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PREFACE

This publication presents detailed analyses of the results of the Northern Ireland Agricultural Census for June 2008 as well as time series data from 1994 to 2008. As such, the analyses provide a considerable amount of information on the changes that have occurred in the farming sector over the past 15 years.

The census data set includes geographical indicators that enable data to be produced for any area that can be defined in terms of electoral ward or by grid reference co-ordinates. This facilitates small area analyses that may be carried out on request, so long as this will not lead to data for individual farms being identified.

The Census results are now available on the DARD website, at www.dardni.gov.uk, as are all other DARD statistical publications. Any enquiries about the tables contained within this booklet should be addressed to Malcolm Megaw, Room 820, Dundonald House, Belfast BT4 3SB. (Telephone 028 90524850 or e-mail Malcolm.Megaw@dardni.gov.uk.)

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SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 CENSUS COVERAGE

The June 2008 Census was conducted by means of a sample survey in which forms were issued to half those classified as 'Very Small' (i.e. with a Standard Labour Requirement of less than 1 standard labour unit (1900 hours)) and to all other farm businesses. (Although no longer strictly a 'census', it will continue to be referred to as such because farmers are familiar with the term.) Estimates were made for the crop areas, livestock and labour numbers for farms that failed to return their 2008 census form. For the most part these estimates were based on data collated from other administrative systems within the Department, or from the latest return from each farm. However, all farms which had substantive numbers or areas of pigs, poultry or mushrooms in 2007, and which failed to make a return in 2008, were telephoned for the information.

The population of farms to which these census statistics refer includes **all active farm businesses having one or more hectare of farmed land, whether owned, leased or taken in conacre, and those with under one hectare having any cattle, sheep or pigs or with significant poultry or horticultural activity.**

The main results of the census, showing the total areas of each crop and total numbers of each type of livestock, were published in a Press Release on 20th November 2008. Further analyses are shown in this booklet, including details of the numbers, types and sizes of farms, the numbers of farms participating in each of the main enterprises and the size distribution of these enterprises. Data are also shown for the main geographical units below Northern Ireland level, namely District Council Areas, Rural Districts and Counties and for the three land classification categories.

Section 3 of this report presents data on the areas of crops and numbers of livestock over the past 15 years, from 1994 to 2008.

1.2 HISTORY OF THE AGRICULTURAL CENSUS

The first agricultural census in Ireland was conducted in 1847, in response to the need for information on the famine conditions at that time. The main use of the census continues to be to provide information for those involved in the industry or responsible for agricultural policy. With data stretching back over 150 years, the records provide an interesting insight into the changes which have taken place in farming. The statistics below, relating to 50 year intervals, show how Northern Ireland has changed from a mixed farming economy to one dependent on grazing livestock.

Crop Areas and Livestock Numbers in Northern Ireland, 1858-2008

	1858	1908	1958	2008
<i>Crop areas ('000 ha)</i>				
Cereals	283	149	98	40
Potatoes	109	69	40	5
Flax	23	16	0.4	0
Hay and pasture	639	747	707	790

	1858	1908	1958	2008
<i>Livestock numbers</i> (‘000 head)				
Cattle	713	773	980	1,623
of which Cows	n.a.	n.a.	265	555
Sheep	198	423	980	1,974
Horses	127	114	n.a.	12
Pigs	203	172	790	402
Poultry	1,788	5,927	12,250	17,131

1.3 CHANGES TO THE CENSUS SYSTEM

Since 1950, there have been a number of changes in the coverage of the census and the way the census data were collected. These are summarised below:

Years	Census methods and coverage
Until 1954	Census information was collected by police enumerators who identified and visited all farms, including those under one acre. This information was given to them orally by the farmer and recorded in special books.
1954- 1972	A postal census was introduced in 1954. This used the list of farmers which had been identified in the 1953 census, but included only those of one acre or more . From this time onwards a distinction was made between “ main ” holdings which were included in the census and “ minor ” holdings (i.e. those under 1 acre) which were surveyed on a sample basis using fewer questions. Estimates for the minor holdings were made of their total crop areas and livestock numbers but these holdings were not included in the count of farms.
1973- 1980	In 1973, in conformity with a similar change in the rest of the United Kingdom, an alteration was made in the scope of the census in Northern Ireland. From then until 1980, the main census covered holdings which had at least 10 acres of land plus any below that size which had any full-time agricultural workers or whose livestock and cropping amounted to an annual estimated labour requirement of more than 40 man-days. This removed some 7,700 holdings from the old register but, at the same time, included a number of “minor” holdings of less than one acre. Arising from these adjustments the net reduction in the number of holdings covered in the main census was some 5,500.
1981- 1996	A new system of farm classification and changes to the minimum threshold were introduced in 1981. This new threshold restricted the census to holdings which had (a) a total land area (owned or taken on long-term lease) of 6 hectares or more or (b) any full-time workers other than the farmer or (c) a farm business size of 1,000 ecus of Standard Gross Margin. This change resulted in the exclusion of a further 6,690 “minor” holdings from the main census between 1980 and 1981.
1997	In 1997 the basis of the Northern Ireland Agricultural Census was changed from a “census register” to a central register of all

of the Department's "clients". The change was made possible as a result of the introduction of IACS¹ and of work undertaken in DARD to streamline administrative functions. This resulted in a common means of identification of clients across all schemes, with each farmer who is in contact with the Department being allocated a unique Client Reference Number and each "Client" being linked to a Business Identifier. The population surveyed in the 1997 census consisted of one "Client" in each business for which a census return with crops and/or livestock was obtained in the preceding year or which had received a subsidy in respect of crops or livestock during the preceding 15 months. Also included were those with a milk quota and those known by DARD to be engaged in the production of pigs, poultry, potatoes or horticultural crops. The distinction between "main" and "minor" holdings was discontinued.

- 1998 Sampling was introduced and forms were issued to only half the farms categorised as "Very Small". The records which were aggregated to provide the published results include 1998 returns from the sampled farms and 1997 returns from those not in the sample for 1998. The latter were trended to reflect the changes between 1997 and 1998 as recorded by the sampled farms. New information led to the addition of a further 166 pig farms involving no owned land; estimates of pig numbers in previous years were revised.

- 1999 The same level of sampling applied as in 1998 but the survey included all pig farms.

- 2000 A full census of all farm businesses in Northern Ireland was carried out

- 2001 A sample survey was carried out on the same basis as that conducted in 1999. Farms on which animals had been slaughtered due to Foot and Mouth outbreaks were not surveyed. Estimates were made for the crop areas, livestock and labour numbers for these farms.

- 2002 – A sample survey was carried out on the same basis as that
2006 conducted in 1999. Where available, administrative data were used in conjunction with previous census data, to provide estimates for those that were not sampled, or failed to make a return in the current year.

- 2007 on A sample survey was carried out. The number of cattle questions on the survey form were reduced as additional data was sourced from APHIS (Animal and Public Health Information System) to determine cattle numbers. No poultry questions were asked, with data on poultry being sourced from the NI Bird Register.

¹ The EU Integrated Administration and Control System

SECTION 2

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SECTION 2: TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

2.1 FARMS AND FARM STRUCTURE

Farms

In the 2008 census, a farm² was defined in accordance with the definition adopted for European Union surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings, namely:

a single unit, both technically and economically, which has a single management and which produces agricultural products

Only those with at least one hectare of agricultural land or with any cattle, sheep, pigs or significant poultry or horticultural crops were defined as a farm.

Farm business size

Farm business size is determined by calculating each farm's total Standard Labour Requirement (SLR). Standards or norms have been calculated for all major enterprises. The total SLR for each farm is calculated by multiplying its crop areas and livestock numbers by the appropriate SLR coefficients and then summing the result for all enterprises on the farm.

Prior to 2004, the farm business size had been determined by calculating each farm's total Standard Gross Margin (SGM). However, it was felt that using SLRs was a more appropriate and accurate method to size farm businesses in the UK (See annex 1).

To show year-to-year changes in business size, the enterprise SLR coefficients are held constant for a number of years. In UK agricultural statistics, business size is described in terms of five SLR size bands.

UK agricultural statistics business size bands

Size	Standard labour unit* (2002)
Very Small	Less than 1
Small	1 < 2
Medium	2 < 3
Large	3 < 5
Very Large	5 or more

*1 Standard labour unit = 1900 hours

Since there are very few farms in the Very Large size range in Northern Ireland, these are included in the Large category in Census analyses.

² In UK agricultural statistical publications the terms "holdings" and "farms" are used synonymously but in Northern Ireland, where many landowners let out all their land and take no part in agriculture, the former term refers to the areas under single ownership and the latter to the areas farmed in separate units, i.e. after adjustment for land let out or taken in conacre. Farms exclude holdings that take no part in farming.

Farm business type

The system of classifying farms according to farm type is set out in **Commission Decision 85/377/EEC**. This specifies 72 EC types determined according to the distribution of Standard Gross Margin (SGM) between enterprises - of which 65 are applicable in Northern Ireland.

To show year-to-year changes in business type, the enterprise coefficients are held constant for a number of years. Those currently used within the UK are based on average prices during the period 1998-2002.

For UK statistical purposes, the 65 farm types are grouped into 9 "robust" categories which have particular relevance to UK conditions. These are:

Cereals	Farms with more than two thirds of their total SGM in cereals, oilseed and set aside.
General cropping	Farms which do not qualify as cereals farms but have more than two thirds on their total SGM in arable (not horticultural) crops or in a mixture of arable and horticultural crops and where arable crops account for more than one third of the total SGM.
Horticulture	Farms with more than two thirds of their total SGM in horticultural crops (excluding specialist mushroom growers).
Pigs and Poultry	Farms with more than two thirds of their total SGM in pigs and / or poultry.
Dairy	Farms with more than two thirds of the total SGM in dairying (including associated young stock).
Grazing livestock (LFA)	Farms wholly or mainly in the Less Favoured Areas which do not qualify as Dairy farms but have more than two thirds of their total SGM in grazing livestock (cattle and sheep).
Grazing livestock (Lowland)	Farms entirely or mainly outside the Less Favoured Areas, which do not qualify as Dairy farms but have more than two thirds of their total SGM in grazing livestock (cattle and sheep).
Mixed	Farms which have no dominant enterprise and do not fit into the above types.
Other types	Farms that specialise in enterprises which do not fit the definitions of mainstream agricultural activities. These enterprises include activities such as specialist mushrooms, specialist goats and specialist horses. This category also includes farms which are unclassified because they have no crops or stock at June (but which made hay/silage or intended to restock at a later date).

2.2 AGRICULTURAL LABOUR FORCE

In conjunction with the other UK Agricultural Departments, an in-depth investigation was carried out in 1995 into the quality of statistics on the agricultural labour force. This indicated that, while the number of workers recorded on each census form was generally realistic, there was confusion about the categories of workers into which farmers were asked to record themselves and other persons working on their farm. Consequently, the questions were revised to provide clearer definitions of the various categories and to bring these more into line with the requirements of data users. The definitions now used are:

Regular workers Those who work on the farm during at least 20 weeks per year.

Full-time Working 30 hours per week or more.

Part-time Working less than 30 hours per week.

Casual workers Those who work less than 20 weeks per year.

2.3 OTHER TERMS

Conacre	A system of short-term lettings, nominally for 11 months or 364 days
Less favoured areas (LFA)	Areas of poorer agricultural land which qualify for special aid under EU schemes
SDA	Severely Disadvantaged Areas, i.e. land classed as LFA under Directive 75/268/EEC
DA	Disadvantaged Areas, i.e. land classed as LFA under Directive 84/169/EEC.
Area farmed	Area farmed by each business on the census date. Agricultural land which is taken in conacre by persons operating a business is included but owned land which they let out in conacre is not. Common rough grazing is excluded
Crops & grass areas	Total area excluding rough grazing, set-aside, farm woodlands and non-agricultural land.
Livestock numbers	Numbers on farms on the census date.
Cereals	Barley, wheat, oats and mixed corn
Dairy cows	Cows in milk or in calf, mainly for producing milk for sale; includes heifers in milk but excludes in-calf heifers.
Beef cows	Cows in milk or in calf, mainly for producing calves for beef; includes heifers in milk but excludes in-calf heifers.
Breeding ewes	Female sheep over one year which lambed in the current season or are for future breeding. (In 1995 and earlier years, only those to be put to the ram in the current year were included)
Sows & gilts	Includes in-pig gilts but excludes gilts not yet in pig.
Total poultry	Hens, pullets, breeding fowl, broilers, turkeys, geese, ducks and other fowl

2.4 SYMBOLS USED

-- Not available

..... Figures combined

2.5 STANDARD GROSS MARGINS (SGM)

		€	
Crops	Wheat	844	per ha
	Barley	809	per ha
	Oats	913	per ha
	Mixed corn	634	per ha
	Potatoes	3,494	per ha
	Oilseed rape	710	per ha
	Linseed	605	per ha
	Open-air horticulture		
	Vegetables	9,410	per ha
	Fruit	4,047	per ha
	Flowers/nursery	4,537	per ha
	Glasshouses:		
	Vegetables	331,915	per ha
	Flowers	449,039	per ha
	Mushrooms	5,483	per 100 m ²
	Grass/ fodder crops	0	per ha
Setaside	333	per ha (in LFA)	
Other crops	703	per ha	
Cattle	Dairy cows	1014	per head
	Beef cows	394(412)	per head (in LFA)
	Heifers 2 yrs +	51	per head
	Heifers 1-2 yrs	96	per head
	Bulls/steers 2 yrs +	77	per head
	Bulls/steers 1-2 yrs	166	per head
	Calves under 1 year	150	per head
Sheep	Ewes	64 (57)	per head (in LFA)
	Other sheep	1	per head
	Lambs	0	per head (included with ewe)
Horses	Mares, stallions	68	per head
	Others	0	per head
Pigs	Sows	110	per head
	Piglets (under 20kg)	0	per head (included with sow)
	Other pigs	30	per head
Poultry	Hens	490	per 100
	Broilers	80	per 100
	Others	1,091	per 100

- Notes:**
- 1 These SGMs apply to crop areas and livestock numbers at June (not to the annual throughput).
 - 2 At the time of calculation, 1 euro = £0.63 (1998-2002)

2.6 STANDARD LABOUR REQUIREMENTS (SLR)

The following factors have been used to classify farms in N.I.

