,935</b>	<b>14,594</b>	(2%)
<b>Total Cattle</b>	<b>20,908</b>	<b>21,523</b>	<b>21,721</b>	<b>35,433</b>	<b>36,934</b>	<b>37,377</b>	<b>33,989</b>	<b>32,160</b>	<b>30,290</b>	<b>29,442</b>	<b>29,774</b>	1%

**Table 5- Sheep**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2015	2016	Annual change
<b>Sheep</b>												
Ewes retained for breeding this season	64,855	60,593	59,278	59,815	59,638	59,267	57,822	52,344	53,341	51,317	48,835	(5%)
Replacement Shearling ewes (for tugging this year)	11,528	10,960	11,612	11,830	11,769	11,680	8,940	9,971	8,764	11,358	10,618	(7%)
Rams kept for service	2,649	2,368	2,464	2,349	2,412	2,407	2,235	2,148	2,117	2,254	2,226	(1%)
Replacement ram lambs	1,112	754	706	1,014	793	811	903	610	579	879	762	(13%)
Replacement ewe lambs	11,429	10,398	13,017	11,283	12,101	11,223	10,805	8,731	9,320	9,512	7,959	(16%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>91,573</b>	<b>85,073</b>	<b>87,077</b>	<b>86,291</b>	<b>86,713</b>	<b>85,388</b>	<b>80,705</b>	<b>73,804</b>	<b>74,121</b>	<b>75,320</b>	<b>70,400</b>	<b>(7%)</b>
Other Sheep and Lambs				50,460	59,151	63,388	64,214	63,298	59,580	50,621	48,797	(4%)
<b>Total Sheep</b>	<b>91,573</b>	<b>85,073</b>	<b>87,077</b>	<b>136,751</b>	<b>145,864</b>	<b>148,776</b>	<b>144,919</b>	<b>137,102</b>	<b>133,701</b>	<b>125,941</b>	<b>119,197</b>	<b>(5%)</b>
<b>Loaghtans</b>												
Ewes retained for breeding	2,190	1,835	2,587	3,183	3,288	3,913		3,957	4,115	2,802	2,875	3%
Replacement shearling ewes	482	546	265	876	1,166	1,452		1,098	359	430	563	31%
Rams for service	118	123	147	140	167	199		197	159	72	78	8%
Sheep and lambs under 1 year old	1,803	1,782	2,211					561	725	791	848	7%
Other Sheep and Lambs	429	554	574					2,250	4,152	2,390	1,400	(41%)
<b>Total Loaghtans</b>	<b>5,022</b>	<b>4,840</b>	<b>5,784</b>	<b>4,199</b>	<b>4,621</b>	<b>5,564</b>	<b>7,309</b>	<b>8,063</b>	<b>9,510</b>	<b>6,485</b>	<b>5,764</b>	<b>(11%)</b>

Loaghtans were not counted separately in 2009.

1. The Loaghtan figures are also included in the Total Sheep figure.

**Table 6 - Pigs**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2015	2016	Annual change
<b>Pigs</b>												
Sows in Pig	481	564	456	359	317	290	445	364	144	173	145	(16%)
Gilts in Pig	133	93	50	103	100	97	78	86	169	31	24	(23%)
Other Breeding Sows	96	113	97	108	116	131	157	100	45	70	64	(9%)
Boars	50	47	31	31	32	32	30	30	18	19	30	58%
<b>Total</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>(10%)</b>
<b>Other Pigs</b>												
Other Pigs intended for slaughter or sale				2,910	3,142	3,102	3,196	2,972	1,089	1,961	1,530	(22%)
2 months and over												
Under 2 months old												
<b>Total</b>				2,910	3,142	3,102	3,196	2,972	1,089	1,961	1,530	(22%)
<b>Total Pigs</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>3,511</b>	<b>3,707</b>	<b>3,652</b>	<b>3,906</b>	<b>3,552</b>	<b>1,465</b>	<b>2,254</b>	<b>1,793</b>	<b>(20%)</b>

**Table 7- Poultry & Other Livestock**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2015	2016	Annual change
<b>Poultry</b>												
Laying Pullets												
Laying Hens												
Growing Pullets												
Free Range	7,808	8,430	12,456	15,167	15,750	16,549	16,378	13,575	12,444	12,959	12,834	(1%)
Battery Hens	4,825	5,896	6,615	4,500	3,572	1,072	901	300	0			
Other	199	545	643	102	119	126	130	393	70	139	90	(35%)
Broiler (table chicken)				400	20	600	0	400	237		0	n/a
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>12,832</b>	<b>14,871</b>	<b>19,714</b>	<b>20,169</b>	<b>19,461</b>	<b>18,347</b>	<b>17,409</b>	<b>14,668</b>	<b>12,751</b>	<b>13,098</b>	<b>12,924</b>	<b>(1%)</b>
<b>Goats</b>												
Milk Goats	34	33	29	30	24	17	8	6	4	21	29	38%
Other Goats												
Other Goats over 6 months old	56	54	55	31	232	229	224	217	214	400	202	(50%)
<b>Total Goats</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>(45%)</b>

N.B. Data was not collected in 2012 - 2014.