	Item	Unit	Standard Labour Requirement (hours)	Units per 1900 hours
Crops	Cereals	ha	30	63
	Oilseeds	ha	22.5	84
	Potatoes	ha	135	14
	Out door vegetables	ha	150	12.7
	Fruit	ha	450	4.2
	Ornamentals	ha	1,500	1.3
	Glasshouse vegetables	ha	5,000	0.4
	Other glasshouse	ha	25,000	0.1
	Mushrooms	house	1,050	1.8
	Setaside	ha	1.5	1,267
	Forage crops	ha	9	211
	Grass	ha	6	317
	Rough grazing	ha	2.25	844
Cattle	Dairy cows	head	39	49
	Beef cows	head	12	158
	Other cattle	head	9	211
Sheep	Ewes and rams: Lowland	head	5.2	365
	Ewes and rams: LFA	head	4.2	452
	Other sheep: Lowland	head	3.3	576
	Other sheep: LFA	head	2.6	730
Pigs	Sows and gilts	head	16	119
	Piglets	head	1.0	1,900
	Other pigs	head	1.3	1,462
Poultry	Laying hens	head	0.17	11,176
	Pullets	head	0.12	15,833
	Broilers	head	0.04	47,500
	Turkeys, Ducks etc.	head	0.045	42,222
Other	Horses	head	150	12
	Goats	head	20	95
	Deer	head	15	127

SECTION 3

NORTHERN IRELAND TOTALS, 1994-2008

Tables and charts showing the crop areas, livestock numbers and numbers of farmers and other workers in each year from 1994 to 2008.

Note that in 1997 there were major revisions to the data for 1990 to 1996. Full details of this are given in Section 1.3. In 1998 a further revision was made to numbers of pigs in the census and data in table 3.4 were revised for each year up to and including 1997. From 2007 on, cattle data is derived from the Animal and Public Health Information System, (APHIS). Data for years 2005 and 2006 in table 3.2 has also been revised using the APHIS data.

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Table 3.1 Crop areas in Northern Ireland 1994-2008

	<i>(000 hectares)</i>							
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Grass								
Under 5 yrs old	196.1	195.0	190.6	181.9	155.6	140.9	141.6	140.2
Over 5 yrs old	616.9	622.4	628.7	643.1	675.0	697.2	687.9	699.9
Total grass	813.0	817.4	819.3	825.1	830.6	838.1	829.4	840.1
Hill or rough land	176.3	170.9	169.0	164.1	159.1	158.7	156.5	154.1
Cereals								
Oats	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.8	2.9	2.4
Wheat	7.2	6.6	6.9	6.9	7.1	3.3	5.0	4.1
Barley (winter)	6.0	6.8	7.3	7.7	7.7	5.1	5.2	2.8
Barley (spring)	28.3	26.7	26.9	28.7	27.1	30.6	27.4	30.0
Mixed corn	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total cereals	43.8	42.5	43.4	45.8	44.7	41.9	40.7	39.5
Other field crops								
Potatoes	8.7	9.0	8.8	7.8	7.5	7.5	6.8	6.7
Arable crop silage	1.8	2.0	1.6	1.7	2.0	2.4	2.2	2.3
Forage maize	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.1	0.1	1.4
SRC Willow	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Other crops	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.2	0.9	0.9
Total other field crops	12.3	12.4	11.5	10.7	11.2	11.2	10.1	11.4
Horticultural crops								
Fruit	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5
Vegetables	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5
Ornamentals	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total horticultural crops	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.1
Total crops	59.4	58.1	58.2	59.7	59.1	56.5	54.1	54.1
Total crops & grass	872.4	875.5	877.5	884.8	889.8	894.5	883.5	894.1
Other land								
Set-aside	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.0	1.1	2.0	2.5	2.9
Woods and plantations	8.2	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.6	8.2
Other land	12.8	11.5	11.4	10.8	10.1	9.6	9.3	9.0
Total other land	22.9	21.3	21.1	20.0	19.5	19.8	20.4	20.0
TOTAL AREA FARMED	1,071.6	1,067.8	1,067.6	1,068.9	1,068.4	1,073.0	1,060.5	1,068.2

(*'000 hectares*)

2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
							Grass
136.4	138.0	141.8	135.6	126.5	122.1	117.2	Under 5 yrs old
707.3	710.3	696.7	675.8	677.2	671.9	672.4	Over 5 yrs old
843.7	848.2	838.5	811.4	803.7	794.0	789.6	Total grass
151.6	152.9	151.2	148.6	151.3	146.5	147.1	Hill or rough land
							Cereals
2.4	2.5	2.5	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.4	Oats
7.2	7.3	8.6	8.4	8.7	9.2	12.1	Wheat
3.9	4.1	4.5	4.0	4.6	4.7	6.1	Barley (winter)
24.5	23.6	22.5	21.7	18.2	18.1	19.5	Barley (spring)
0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	Mixed corn
38.1	37.8	38.3	36.2	33.6	34.2	40.4	Total cereals
							Other field crops
6.7	6.0	5.7	4.5	4.7	4.8	5.1	Potatoes
1.9	2.3	2.8	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.2	Arable crop silage
1.7	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.7	3.1	3.5	Forage maize
n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.3	0.4	SRC Willow
1.0	1.4	1.8	1.8	2.5	2.5	2.7	Other crops
11.4	12.0	12.5	12.3	13.3	14.0	15.0	Total other field crops
							Horticultural crops
1.5	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	Fruit
1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.4	Vegetables
0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	Ornamentals
3.2	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.0	Total horticultural crops
52.6	53.0	53.9	51.5	49.8	51.2	58.3	Total crops
896.3	901.2	892.3	862.9	853.5	845.2	848.0	Total crops & grass
							Other land
3.0	3.5	3.4	2.4	2.3	2.0	1.2	Set-aside
7.9	8.4	8.2	8.6	9.6	9.9	9.9	Woods and plantations
8.4	7.8	7.6	7.1	11.8	10.9	11.3	Other land
19.3	19.6	19.2	18.1	23.7	22.8	22.3	Total other land
1,067.3	1,073.7	1,062.8	1,029.5	1,028.5	1,014.5	1,017.4	TOTAL AREA FARMED

Table 3.2 Cattle and calves in Northern Ireland 1994-2008

	(000 head)							
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Dairy cows								
In milk	254.9	251.8	260.1	259.4	266.8	267.1	265.7	275.4
In calf	19.4	19.7	21.0	19.8	20.8	19.3	18.6	19.6
Total	274.2	271.5	281.1	279.2	287.7	286.4	284.4	295.0
Dairy heifers-in-calf								
2 years old	20.6	23.9	25.1	26.7	24.5	24.4	26.0	26.4
1-2 years	29.7	32.0	37.0	35.9	36.4	35.6	34.8	34.2
Total	50.3	55.9	62.1	62.6	60.9	60.0	60.9	60.7
Beef cows								
In milk	262.7	260.8	266.9	272.1	287.1	274.2	262.2	260.2
In calf	46.1	47.7	48.5	51.8	57.6	58.0	55.8	51.6
Total	308.7	308.6	315.4	323.9	344.7	332.2	318.0	311.8
Beef heifers-in-calf								
2 years old	18.8	18.4	20.1	26.2	24.2	21.1	18.9	19.9
1-2 years	13.7	14.5	15.3	20.4	16.7	13.5	12.6	13.2
Total	32.5	32.9	35.4	46.5	40.9	34.6	31.5	33.1
Breeding bulls								
2 years old and over	10.1	10.3	11.1	12.2	12.9	13.0	12.6	12.6
1-2 years	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.2	4.0	3.7	4.1
Total	14.6	14.8	15.6	16.5	17.1	16.9	16.3	16.7
Other cattle								
2 years old								
Male	94.4	96.5	105.4	66.9	71.7	68.0	69.0	68.7
Females for slaughter	31.3	32.1	33.5	20.6	24.3	24.2	26.4	27.9
Females for breeding	11.6	12.8	12.5	13.7	12.6	13.5	11.4	13.8
Total	137.4	141.4	151.3	101.2	108.6	105.7	106.8	110.3
1-2 years								
Male	211.7	211.0	218.3	232.5	213.6	204.6	197.5	199.6
Females for slaughter	122.9	117.3	116.7	114.9	125.4	128.8	126.9	118.0
Females for breeding	57.0	61.6	67.1	69.9	70.6	68.7	63.4	62.7
Total	391.6	389.9	402.2	417.3	409.6	402.1	387.8	380.3
6-12 months								
Male	98.7	104.1	102.1	89.7	87.7	82.3	84.0	88.9
Female	98.9	100.1	96.5	98.6	102.4	101.8	95.7	92.7
Total	197.6	204.1	198.6	188.3	190.1	184.1	179.7	181.6
Under 6 months								
Male	135.6	135.8	146.4	139.6	143.8	136.5	138.5	141.4
Female	145.0	144.2	151.2	155.9	164.0	160.0	152.7	148.2
Total	280.6	280.0	297.6	295.5	307.7	296.5	291.1	289.7
TOTAL CATTLE	1,687.5	1,699.1	1,759.4	1,731.0	1,767.3	1,718.5	1,676.5	1,679.1

Note: From 2005 onwards, cattle figures were derived from APHIS

('000 head)

2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
							Dairy cows
276.2	268.7	265.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In milk
21.7	21.5	22.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In calf
297.9	290.1	288.3	287.1	284.7	286.1	289.2	Total
							Dairy heifers-in-calf
25.9	25.7	28.1	27.7	27.5	28.1	26.9	2 years old
32.5	34.3	34.4	36.6	39.0	39.8	37.4	1-2 years
58.5	60.0	62.5	64.2	66.5	67.8	64.3	Total
							Beef cows
255.5	239.9	240.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In milk
51.5	55.5	55.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In calf
307.0	295.4	296.2	280.6	276.7	272.6	265.7	Total
							Beef heifers-in-calf
20.1	19.8	21.0	26.1	25.7	22.3	24.3	2 years old
12.9	13.4	13.3	16.4	16.1	14.4	15.4	1-2 years
33.0	33.3	34.3	42.4	41.8	36.7	39.7	Total
							Breeding bulls
12.4	12.6	12.9	15.5	15.6	14.1	15.6	2 years old and over
4.1	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.2	3.5	4.0	1-2 years
16.5	16.6	17.0	19.7	19.7	17.6	19.6	Total
							Other cattle
							2 years old
68.7	66.9	66.8	77.4	75.5	73.2	65.5	Male
29.3	32.8	33.2	87.0	83.6	77.9	75.4	Females for slaughter
13.4	15.0	15.5	11.5	11.4	9.7	10.6	Females for breeding
111.4	114.8	115.4	175.9	170.5	160.8	151.5	Total
							1-2 years
202.7	210.4	208.6	193.2	190.0	188.0	170.2	Male
122.0	123.4	119.2	111.6	109.9	108.0	98.2	Females for slaughter
63.1	69.7	69.6	69.2	68.5	66.6	65.1	Females for breeding
387.8	403.5	397.3	374.1	368.3	362.7	333.5	Total
							6-12 months
91.7	96.7	95.4	95.6	93.9	87.7	84.0	Male
93.2	95.0	93.2	102.7	101.4	101.7	103.0	Female
184.9	191.7	188.6	198.2	195.2	189.4	186.9	Total
							Under 6 months
140.0	138.2	136.6	132.2	128.8	117.9	128.6	Male
147.4	141.6	141.5	138.2	136.9	131.9	143.5	Female
287.5	279.8	278.1	270.5	265.7	249.8	272.1	Total
1,684.5	1,685.3	1,677.6	1,712.7	1,689.3	1,643.5	1,622.5	TOTAL CATTLE

Table 3.3 Sheep, horses, ponies and goats in Northern Ireland 1994-2008

	('000 head)							
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
SHEEP								
Ewes								
Ewes which lambed	n.a.	n.a.	1,169.8	1,211.4	1,262.0	1,242.2	1,182.4	1,090.3
Others for breeding	n.a.	n.a.	171.8	172.7	187.8	162.7	150.2	142.0
Total	1,382.1	1,345.3	1,341.6	1,384.1	1,449.8	1,404.9	1,332.6	1,232.3
Other sheep								
Rams for service	32.9	32.0	32.7	33.1	34.3	33.9	32.2	31.4
Not for breeding	6.1	6.3	5.7	7.3	6.5	8.8	8.2	9.3
Lambs								
Under 1 year old	1,399.7	1,369.9	1,373.2	1,455.5	1,496.0	1,461.3	1,367.5	1,252.6
TOTAL SHEEP	2,820.9	2,753.5	2,753.1	2,880.1	2,986.6	2,908.9	2,740.6	2,525.6
HORSES AND PONIES								
Mares								
Horses	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.4
Ponies	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8
Total mares	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.2
Stallions	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Other horses	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.5
Other ponies	1.9	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.2
Horses/Ponies owned by occupier	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Horses/Ponies not owned by occupier	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
TOTAL HORSES & PONIES	9.1	9.6	9.8	9.9	9.8	9.9	9.5	10.1
GOATS								
Female goats which have kidded	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
All other goats and kids	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.8
TOTAL GOATS	4.2	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.4

(000 head)

2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
							SHEEP
							Ewes
998.5	953.6	943.1	900.8	864.6	839.3	823.1	Ewes which lambed
130.2	152.0	157.4	126.5	126.5	118.0	112.3	Others for breeding
1,128.6	1,105.6	1,100.5	1,027.3	991.1	957.3	935.4	Total
							Other sheep
31.1	29.6	29.2	28.6	27.5	27.3	26.9	Rams for service
8.2	9.5	10.1	10.6	11.1	12.2	12.5	Not for breeding
1,156.3	1,096.4	1,085.6	1,078.6	1,040.9	1,027.2	998.8	Lambs Under 1 year old
2,324.2	2,241.1	2,225.4	2,145.1	2,070.5	2,024.0	1,973.6	TOTAL SHEEP

							HORSES AND PONIES
							Mares
2.3	2.4	2.3	2.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Horses
0.9	0.8	0.9	0.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Ponies
3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Total mares
0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Stallions
4.5	4.5	3.9	4.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Other horses
2.2	2.0	2.0	1.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Other ponies
n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.5	9.0	9.8	Horses/Ponies owned by occupier
n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1.7	1.8	2.0	Horses/Ponies not owned by occupier
10.1	9.9	9.2	9.3	10.3	10.8	11.8	TOTAL HORSES & PONIES

							GOATS
1.6	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.4	Female goats which have kidded
1.7	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.5	All other goats and kids
3.3	2.9	2.7	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.8	TOTAL GOATS

Table 3.4 Pigs and poultry in Northern Ireland 1994-2008

	('000 head)							
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
PIGS								
Female breeding herd								
Sows in pig	43.8	42.8	42.6	46.1	43.1	32.6	27.8	26.7
Gilts in pig	8.3	8.8	9.9	9.5	7.6	5.4	5.2	4.9
Others sows for breeding	17.6	16.8	16.3	16.6	16.3	9.1	8.8	9.1
Total	69.8	68.4	68.8	72.2	66.9	47.1	41.8	40.6
Other breeding pigs								
Boars being used for service	3.1	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.8	1.7	1.3	1.3
Maiden gilts	4.3	4.6	5.6	5.9	5.2	3.5	3.7	2.9
Other pigs								
Cull sows being fattened	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6
110kg and over	4.9	4.4	4.3	0.7	3.0	2.1	2.0	1.3
80 kg and under 110kg	70.8	75.3	83.3	75.5	71.5	58.6	52.3	47.7
50kg and under 80kg	157.5	154.9	149.1	171.0	162.5	117.3	106.7	98.1
20kg and under 50kg	180.0	170.0	161.6	189.3	174.6	135.3	106.1	99.7
Under 20kg	162.7	156.2	162.2	178.6	166.3	124.0	98.9	93.2
Total	576.3	561.1	560.8	615.5	578.5	437.9	366.7	340.7
TOTAL PIGS	653.4	636.9	638.1	696.7	653.4	490.3	413.5	385.6
POULTRY								
Commercial laying flock								
Laying birds up to end of first laying cycle	3,169.8	3,005.9	2,971.2	2,490.0	2,412.4	1,960.2	2,049.9	2,022.3
Second cycle	139.9	200.4	165.2	158.9	149.7	179.9	250.0	120.3
Total	3,309.7	3,206.3	3,136.4	2,648.9	2,562.1	2,140.0	2,300.0	2,142.6
Growing pullets	1,157.7	1,344.3	1,240.9	1,266.2	845.7	781.3	798.3	735.1
Breeding flock	1,544.6	1,748.8	1,968.5	2,138.2	2,334.5	2,266.1	2,196.3	2,145.2
Table birds								
Broilers	8,082.0	9,170.0	9,006.2	8,994.9	8,854.1	9,342.0	9,655.4	8,863.6
Other poultry	506.7	533.9	547.4	559.6	574.2	518.4	425.9	461.0
TOTAL POULTRY	14,600.7	16,003.3	15,899.5	15,607.8	15,170.6	15,047.9	15,375.9	14,347.5

Note: From 2007 onwards, poultry figures were taken from the Northern Ireland Bird Register Update.
Game farms are included in 2008 poultry figures.

('000 head)

2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
							PIGS
							Female breeding herd
26.4	28.1	25.4	25.7	25.9	26.0	25.3	Sows in pig
5.0	5.0	4.6	4.5	4.8	4.3	6.5	Gilts in pig
7.9	9.7	7.8	6.6	6.7	6.7	3.6	Others sows for breeding
39.3	42.9	37.8	36.7	37.4	37.0	35.5	Total
							Other breeding pigs
1.2	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.7	Boars being used for service
2.9	3.3	3.2	2.8	3.4	3.3	3.2	Maiden gilts
							Other pigs
0.3	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.6	Cull sows being fattened
1.5	1.6	1.7	3.3	3.3	3.9	6.4	110kg and over
48.4	61.0	54.3	55.2	51.9	61.0	63.7	80 kg and under 110kg
96.6	106.5	108.4	87.1	79.9	86.2	82.4	50kg and under 80kg
105.6	112.6	111.4	91.8	83.6	88.7	85.8	20kg and under 50kg
91.9	104.1	105.4	126.6	125.6	128.6	124.1	Under 20kg
344.3	386.3	381.9	364.5	344.9	369.3	363.0	Total
387.7	433.7	424.1	405.1	386.6	410.5	402.4	TOTAL PIGS
							POULTRY
							Commercial laying flock
1,919.2	1,945.9	2,093.4	2,111.7	2,084.6	2,348.3	2,370.8	Laying birds up to end of first laying cycle
180.3	257.4	172.7	207.5	103.1	45.6	27.7	Second cycle
2,099.4	2,203.2	2,266.1	2,319.2	2,187.7	2,394.0	2,398.5	Total
534.1	552.9	509.8	669.5	743.1	1,039.8	1,174.3	Growing pullets
2,506.2	2,518.2	2,284.8	1,634.5	1,594.8	1,538.0	1,205.2	Breeding flock
							Table birds
11,273.3	12,811.4	15,006.9	12,525.7	13,367.1	11,861.3	11,543.5	Broilers
448.8	439.6	441.7	465.4	518.3	451.9	809.4	Other poultry
16,861.8	18,525.4	20,509.2	17,614.3	18,411.0	17,284.9	17,130.9	TOTAL POULTRY

Table 3.5 Farmers and other workers in Northern Ireland 1994-2008

('000 workers)

		1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Farmers									
Full time	Male	22.5	21.6	20.9	20.8	20.8	20.0	19.2	18.8
	Female	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.4
	Total full-time farmers	24.6	23.4	22.7	22.4	22.5	21.5	20.5	20.2
Part time	Male	13.5	13.6	14.4	14.3	14.0	13.8	13.3	13.7
	Female	3.0	2.7	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.1
	Total part-time farmers	16.5	16.3	17.2	16.8	16.3	16.1	15.4	15.8
TOTAL FARMERS		41.4	39.9	40.0	39.2	38.8	37.6	35.9	36.0
Farmers' spouses									
Full time	Total	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.2
	Part time	Total	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.3
TOTAL SPOUSES		6.2	6.8	6.8	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.5
Other workers									
Full time	Male	3.3	3.2	3.0	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.5
	Female	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
	Total full-time	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.8
Part time	Male	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.3
	Female	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.5
	Total part-time	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	2.9	2.8	3.1	2.8
Casual	Male	8.2	8.7	8.3	8.6	8.5	8.0	7.9	7.5
	Female	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8
	Total casual/seasonal	9.0	9.6	9.2	9.6	9.4	8.8	8.8	8.3
TOTAL OTHER WORKERS		15.8	16.3	15.8	15.6	15.2	14.6	14.9	13.9
TOTAL FARMERS, SPOUSES AND OTHER WORKERS		63.1	63.0	62.5	61.9	61.1	59.3	57.8	56.4

Table 3.6 Number of Farms in Northern Ireland, 1994 - 2008

('000 farms)

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
TOTAL FARMS	33.6	33.1	32.6	32.1	31.8	31.1	29.9	29.8

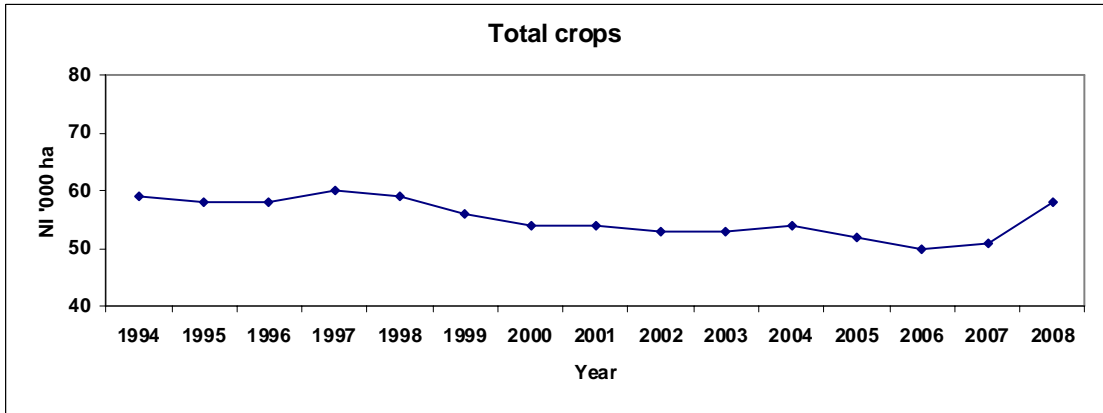
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2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008		
18.4	18.1	17.2	17.1	16.9	16.3	16.0	Male	Farmers
1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.9	Female	Full time
19.7	19.3	18.3	18.2	18.0	17.2	16.9		Total full-time farmers
12.7	12.8	13.0	12.5	12.2	12.3	12.4	Male	Part time
2.1	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	Female	
14.8	14.7	14.9	14.4	14.0	14.0	14.2		Total part-time farmers
34.5	34.0	33.3	32.5	32.0	31.2	31.1		TOTAL FARMERS
2.1	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.1	1.9	1.8	Total	Farmers' spouses
4.1	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.4	4.4	Total	Full time
								Part time
6.2	6.4	6.4	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.2		TOTAL SPOUSES
2.4	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.5	2.6	Male	Other workers
0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	Female	Full time
2.7	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.9	3.1		Total full-time
2.2	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.0	2.3	2.3	Male	Part time
0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	Female	
2.8	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.3	2.7	2.8		Total part-time
7.2	7.6	7.4	6.7	6.2	5.3	5.2	Male	Casual
0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	Female	
8.0	8.4	8.1	7.3	6.8	5.8	5.7		Total casual/seasonal
13.5	14.1	13.7	12.4	11.7	11.4	11.6		TOTAL OTHER WORKERS
54.3	54.5	53.3	51.1	50.0	49.0	49.0		TOTAL FARMERS, SPOUSES AND OTHER WORKERS

(*'000 farms*)

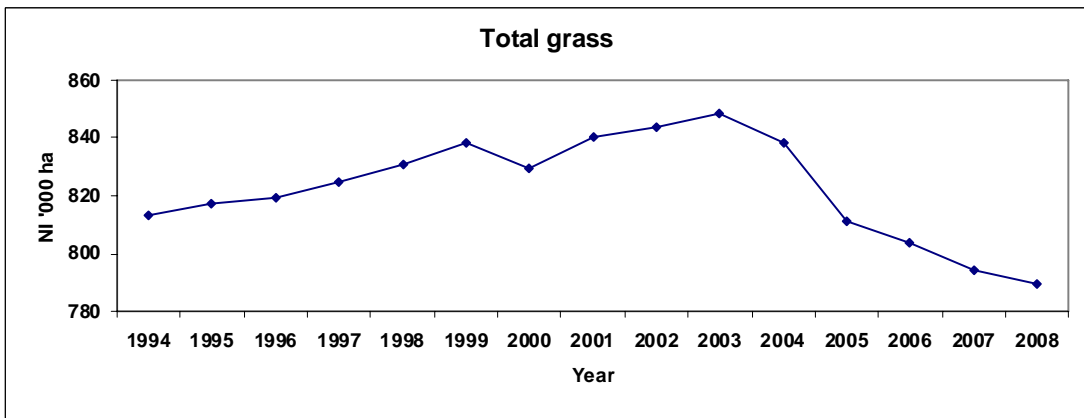
2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
28.5	28.3	27.6	27.1	26.7	26.1	26.0	TOTAL FARMS

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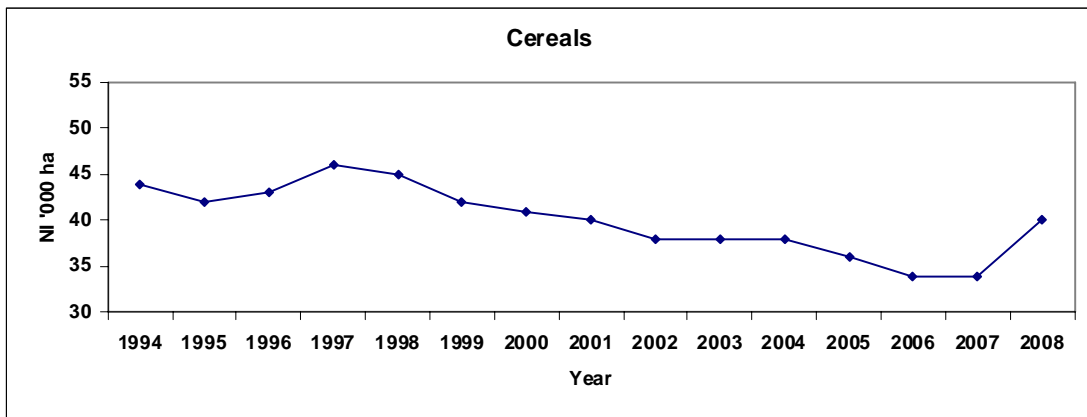
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Chart 3 - 2



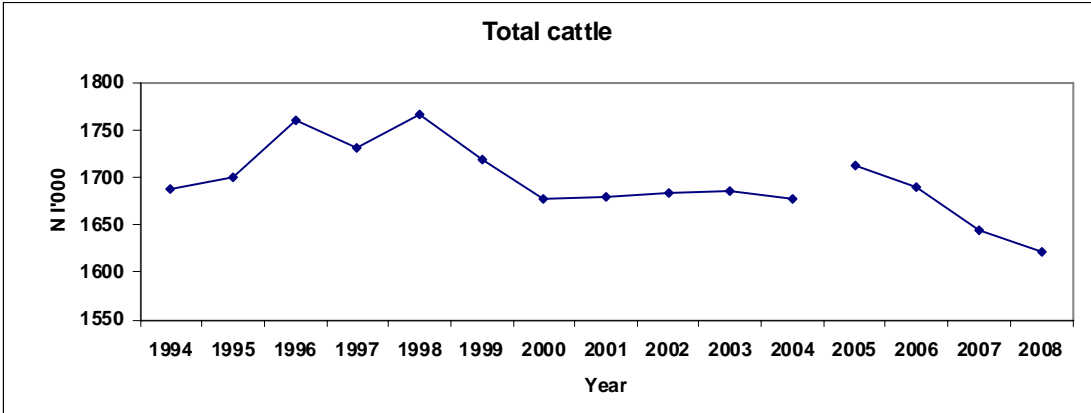
Non-zero intercept

Chart 3 - 3



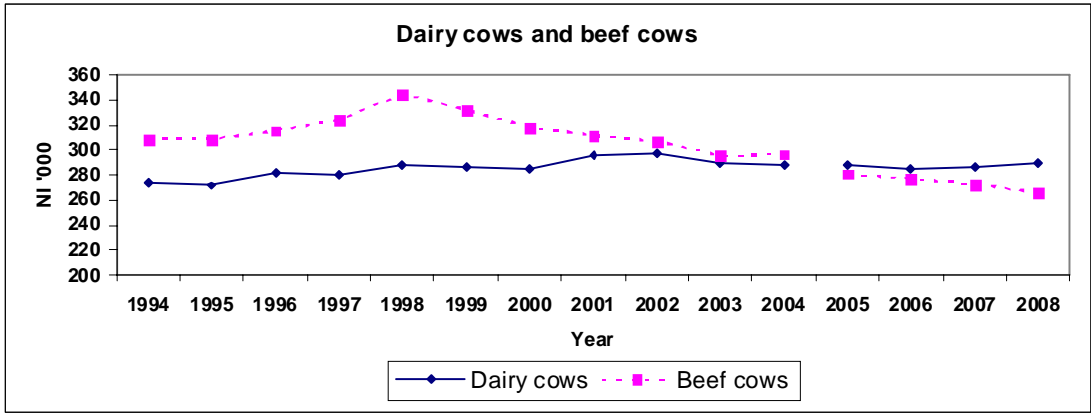
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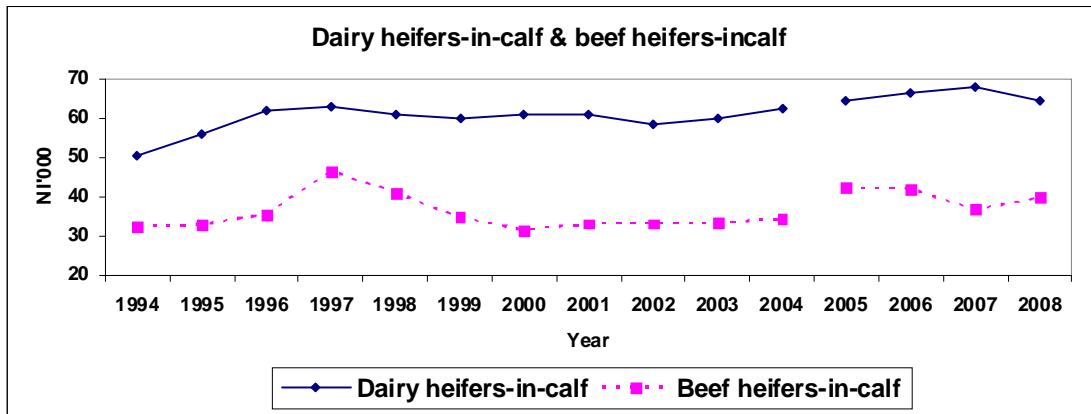
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Chart 3 - 5



Non-zero intercept

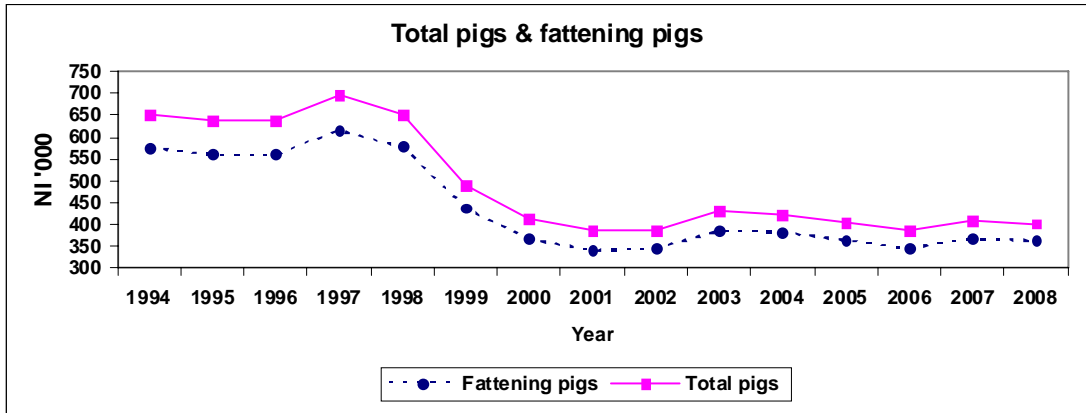
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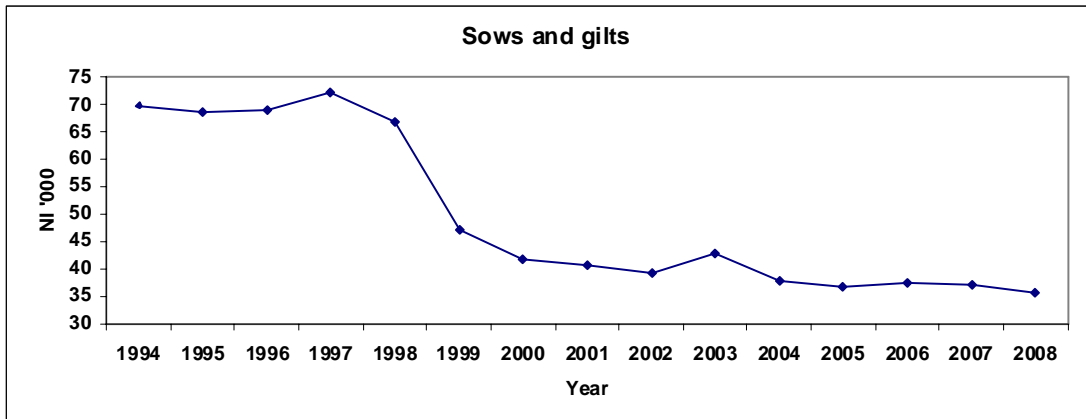
Note: From 2005 onwards, cattle figures were derived from APHIS

Chart 3 - 7



Non-zero intercept

Chart 3 - 8



Non-zero intercept

Chart 3 - 9

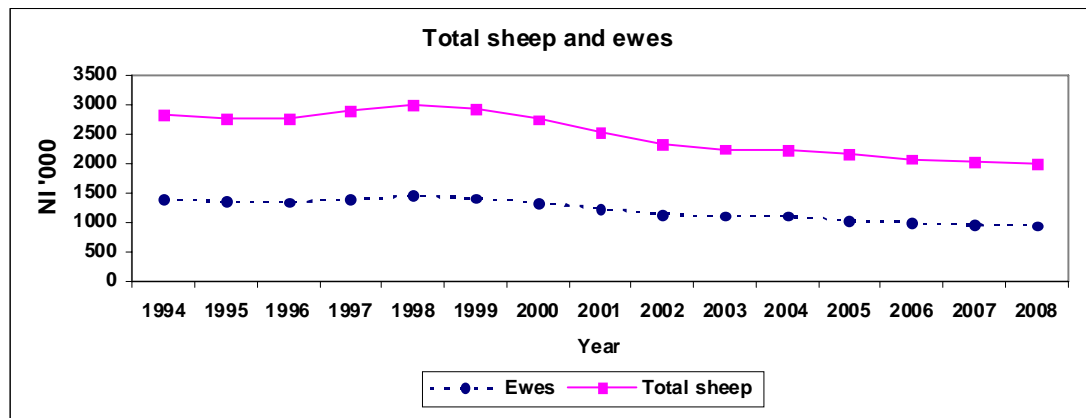
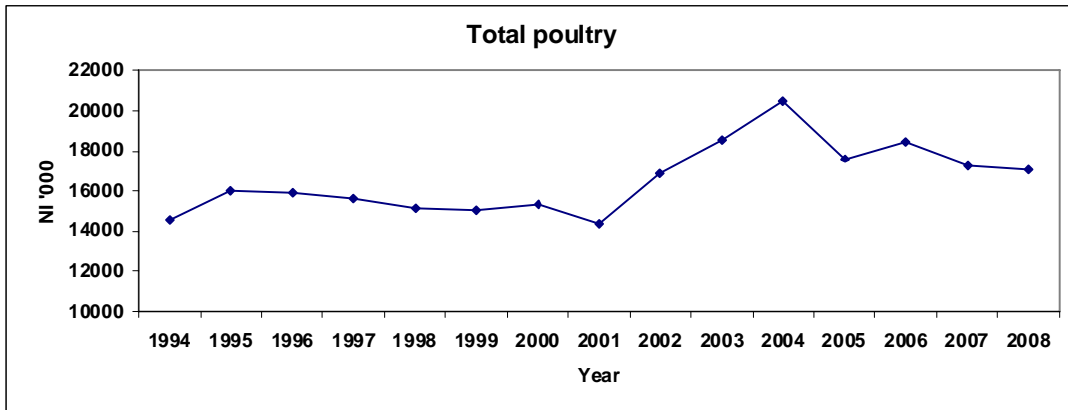
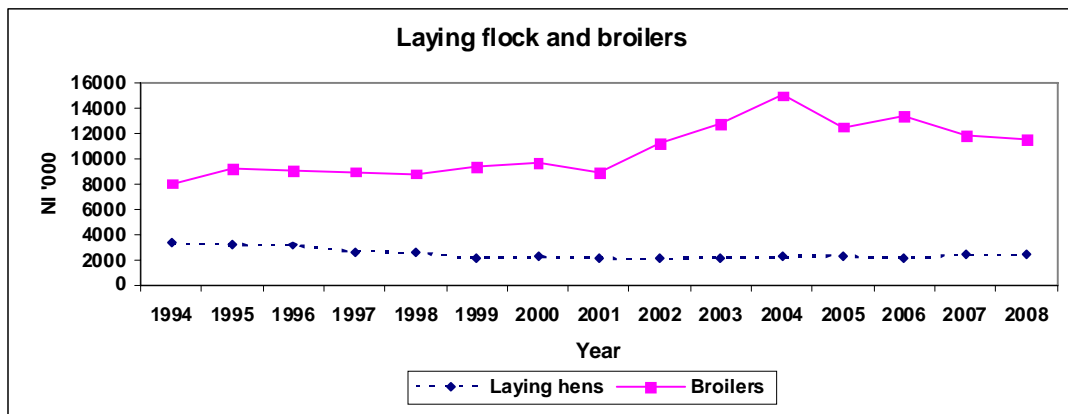


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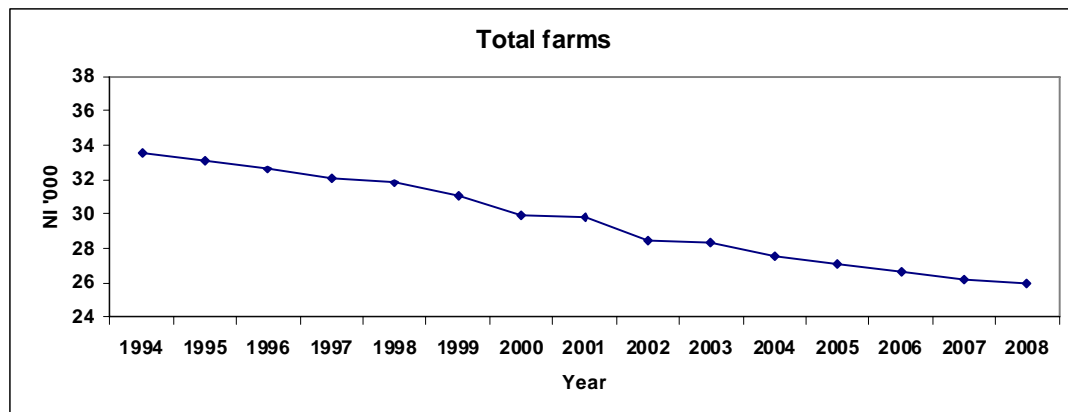
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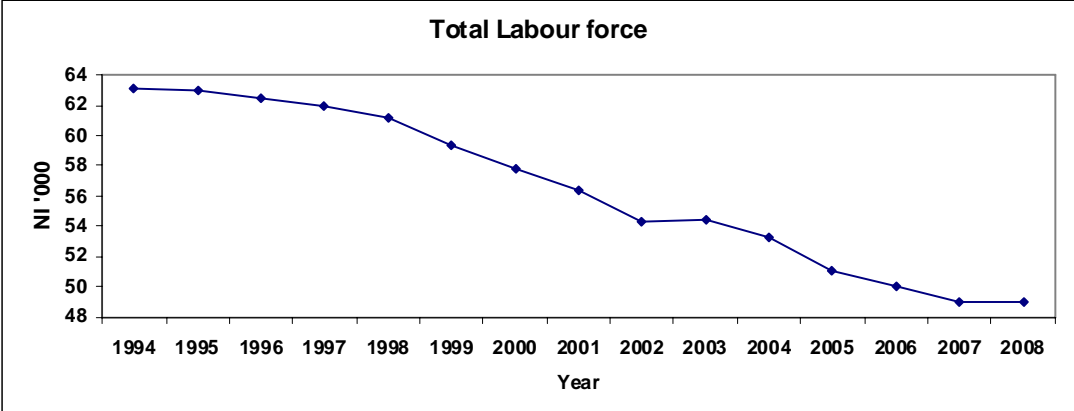
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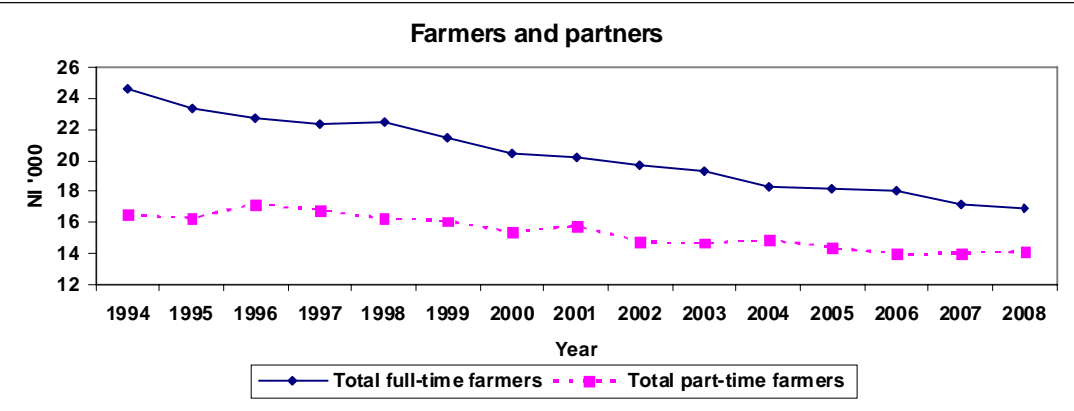
Non-zero intercept

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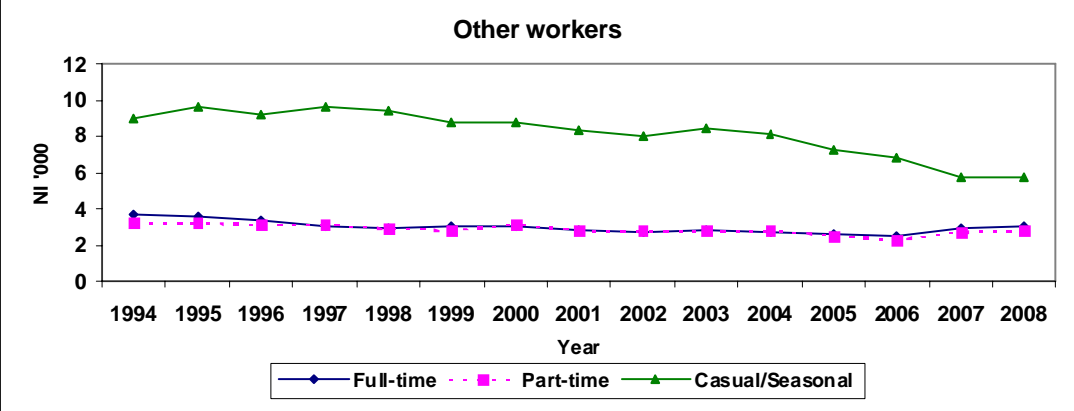
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Non-zero intercept

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SECTION 4

FARM STRUCTURE, 2008

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Table 4.1 Number and area of farms by crop & grass area farmed by county in Northern Ireland, June 2008

<i>Crops and grass area farmed (hectares)</i>	Crops & grass													
	Antrim		Armagh		Down		Fermanagh		Londonderry		Tyrone		N.Ireland	
	Farms	Area	Farms	Area	Farms	Area	Farms	Area	Farms	Area	Farms	Area	Farms	Area
< 2	229	111	196	100	209	110	61	16	114	54	235	97	1,044	489
2 - 4.9	234	805	285	1,013	411	1,455	143	504	201	720	308	1,109	1,582	5,606
5 - 9.9	561	4,218	644	4,838	716	5,314	319	2,430	396	2,962	804	6,054	3,440	25,816
10 - 14.9	465	5,736	609	7,490	657	8,114	430	5,261	407	4,982	848	10,437	3,416	42,019
15 - 19.9	404	6,997	425	7,316	477	8,290	359	6,261	361	6,214	741	12,771	2,767	47,848
20 - 29.9	647	15,853	583	14,240	696	17,026	565	13,932	518	12,788	1116	27,337	4,125	101,175
30 - 39.9	490	17,093	320	10,946	472	16,253	345	11,768	361	12,610	690	23,598	2,678	92,269
40 - 49.9	318	14,160	230	10,236	342	15,293	257	11,412	262	11,684	454	20,068	1,863	82,852
50 - 74.9	569	34,694	254	15,068	446	26,973	333	20,261	383	23,099	652	39,524	2,637	159,619
75 - 99.9	256	22,088	97	8,345	226	19,354	151	13,073	161	13,712	225	19,344	1,116	95,917
100 & over	317	47,136	86	13,039	286	44,543	141	21,208	216	34,140	238	34,323	1,284	194,388
Total	4,490	168,889	3,729	92,630	4,938	162,725	3,104	106,125	3,380	122,966	6,311	194,662	25,952	847,998

Table 4.2 Number and area of farms by total area by county in Northern Ireland, June 2008

<i>Total area (hectares)</i>	Total area													
	Antrim		Armagh		Down		Fermanagh		Londonderry		Tyrone		N.Ireland	
	Farms	Area	Farms	Area	Farms	Area	Farms	Area	Farms	Area	Farms	Area	Farms	Area
< 2	174	96	152	96	149	95	32	13	85	47	169	89	761	436
2 - 4.9	177	615	262	923	368	1,297	93	332	167	596	255	919	1,322	4,682
5 - 9.9	450	3,378	626	4,744	702	5,238	256	1,984	346	2,600	658	4,995	3,038	22,940
10 - 14.9	417	5,155	593	7,320	638	7,867	394	4,873	352	4,328	732	9,056	3,126	38,599
15 - 19.9	355	6,148	438	7,542	480	8,319	351	6,106	314	5,429	642	11,119	2,580	44,662
20 - 29.9	624	15,410	617	15,034	710	17,381	583	14,405	471	11,724	1101	27,059	4,106	101,013
30 - 39.9	523	18,237	348	11,949	505	17,460	362	12,418	344	11,920	752	25,906	2,834	97,889
40 - 49.9	352	15,629	226	10,005	328	14,665	283	12,587	273	12,177	521	23,125	1,983	88,188
50 - 74.9	624	38,403	273	16,248	498	30,022	376	22,915	448	27,303	780	47,740	2,999	182,632
75 - 99.9	309	26,743	96	8,279	252	21,623	183	15,882	201	17,223	309	26,636	1,350	116,385
100 & over	485	85,102	98	14,863	308	58,202	191	31,750	379	65,404	392	64,635	1,853	319,957
Total	4,490	214,916	3,729	97,003	4,938	182,170	3,104	123,264	3,380	158,751	6,311	241,277	25,952	1,017,381

Table 4.3 Number of farms by (a) type of farm and (b) farm business size by county in Northern Ireland, June 2008

	County						
	Antrim	Armagh	Down	Fermanagh	Londonderry	Tyrone	N.Ireland
FARM TYPE:							
Cereals	78	57	250	2	130	69	586
General cropping	52	19	105	1	45	23	245
Horticulture	33	148	61	3	19	33	297
Pigs & poultry	132	96	81	28	49	200	586
Dairy	751	407	628	372	404	895	3,457
Cattle & sheep: LFA	2,312	2,054	1,739	2,591	1,819	4,076	14,591
Cattle & sheep: lowland	769	678	1,541	15	651	701	4,355
Mixed	164	101	261	11	177	148	862
Other type	199	169	272	81	86	166	973
All types	4,490	3,729	4,938	3,104	3,380	6,311	25,952
FARM BUSINESS SIZE:							
Very small	3,152	3,021	3,701	2,635	2,513	4,962	19,984
Small	666	359	624	326	487	726	3,188
Medium	311	149	222	94	194	319	1,289
Large	361	200	391	49	186	304	1,491
Total	4,490	3,729	4,938	3,104	3,380	6,311	25,952

Note: Farm business size is determined using Standard Labour Requirements.

Table 4.4 Number of farms by (a) type of farm; (b) crops and grass area and (c) total area by farm business size in Northern Ireland, June 2008

	Farm business size				Total
	Very small	Small	Medium	Large	
FARM TYPE:					
Cereals	495	60	17	14	586
General cropping	132	42	31	40	245
Horticulture	125	64	31	77	297
Pigs & poultry	298	164	55	69	586
Dairy	621	1,093	728	1,015	3,457
Cattle & sheep: LFA	13,201	1,065	218	107	14,591
Cattle & sheep: lowland	3,757	447	103	48	4,355
Mixed	512	208	69	73	862
Other type	843	45	37	48	973
All types	19,984	3,188	1,289	1,491	25,952
AREA OF CROPS & GRASS FARMED (hectares)					
Under 10	5,774	154	56	82	6,066
10 - 19.9	5,943	171	38	31	6,183
20.0 - 29.9	3,696	335	47	47	4,125
30.0 - 49.9	3,214	985	246	96	4,541
50.0 - 99.9	1,269	1,250	662	572	3,753
100 & over	88	293	240	663	1,284
Total	19,984	3,188	1,289	1,491	25,952
TOTAL AREA FARMED (hectares)					
Under 10	4,861	134	50	76	5,121
10 - 19.9	5,514	132	30	30	5,706
20.0 - 29.9	3,737	284	43	42	4,106
30.0 - 49.9	3,641	887	203	86	4,817
50.0 - 99.9	1,947	1,213	654	535	4,349
100 & over	284	538	309	722	1,853
Total	19,984	3,188	1,289	1,491	25,952

Table 4.5 Number of farms by farm business size and by percentage of area farmed which is owner-occupied, June 2008

Owner-occupied land as percentage of area farmed	Farm business size				
	Very small	Small	Medium	Large	Total
All	11,199	911	274	243	12,627
50-<100%	4,666	1,430	612	740	7,448
>0-<50%	2,602	751	367	476	4,196
None	1,517	96	36	32	1,681
All farms	19,984	3,188	1,289	1,491	25,952
Average percentage owner-occupied	74	66	60	59	68

Table 4.6 Number of farmers and workers by farm business size in Northern Ireland, June 2008

	Farm business size				
	Very small	Small	Medium	Large	Total
<i>Farmers, partners & directors:</i>					
Full-time	9,544	3,460	1,666	2,261	16,931
Part-time	13,029	718	172	247	14,166
Total	22,573	4,178	1,838	2,508	31,097
Spouses	4,074	1,017	499	639	6,229
<i>Other workers</i>					
Full-time	801	456	305	1,527	3,089
Part-time	1,496	603	267	437	2,803
Casual/seasonal	3,021	995	576	1,154	5,746
Total other workers	5,318	2,054	1,148	3,118	11,638
Total agricultural labour force	31,965	7,249	3,485	6,265	48,964

SECTION 5

FARM ENTERPRISES, 2008

Tables showing the numbers of farms in each county having each crop or type of livestock and the distribution by enterprise size.

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Table 5.14	Broilers Growing pullets Breeding fowl Laying hens Total ordinary fowl Total poultry

Table 5.1 Distribution of farms and cereals by area of cereals by county, June 2008

Area of cereals on farms (hectares)	All Cereals											
	Antrim		Armagh		Down		Londonderry		Fermanagh & Tyrone ¹		N.Ireland	
	Farms	Area	Farms	Area	Farms	Area	Farms	Area	Farms	Area	Farms	Area
under 1	16	11	5	4	18	13	14	10	7	3	60	41
1 - 1.9	72	107	12	17	75	111	50	75	23	33	232	343
2 - 4.9	197	650	57	186	303	1,005	224	733	116	383	897	2,957
5 - 9.9	156	1,115	68	487	267	1,918	169	1,160	102	692	762	5,372
10 - 19.9	103	1,431	69	929	223	3,126	119	1,664	64	856	578	8,007
20 - 29.9	44	1,048	18	434	90	2,121	45	1,109	22	533	219	5,245
30 - 39.9	20	696	7	231	38	1,291	19	658	5	199	83	2,819
40 - 49.9			5	222	30	1,302	17	736			58	2,517
50 and over	15	1,191	11	1,010	62	6,511	37	3,384	11	1,002	136	13,099
Total	623	6,252	252	3,519	1,106	17,399	694	9,530	350	3,701	3,025	40,399

¹ Figures for Fermanagh and Tyrone have been amalgamated due to data confidentiality constraints.

Table 5.2 Distribution of farms and crops by area of barley by county, June 2008

Area of barley on farms (hectares)	Barley (spring and winter)											
	Antrim		Armagh		Down		Londonderry		Fermanagh & Tyrone ¹		N.Ireland	
	Farms	Area	Farms	Area	Farms	Area	Farms	Area	Farms	Area	Farms	Area
under 1	15	10	14	18	19	14	14	11	20	28	53	39
1 - 1.9	56	83			79	114	45	67			209	306
2 - 4.9	178	590	53	169	287	938	222	728	96	318	836	2,742
5 - 9.9	121	860	53	364	226	1,616	141	982	70	478	611	4,300
10 - 19.9	61	834	50	685	196	2,699	108	1,512	38	515	453	6,245
20 - 29.9	27	634	6	156	66	1,534	43	1,039	12	282	154	3,645
30 - 39.9	5	169	9	452	23	776	14	485	6	218	54	1,857
40 & over	9	493			43	3,139	31	2,177	7	508	93	6,560
Total	472	3,673	185	1,845	939	10,829	618	7,001	249	2,347	2,463	25,694

¹ Figures for Fermanagh and Tyrone have been amalgamated due to data confidentiality constraints.

Table 5.3 Distribution of farms and crops by area of crop, Northern Ireland, June 2008

<i>Area of crop on farms (hectares)</i>	Winter Barley		Spring Barley		Oats		Wheat	
	Farms	Area	Farms	Area	Farms	Area	Farms	Area
under 1	8	5	48	36	25	16	7	5
1 - 1.9	39	60	197	288	74	107	49	76
2 - 4.9	203	672	772	2,525	172	521	254	857
5 - 9.9	164	1,157	582	4,106	81	556	271	1,926
10 - 19.9	98	1,335	365	5,003	42	555	193	2,582
20 - 29.9	39	927	132	3,111	11	266	84	2,002
30 - 39.9	12	407	39	1,309	9	397	27	910
40 - 49.9	6	251.7	29	1,262			13	578
50 and over	12	1,335	28	1,907			32	3,168
Total	581	6,149	2,192	19,546	414	2,418	930	12,105

Table 5.4 Distribution of farms and potatoes by area of potatoes by county, June 2008

<i>Area of potatoes on farms (hectares)</i>	Potatoes											
	Antrim		Armagh		Down		Londonderry		Fermanagh & Tyrone¹		N.Ireland	
	Farms	Area	Farms	Area	Farms	Area	Farms	Area	Farms	Area	Farms	Area
under 0.5	17	5	10	3	34	10	11	3	41	9	113	28
0.5 - 0.9	17	12	7	5	38	27	15	11	10	6	87	61
1 - 1.9	32	43	13	20	36	46	22	31	10	11	109	140
2 - 2.9	15	34			31	72	17	39	11	26	78	181
3 - 4.9	21	78	6	20	28	106	27	110	8	31	90	345
5 - 9.9	14	102	5	33	33	216	24	155	12	89	88	595
10 - 14.9	8	89	5	90	13	150	9	99	7	149	34	386
15 & over	21	937			42	1,483	18	752			89	3,363
Total	145	1,298	46	171	255	2,110	143	1,199	99	322	688	5,100

¹ Figures for Fermanagh and Tyrone have been amalgamated due to data confidentiality constraints.

Table 5.5 Distribution of farms and dairy cows by number of dairy cows and county, June 2008

<i>Number of dairy cows on farms</i>	Dairy cows													
	Antrim		Armagh		Down		Fermanagh		Londonderry		Tyrone		N.Ireland	
	Farms	Cows	Farms	Cows	Farms	Cows	Farms	Cows	Farms	Cows	Farms	Cows	Farms	Cows
< 10	56	344	54	302	72	416	50	302	52	326	98	588	382	2,277
10 - 14	24	288	25	298	15	172	25	301	17	207	44	520	150	1,785
15 - 19	24	413	25	421	13	229	28	491	13	230	45	772	148	2,556
20 - 29	65	1,549	48	1,149	54	1,300	54	1,318	42	989	101	2,432	364	8,737
30 - 39	69	2,410	44	1,527	50	1,734	59	2,026	30	1,042	101	3,520	353	12,260
40 - 49	79	3,562	33	1,448	51	2,311	56	2,479	38	1,717	87	3,913	344	15,430
50 - 59	62	3,432	37	2,010	45	2,478	31	1,685	41	2,238	78	4,258	294	16,102
60 - 69	59	3,811	30	1,974	55	3,581	31	1,978	38	2,447	79	5,185	292	18,975
70 - 99	172	14,732	81	6,825	108	9,214	55	4,665	92	7,772	180	14,985	688	58,194
100 & over	241	36,087	99	16,842	261	44,108	34	4,901	116	17,794	209	33,199	960	152,931
Total	851	66,627	476	32,795	724	65,543	423	20,146	479	34,763	1,022	69,372	3,975	289,247

Note: Figures for cattle were derived from APHIS in 2008.

Table 5.6 Distribution of farms and beef cows by number of beef cows and county, June 2008

<i>Number of beef cows on farms</i>	Beef cows													
	Antrim		Armagh		Down		Fermanagh		Londonderry		Tyrone		N.Ireland	
	Farms	Cows	Farms	Cows	Farms	Cows	Farms	Cows	Farms	Cows	Farms	Cows	Farms	Cows
< 5	439	1,300	631	1,837	675	1,948	513	1,532	378	1,096	1012	2,938	3,648	10,651
5 - 9	482	3,304	629	4,369	627	4,327	625	4,291	434	3,002	1056	7,150	3,853	26,443
10 - 14	453	5,217	498	5,762	484	5,556	490	5,629	371	4,286	834	9,526	3,130	35,975
15 - 19	321	5,344	304	5,022	306	5,117	318	5,240	244	4,027	512	8,558	2,005	33,309
20 - 29	340	8,257	307	7,257	328	7,744	334	7,922	247	5,844	539	12,904	2,095	49,928
30 - 39	195	6,537	121	4,072	148	4,968	137	4,648	146	4,986	233	7,800	980	33,011
40 - 49	99	4,344	50	2,184	86	3,751	68	2,988	66	2,882	110	4,767	479	20,916
50 - 59	59	3,153	15	812	44	2,388	31	1,654	32	1,714	50	2,701	231	12,421
60 - 69	28	1,783	13	820	26	1,652	31	1,956	21	1,336	38	2,397	157	9,944
70 - 99	53	4,225	23	1,820	26	2,120	38	3,138	34	2,760	48	3,774	222	17,838
100 & over	27	4,117	7	1,094	14	2,099	17	2,127	15	2,288	23	3,502	103	15,226
Total	2,496	47,579	2,598	35,049	2,764	41,670	2,602	41,127	1,988	34,221	4,455	66,017	16,903	265,663

Note: Figures for cattle were derived from APHIS in 2008.

Table 5.7 Distribution of farms and cattle over one year old, intended for slaughter, by number of cattle and county, June 2008

Number of cattle on farms	Male and female cattle one year old & over, intended for slaughter													
	Antrim		Armagh		Down		Fermanagh		Londonderry		Tyrone		N.Ireland	
	Farms	Cattle	Farms	Cattle	Farms	Cattle	Farms	Cattle	Farms	Cattle	Farms	Cattle	Farms	Cattle
1 - 2	453	669	504	743	493	704	707	1,035	428	614	956	1,398	3,541	5,162
3 - 4	398	1,395	380	1,323	358	1,231	486	1,675	277	966	679	2,330	2,578	8,920
5 - 9	492	3,374	483	3,289	542	3,716	501	3,370	422	2,862	918	6,165	3,358	22,775
10 - 14	345	4,082	303	3,612	341	4,016	226	2,676	227	2,734	488	5,795	1,930	22,916
15 - 19	242	4,122	220	3,709	289	4,885	141	2,397	182	3,089	376	6,342	1,450	24,545
20 - 29	377	9,216	279	6,768	365	8,717	174	4,208	252	6,150	450	10,899	1,897	45,957
30 - 39	223	7,665	176	6,082	267	9,208	92	3,148	150	5,145	294	10,165	1,202	41,413
40 - 49	155	6,926	119	5,295	174	7,655	47	2,054	109	4,802	189	8,339	793	35,071
50 - 59	106	5,757	75	4,051	115	6,267	39	2,142	80	4,383	123	6,661	538	29,260
60 - 69	80	5,163	58	3,742	83	5,347	25	1,614	41	2,607	93	5,978	380	24,451
70 - 99	126	10,388	94	7,874	156	13,106	35	2,940	78	6,467	131	10,747	620	51,521
100 & over	123	19,273	105	18,324	152	24,371	21	3,215	74	11,614	128	20,572	603	97,368
Total	3,120	78,029	2,796	64,813	3,335	89,222	2,494	30,473	2,320	51,433	4,825	95,390	18,890	409,360

Note: Figures for cattle were derived from APHIS in 2008.

Table 5.8 Distribution of farms and total cattle by number of cattle and county, June 2008

Number of cattle on farms	Total cattle													
	Antrim		Armagh		Down		Fermanagh		Londonderry		Tyrone		N.Ireland	
	Farms	Cattle	Farms	Cattle	Farms	Cattle	Farms	Cattle	Farms	Cattle	Farms	Cattle	Farms	Cattle
1 - 4	117	321	167	510	181	541	139	453	129	368	271	832	1,004	3,026
5 - 9	185	1,388	268	2,037	281	2,100	264	1,988	182	1,362	414	3,105	1,594	11,980
10 - 19	366	5,391	488	7,256	474	6,951	480	7,174	345	5,115	773	11,601	2,926	43,488
20 - 29	417	10,261	429	10,573	437	10,677	454	11,097	320	7,905	705	17,318	2,762	67,831
30 - 39	316	10,877	319	11,119	322	11,053	318	11,024	211	7,284	588	20,311	2,074	71,668
40 - 49	220	9,883	222	9,925	271	12,070	233	10,394	223	9,954	424	18,930	1,593	71,156
50 - 69	388	23,111	346	20,481	382	22,693	284	16,837	276	16,393	549	32,482	2,225	131,997
70 - 99	386	32,513	308	25,556	347	29,099	285	23,828	238	19,712	510	42,959	2,074	173,667
100 - 149	354	42,969	248	30,304	353	43,698	226	27,328	277	34,053	486	59,350	1,944	237,702
150 - 199	217	37,636	129	22,031	178	31,124	84	14,735	127	21,974	255	43,970	990	171,471
200 - 249	160	35,488	74	16,493	113	25,256	60	13,302	97	21,395	159	35,165	663	147,098
250 - 299	110	30,111	49	13,427	101	27,691	27	7,400	50	13,693	90	24,609	427	116,931
300 & over	203	84,775	96	47,549	221	101,993	39	15,525	106	47,212	180	77,474	845	374,526
Total	3,439	324,726	3,143	217,260	3,661	324,945	2,893	161,086	2,581	206,419	5,404	388,106	21,121	1,622,541

Note: Figures for cattle were derived from APHIS in 2008.

Table 5.9 Distribution of farms and breeding ewes by number of ewes and county, June 2008

Number of ewes on farms	Breeding ewes													
	Antrim		Armagh		Down		Fermanagh		Londonderry		Tyrone		N.Ireland	
	Farms	Ewes	Farms	Ewes	Farms	Ewes	Farms	Ewes	Farms	Ewes	Farms	Ewes	Farms	Ewes
1 - 24	249	3,377	216	2,975	350	5,021	145	1,977	193	2,639	397	5,173	1,550	21,162
25 - 49	332	12,055	173	5,930	394	14,076	129	4,621	251	9,219	398	14,267	1,677	60,168
50 - 99	508	36,585	193	13,028	544	38,362	124	8,473	463	32,500	484	34,433	2,316	163,381
100 - 199	474	64,246	99	13,221	432	60,146	85	10,998	388	53,308	395	53,528	1,873	255,447
200 - 299	191	45,312	22	5,617	118	27,879	21	5,017	141	33,519	118	28,072	611	145,416
300 - 399	71	24,226	13	4,749	44	14,572	14	4,584	67	22,733	50	16,675	255	85,709
400 - 499	43	19,025			25	11,026	12	7,852	36	15,659	27	11,590	137	59,856
500 - 999	62	41,367			23	17,036			37	24,588	30	19,794	157	103,481
1,000 & over	12	20,323							6	7,552	5	6,493	28	40,797
Total	1,942	266,516	716	45,520	1,930	188,117	530	43,522	1,582	201,717	1,904	190,025	8,604	935,417

Table 5.10 Distribution of farms and total sheep by number of sheep and county, June 2008

Number of sheep on farms	Total sheep													
	Antrim		Armagh		Down		Fermanagh		Londonderry		Tyrone		N.Ireland	
	Farms	Sheep	Farms	Sheep	Farms	Sheep	Farms	Sheep	Farms	Sheep	Farms	Sheep	Farms	Sheep
1 - 24	142	1,826	108	1,480	180	2,576	85	1,217	105	1,359	210	2,761	830	11,219
25 - 49	154	5,796	139	5,065	243	8,868	80	2,909	132	4,923	235	8,573	983	36,134
50 - 99	324	23,722	186	13,517	398	29,535	122	8,941	239	17,824	361	26,334	1,630	119,873
100 - 199	476	69,373	165	22,828	493	71,198	117	16,363	443	63,982	482	69,377	2,176	313,121
200 - 299	320	78,043	58	13,948	267	65,348	70	17,229	232	56,479	250	60,827	1,197	291,874
300 - 399	162	55,541	33	11,247	150	52,094	21	7,285	152	52,141	143	48,757	661	227,065
400 - 499	110	49,622	14	6,084	87	38,994	11	4,798	79	35,165	70	31,125	371	165,788
500 - 699	137	79,263	15	8,994	77	43,683	15	8,596	101	58,322	84	48,414	429	247,272
700 - 999	78	64,320	12	10,224	44	36,882	10	7,682	77	63,054	60	49,000	279	229,080
1,000 & over	86	141,851			28	41,187	11	17,172	50	74,423	36	55,452	213	332,167
Total	1,989	569,357	730	93,387	1,967	390,365	542	92,192	1,610	427,672	1,931	400,620	8,769	1,973,593

Table 5.11 Distribution of farms and sows by number of sows and county, June 2008

<i>Number of sows on farms</i>	Sows											
	Antrim		Armagh		Down		Londonderry		Fermanagh & Tyrone¹		N.Ireland	
	Farms	Sows	Farms	Sows	Farms	Sows	Farms	Sows	Farms	Sows	Farms	Sows
1 - 9	32	76	26	91	48	141	22	64	32	93	160	465
10 - 19	7	138	7	100	12	185	11	337	10	131	36	506
20 - 49			7	222	8	295			12	344	38	1,246
50 - 99	8	638	7	513	11	783	10	901	16	1,145	47	3,408
100 - 149			10	6,753	10	1218			11	1,306	30	3,593
150 & over	9	2863			10	4169	13	3742	19	9,251	57	26,281
Total	56	3,715	57	7,679	99	6,791	56	5,044	100	12,270	368	35,499

¹ Figures for Fermanagh and Tyrone have been amalgamated due to data confidentiality constraints.

Table 5.12 Distribution of farms and fattening pigs (20 Kg +) by number of pigs and county, June 2008

<i>Number of pigs on farms</i>	Fattening pigs (20Kg +)											
	Antrim		Armagh		Down		Londonderry		Fermanagh & Tyrone¹		N.Ireland	
	Farms	Pigs	Farms	Pigs	Farms	Pigs	Farms	Pigs	Farms	Pigs	Farms	Pigs
1 - 9	16	45	7	21	19	89	9	45	13	30	64	230
10 - 49	11	266	16	397	16	387	10	331	17	429	68	1,685
50 - 99	9	893	11	1,350	5	401			10	1,209	19	1,338
100 - 199					6	883	6	814			30	4,337
200 - 399	5	1,446	7	1,801	9	2,846	7	2,282	13	3,836	41	12,211
400 - 999	5	3,165	13	42,069	17	11,015	9	5,957	25	15,809	65	41,415
1,000 & over	8	19,528			11	28,432	13	20,887	22	72,245	58	177,692
Total	54	25,343	54	45,638	83	44,053	54	30,316	100	93,558	345	238,908

¹ Figures for Fermanagh and Tyrone have been amalgamated due to data confidentiality constraints.

Table 5.13 Distribution of farms and total pigs by number of pigs and county, June 2008

Number of pigs on farms	Total pigs											
	Antrim		Armagh		Down		Londonderry		Fermanagh & Tyrone ¹		N.Ireland	
	Farms	Pigs	Farms	Pigs	Farms	Pigs	Farms	Pigs	Farms	Pigs	Farms	Pigs
1 - 9	34	79	18	30	43	111	19	41	37	91	151	352
10 - 49	13	258	18	470	30	704	11	237	10	248	82	1,917
50 - 99	6	393	8	976	6	401	14	2,410	10	686	28	1,948
100 - 199	6	813			8	1,144			7	1,075	33	4,779
200 - 399	7	3,293	9	2,631	5	1,538			12	3,605	34	10,201
400 - 999			11	6,845	17	11,972	11	7,508	22	15,206	64	43,568
1,000 & over	14	39,894	9	66,424	20	60,057	17	42,949	36	130,325	96	339,649
Total	80	44,730	73	77,376	129	75,927	72	53,145	134	151,236	488	402,414

¹ Figures for Fermanagh and Tyrone have been amalgamated due to data confidentiality constraints.

Table 5.14 Distribution of farms and fowl by size of flock in Northern Ireland, June 2008

Size of flock on farms	Poultry											
	Broilers		Growing pullets		Breeding fowl		Laying hens		Ordinary fowl		Total poultry	
	Farms	Broilers ('000)	Farms	Pullets ('000)	Farms	Fowl ('000)	Farms	Hens ('000)	Farms	Birds ('000)	Farms	Birds ('000)
under 1,000	14	1.5	23	1.5	29	2.5	69	5.5	85	8.3	112	27.2
1,000 - 4,999	6	12.5	9	47.1	15	48.1	13	42.4	31	100.7	86	229.2
5,000 - 9,999	13	105.4			33	226.5	34	240.1	82	585.7	107	750.5
10,000 - 19,999	75	1,175.8	17	260.3	41	565.7	37	501.4	169	2,488.7	184	2,692.1
20,000 - 29,999	27	638.6	10	230.6	10	362.4	8	193.2	48	1,147.4	50	1,197.6
30,000 - 49,999	85	3,135.5	7	252.6			8	304.3	105	3,904.6	106	3,945.7
50,000 and over	74	6,474.1	5	382.3			8	1,111.7	87	8,086.2	89	8,288.7
Total	294	11,543.5	71	1,174.3	128	1,205.2	177	2,398.5	607	16,321.4	734	17,130.9

Note: From 2007 onwards, poultry figures were taken from the Northern Ireland Bird Register Update.

SECTION 6

DISTRICT COUNCIL AREA STATISTICS, 2008

Tables showing the numbers of farms, crop areas, livestock numbers and persons working on farms in each District Council Area in 2008.

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Table 6.1 Number of farms by crops & grass area by District Council in Northern Ireland, June 2008

<i>District Council</i>	Average crops & grass ha/farm	Crops & grass area									
		Number of farms					Percentage distribution				
		0-9.9	10-19.9	20-29.9	30+	Total	0-9.9	10-19.9	20-29.9	30+	Total
Antrim	39.3	148	136	103	326	713	21	19	14	46	100
Ards	41.4	148	109	78	268	603	25	18	13	44	100
Armagh	26.8	515	474	287	529	1,805	29	26	16	29	100
Ballymena	32.8	309	252	179	470	1,210	26	21	15	39	100
Ballymoney	39.8	174	142	102	341	759	23	19	13	45	100
Banbridge	33.4	293	288	146	449	1,176	25	24	12	38	100
Belfast	37.9	5	5	3	13	26	19	19	12	50	100
Carrickfergus	31.2	27	21	11	39	98	28	21	11	40	100
Castlereagh	36.3	22	23	14	43	102	22	23	14	42	100
Coleraine	42.0	118	139	93	367	717	16	19	13	51	100
Cookstown	27.6	326	337	233	397	1,293	25	26	18	31	100
Craigavon	27.9	198	144	90	206	638	31	23	14	32	100
Derry	42.6	85	81	72	193	431	20	19	17	45	100
Down	34.3	300	248	188	455	1,191	25	21	16	38	100
Dungannon	29.0	480	472	320	652	1,924	25	25	17	34	100
Fermanagh	34.2	523	789	565	1,227	3,104	17	25	18	40	100
Larne	39.4	127	92	94	228	541	23	17	17	42	100
Limavady	42.7	102	141	88	298	629	16	22	14	47	100
Lisburn	35.7	210	160	105	328	803	26	20	13	41	100
Magherafelt	29.0	331	335	215	418	1,299	25	26	17	32	100
Moyle	42.0	111	106	84	278	579	19	18	15	48	100
Newry & Mourne	23.2	835	760	401	582	2,578	32	29	16	23	100
Newtownabbey	42.8	33	47	25	103	208	16	23	12	50	100
North Down	43.3	10	9	9	33	61	16	15	15	54	100
Omagh	31.1	413	560	403	794	2,170	19	26	19	37	100
Strabane	36.3	223	313	217	541	1,294	17	24	17	42	100
Total	32.7	6,066	6,183	4,125	9,578	25,952	23	24	16	37	100

Table 6.2 Number of farms by farm business size and by District Council in Northern Ireland, June 2008

District Council	Average SGM/farm (€'000)	Farm business size									
		Number of farms					Percentage distribution				
		V. Small	Small	Medium	Large	Total	V.Small	Small	Medium	Large	Total
Antrim	32.8	495	117	46	55	713	69	16	6	8	100
Ards	56.6	392	88	34	89	603	65	15	6	15	100
Armagh	28.6	1,414	198	81	112	1,805	78	11	4	6	100
Ballymena	34.9	879	158	85	88	1,210	73	13	7	7	100
Ballymoney	43.6	506	105	62	86	759	67	14	8	11	100
Banbridge	31.3	871	161	54	90	1,176	74	14	5	8	100
Belfast	31.7	19	3	1	3	26	73	12	4	12	100
Carrickfergus	25.4	72	19	4	3	98	73	19	4	3	100
Castlereagh	32.6	77	13	4	8	102	75	13	4	8	100
Coleraine	35.1	489	122	50	56	717	68	17	7	8	100
Cookstown	25.3	1,037	134	65	57	1,293	80	10	5	4	100
Craigavon	31.7	489	69	28	52	638	77	11	4	8	100
Derry	27.9	314	72	22	23	431	73	17	5	5	100
Down	27.1	897	164	61	69	1,191	75	14	5	6	100
Dungannon	28.7	1,478	246	96	104	1,924	77	13	5	5	100
Fermanagh	18.4	2,635	326	94	49	3,104	85	11	3	2	100
Larne	28.6	388	80	30	43	541	72	15	6	8	100
Limavady	36.8	459	100	33	37	629	73	16	5	6	100
Lisburn	32.3	593	114	43	53	803	74	14	5	7	100
Magherafelt	24.3	1,016	156	75	52	1,299	78	12	6	4	100
Moyle	34.2	386	102	48	43	579	67	18	8	7	100
Newry & Mourne	22.2	2,177	203	82	116	2,578	84	8	3	4	100
Newtownabbey	39.9	135	36	12	25	208	65	17	6	12	100
North Down	51.7	38	11	3	9	61	62	18	5	15	100
Omagh	23.0	1,763	225	101	81	2,170	81	10	5	4	100
Strabane	31.2	965	166	75	88	1,294	75	13	6	7	100
Total	28.4	19,984	3,188	1,289	1,491	25,952	77	12	5	6	100

Note: Farm business size classification is calculated from Standard Labour Requirements.

Table 6.3 Number of farms by farm type by District Council in Northern Ireland, June 2008

<i>District Council</i>	Farm type								Total	
	Cereals	General cropping	Horti-culture	Pigs & poultry	Dairy	Cattle & Sheep		Mixed		Others
						LFA	lowland			
Antrim	15	6	5	21	121	292	186	24	43	713
Ards	56	28	25	9	109	37	239	45	55	603
Armagh	23	10	81	63	190	842	447	65	84	1,805
Ballymena	17	11	4	51	235	569	224	44	55	1,210
Ballymoney	18	17	2	34	172	246	193	44	33	759
Banbridge	83	20	8	20	181	341	398	66	59	1,176
Belfast	2	0	1	2	2	11	4	0	4	26
Carrickfergus	0	1	1	2	14	72	2	1	5	98
Castlereagh	7	1	1	1	11	13	53	5	10	102
Coleraine	24	14	8	9	114	292	184	46	26	717
Cookstown	19	5	5	58	174	703	252	41	36	1,293
Craigavon	20	9	45	16	78	239	177	28	26	638
Derry	21	3	2	5	36	258	66	25	15	431
Down	44	22	9	16	96	524	350	57	73	1,191
Dungannon	24	6	37	99	291	1,015	343	50	59	1,924
Fermanagh	2	1	3	28	372	2,591	15	11	81	3,104
Larne	3	2	3	3	71	414	15	12	18	541
Limavady	27	12	4	5	45	406	84	30	16	629
Lisburn	42	10	17	15	103	277	252	43	44	803
Magherafelt	50	10	1	27	174	718	237	62	20	1,299
Moyle	9	10	3	7	57	439	22	18	14	579
Newry & Mourne	37	24	18	40	286	1,671	343	59	100	2,578
Newtownabbey	2	3	2	4	38	96	44	8	11	208
North Down	7	1	1	1	15	2	27	5	2	61
Omagh	12	4	5	33	277	1,653	91	37	58	2,170
Strabane	22	15	6	17	195	870	107	36	26	1,294
Total	586	245	297	586	3,457	14,591	4,355	862	973	25,952

Table 6.4 Number of farms by LFA designation by District Council in Northern Ireland, June 2008

<i>District Council</i>	LFA designation									
	Number of farms					Percentage distribution				
	Mainly SDA	Mainly DA	Mainly LFA	Mainly non-LFA	Total	Mainly SDA	Mainly DA	Mainly LFA	Mainly non-LFA	Total
Antrim	105	301	406	307	713	15	42	57	43	100
Ards	6	50	56	547	603	1	8	9	91	100
Armagh	328	743	1,071	734	1,805	18	41	59	41	100
Ballymena	391	400	791	419	1,210	32	33	65	35	100
Ballymoney	117	247	364	395	759	15	33	48	52	100
Banbridge	190	256	446	730	1,176	16	22	38	62	100
Belfast	10	3	13	13	26	38	12	50	50	100
Carrickfergus	60	33	93	5	98	61	34	95	5	100
Castlereagh	3	15	18	84	102	3	15	18	82	100
Coleraine	202	157	359	358	717	28	22	50	50	100
Cookstown	498	370	868	425	1,293	39	29	67	33	100
Craigavon	65	271	336	302	638	10	42	53	47	100
Derry	242	65	307	124	431	56	15	71	29	100
Down	192	449	641	550	1,191	16	38	54	46	100
Dungannon	395	984	1,379	545	1,924	21	51	72	28	100
Fermanagh	2,914	167	3,081	23	3,104	94	5	99	1	100
Larne	254	256	510	31	541	47	47	94	6	100
Limavady	384	83	467	162	629	61	13	74	26	100
Lisburn	120	244	364	439	803	15	30	45	55	100
Magherafelt	385	483	868	431	1,299	30	37	67	33	100
Moyle	374	151	525	54	579	65	26	91	9	100
Newry & Mourne	844	1,160	2,004	574	2,578	33	45	78	22	100
Newtownabbey	55	70	125	83	208	26	34	60	40	100
North Down	0	3	3	58	61	0	5	5	95	100
Omagh	1,366	650	2,016	154	2,170	63	30	93	7	100
Strabane	699	382	1,081	213	1,294	54	30	84	16	100
Total	10,199	7,993	18,192	7,760	25,952	39	31	70	30	100

Table 6.5 Crop and grass areas by District Council in Northern Ireland, June 2008

<i>District Council</i>	Crop areas (hectares)								Total area farmed
	Cereals	Potatoes	Other farm crops	Horti-culture crops	Total crops	Grass	Rough grazing	Other land	
Antrim	1,170	94	321	17	1,603	26,420	1,765	595	30,382
Ards	4,021	625	582	689	5,917	19,057	256	459	25,690
Armagh	1,647	86	570	952	3,256	45,163	1,027	458	49,904
Ballymena	1,009	222	316	27	1,574	38,071	10,688	692	51,025
Ballymoney	1,558	314	633	8	2,513	27,720	4,704	541	35,477
Banbridge	3,883	399	773	13	5,068	34,230	2,936	968	43,203
Belfast	111	0	18	1	129	857	429	22	1,437
Carrickfergus	30	10	0	7	47	3,014	1,742	31	4,834
Castlereagh	372	22	115	1	510	3,190	27	44	3,770
Coleraine	2,887	226	595	13	3,720	26,416	7,023	710	37,868
Cookstown	887	69	407	5	1,368	34,299	6,687	450	42,804
Craigavon	1,150	72	280	409	1,911	15,887	490	210	18,498
Derry	1,198	151	317	14	1,681	16,679	4,622	468	23,450
Down	3,546	334	579	68	4,526	36,267	3,749	6,293	50,836
Dungannon	1,135	29	414	369	1,947	53,889	3,586	1,122	60,544
Fermanagh	176	5	247	18	445	105,681	15,356	1,783	123,264
Larne	369	14	69	12	464	20,834	8,507	270	30,076
Limavady	2,399	364	581	26	3,369	23,511	9,365	420	36,665
Lisburn	3,430	196	467	83	4,176	24,503	2,214	415	31,308
Magherafelt	2,277	208	613	2	3,100	34,557	9,856	987	48,501
Moyle	891	604	221	14	1,730	22,590	11,564	457	36,340
Newry & Mourne	3,202	525	758	89	4,574	55,361	4,628	1,083	65,646
Newtownabbey	324	21	102	3	451	8,462	1,996	212	11,120
North Down	435	38	80	49	601	2,038	22	65	2,726
Omagh	883	61	308	12	1,263	66,328	17,918	2,673	88,182
Strabane	1,409	411	522	65	2,407	44,627	15,894	906	63,834
Total	40,399	5,100	9,884	2,966	58,349	789,648	147,050	22,334	1,017,381

Note: Individual figures may not add to the totals shown.

Table 6.6 Livestock numbers by District Council in Northern Ireland, June 2008

<i>District Council</i>	Livestock numbers							('000)	
	Dairy cows	Beef cows	Total cattle	Breeding ewes	Total sheep	Sows & gilts	Total pigs	Total poultry	
Antrim	10,809	9,196	59,370	22,304	49,340	274	4,418	643	
Ards	14,147	4,654	49,380	15,547	33,453	118	1,031	70	
Armagh	16,966	17,103	114,375	26,537	54,273	5,675	62,826	1,666	
Ballymena	19,116	11,128	84,366	56,958	119,471	1,339	15,727	1,918	
Ballymoney	17,139	6,320	63,815	30,471	65,512	1,117	14,036	1,048	
Banbridge	17,447	8,175	80,732	45,185	95,960	1,653	18,213	372	
Belfast	129	585	2,135	322	750	0	0	3	
Carrickfergus	1,079	751	4,927	7,103	14,636	53	535	7	
Castlereagh	1,610	1,106	8,177	3,031	6,614	0	0	0	
Coleraine	10,392	8,418	55,353	36,853	81,109	343	3,806	171	
Cookstown	12,378	12,557	76,498	29,512	62,039	4,234	53,725	1,976	
Craigavon	7,486	6,263	40,728	6,984	14,010	371	5,622	207	
Derry	3,928	4,066	25,457	36,998	78,178	104	829	22	
Down	10,032	13,208	78,366	50,805	104,930	2,610	25,903	341	
Dungannon	20,482	20,239	123,606	19,601	41,964	4,652	55,239	4,177	
Fermanagh	20,146	41,127	161,086	43,522	92,192	186	2,752	798	
Larne	5,850	6,307	35,041	56,487	120,954	445	4,364	128	
Limavady	5,422	6,895	35,267	62,603	133,643	88	849	54	
Lisburn	10,177	8,228	52,726	21,149	45,612	959	9,861	404	
Magherafelt	12,372	11,738	73,385	51,136	105,702	3,323	35,710	314	
Moyle	5,787	5,968	34,343	76,355	162,101	118	1,229	96	
Newry & Mourne	21,959	21,780	132,744	69,823	141,460	3,048	28,463	1,014	
Newtownabbey	3,472	2,661	17,934	9,170	19,924	268	3,160	260	
North Down	1,503	385	5,313	1,433	2,974	0	1,000	0	
Omagh	21,242	24,306	123,722	73,876	154,716	1,761	20,387	1,099	
Strabane	18,177	12,501	83,694	81,652	172,076	2,760	32,729	343	
Total	289,247	265,663	1,622,541	935,417	1,973,593	35,499	402,414	17,131	

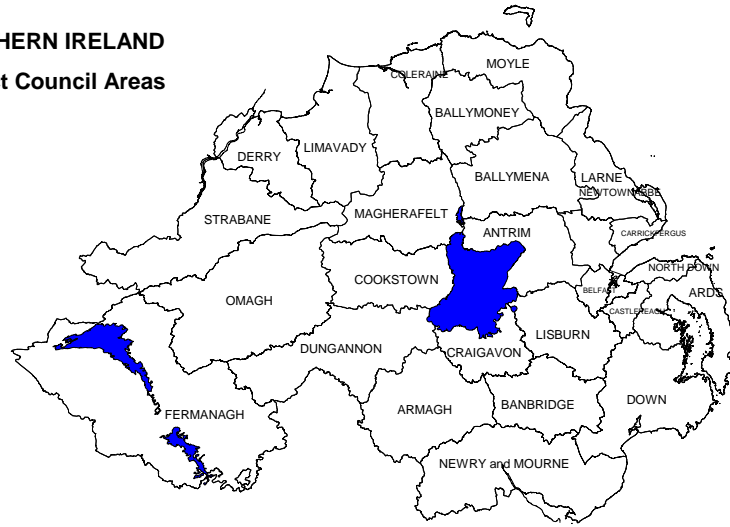
Notes: Figures for cattle were derived from APHIS in 2008.

From 2007 onwards, poultry figures were taken from the Northern Ireland Bird Register Update.

Table 6.7 Labour force by District Council in Northern Ireland, June 2008

<i>District Council</i>	Farm labour force						Agricultural labour force
	Farmers & partners			Other workers			
	Full-time	Part-time	Spouses	Full-time	Part-time	Casual/seasonal	
Antrim	510	340	231	86	98	172	1,437
Ards	478	290	187	151	92	221	1,419
Armagh	1,082	1,032	408	292	169	552	3,535
Ballymena	931	570	348	153	122	257	2,381
Ballymoney	592	352	213	75	74	207	1,513
Banbridge	812	647	335	179	136	269	2,378
Belfast	18	13	8	2	5	6	52
Carrickfergus	66	48	20	11	10	19	174
Castlereagh	77	51	30	10	14	17	199
Coleraine	573	342	177	95	64	166	1,417
Cookstown	793	720	283	106	142	212	2,256
Craigavon	380	395	160	130	57	259	1,381
Derry	301	217	94	53	42	118	825
Down	802	679	337	203	157	294	2,472
Dungannon	1,177	1,093	413	185	196	511	3,575
Fermanagh	1,834	1,768	697	180	287	478	5,244
Larne	398	259	160	69	67	102	1,055
Limavady	426	333	148	49	89	149	1,194
Lisburn	529	462	221	86	103	180	1,581
Magherafelt	818	727	270	99	153	273	2,340
Moyle	459	250	166	136	78	159	1,248
Newry & Mourne	1,390	1,664	509	310	260	415	4,548
Newtownabbey	158	91	75	47	29	54	454
North Down	44	32	20	22	6	18	142
Omagh	1,382	1,148	452	187	223	371	3,763
Strabane	901	643	267	173	130	267	2,381
Total	16,931	14,166	6,229	3,089	2,803	5,746	48,964

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District Council Areas



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SECTION 7

RURAL DISTRICT AND COUNTY STATISTICS, 2008

Tables showing the numbers of farms, crop areas, livestock numbers and persons working on farms in each Rural District and county in 2008.

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Table 7.2 Number of farms by farm business size

Table 7.3 Number of farms by farm type

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Map of Rural Districts and counties

Table 7.1 Number of farms by crop & grass area by Rural District in Northern Ireland, June 2008

Rural District	Average crops & grass ha/farm	Crops & grass area									
		Number of farms					Percentage distribution				
		0-9.9	10-19.9	20-29.9	30+	Total	0-9.9	10-19.9	20-29.9	30+	Total
Antrim	39.8	167	137	109	368	781	21	18	14	47	100
Ballycastle	41.7	95	90	76	232	493	19	18	15	47	100
Ballymena	33.8	309	277	178	492	1,256	25	22	14	39	100
Ballymoney	39.7	171	142	111	363	787	22	18	14	46	100
Newtownabbey	38.0	6	3	3	8	20	30	15	15	40	100
Larne	38.2	174	136	112	303	725	24	19	15	42	100
Lisburn	36.4	100	82	63	186	431	23	19	15	43	100
Co. Antrim Urban/Belfast	43.0	10	2	1	16	29	34	7	3	55	100
Total Co. Antrim	37.8	1,032	869	653	1,968	4,522	23	19	14	44	100
Armagh	26.4	472	436	260	491	1,659	28	26	16	30	100
Lurgan	25.1	118	78	53	100	349	34	22	15	29	100
Newry No 2	21.6	471	453	232	305	1,461	32	31	16	21	100
Tandragee/Co. Armagh Urban	35.4	32	46	21	62	161	20	29	13	39	100
Total Co. Armagh	24.8	1,093	1,013	566	958	3,630	30	28	16	26	100
Banbridge	31.6	259	269	150	396	1,074	24	25	14	37	100
Castlereagh	39.0	13	9	5	18	45	29	20	11	40	100
East Down	36.2	216	189	147	402	954	23	20	15	42	100
Hillsborough	38.7	134	119	58	210	521	26	23	11	40	100
South Down	22.3	262	164	107	144	677	39	24	16	21	100
Moira	41.7	55	42	25	99	221	25	19	11	45	100
Newry No 1	23.0	238	222	116	176	752	32	30	15	23	100
North Down	42.9	165	125	92	327	709	23	18	13	46	100
Co. Down Urban/Belfast	28.8	9	7	3	9	28	32	25	11	32	100
Total Co. Down	32.8	1,351	1,146	703	1,781	4,981	27	23	14	36	100
Enniskillen	36.4	172	265	207	467	1,111	15	24	19	42	100
Irvinestown	35.9	143	189	126	308	766	19	25	16	40	100
Lisnaskea	31.1	208	336	232	451	1,227	17	27	19	37	100
Total Co. Fermanagh	34.2	523	790	565	1,226	3,104	17	25	18	39	100
Coleraine	40.0	144	158	99	386	787	18	20	13	49	100
Limavady	45.0	113	144	94	317	668	17	22	14	47	100
Londonderry	42.0	74	95	74	225	468	16	20	16	48	100
Magherafelt/Co. L'derry Urban	28.1	387	383	251	455	1,476	26	26	17	31	100
Total Co. Londonderry	36.1	718	780	518	1,383	3,399	21	23	15	41	100
Castledearg	31.2	133	144	98	201	576	23	25	17	35	100
Clogher	32.1	128	158	119	287	692	18	23	17	41	100
Cookstown	26.7	257	277	181	307	1,022	25	27	18	30	100
Dungannon	27.1	354	327	217	365	1,263	28	26	17	29	100
Omagh	31.2	367	531	375	760	2,033	18	26	18	37	100
Strabane/Co. Tyrone Urban	41.1	110	148	130	342	730	15	20	18	47	100
Total Co. Tyrone	30.9	1,349	1,585	1,120	2,262	6,316	21	25	18	36	100
Northern Ireland Total	32.7	6,066	6,183	4,125	9,578	25,952	23	24	16	37	100

Note: County totals include figures for Urban areas. Farms are allocated based on the postcode of the farmers main dwelling (i.e. where he/she resides). Where the farmer has deceased the farm may be allocated a temporary location based on a relatives address or a solicitor's office if the estate is subject to probate at the time of the survey.

Table 7.2 Number of farms by farm business size by Rural District in Northern Ireland, June 2008

Rural District	Average SGM/farm ('000 ECU's)	Farm business size									
		Number of farms					Percentage distribution				
		V. Small	Small	Medium	Large	Total	V.Small	Small	Medium	Large	Total
Antrim	34.4	538	124	46	73	781	69	16	6	9	100
Ballycastle	30.8	335	87	42	29	493	68	18	9	6	100
Ballymena	34.8	904	166	96	90	1,256	72	13	8	7	100
Ballymoney	45.0	518	110	67	92	787	66	14	9	12	100
Newtownabbey	48.2	14	4	0	2	20	70	20	0	10	100
Larne	29.4	518	117	37	53	725	71	16	5	7	100
Lisburn	32.3	324	54	25	28	431	75	13	6	6	100
Co. Antrim Urban/Belfast	25.5	22	3	3	1	29	76	10	10	3	100
Total Co. Antrim	35.0	3,173	665	316	368	4,522	70	15	7	8	100
Armagh	29.0	1,284	188	77	110	1,659	77	11	5	7	100
Lurgan	31.8	259	48	18	24	349	74	14	5	7	100
Newry No 2	18.6	1,281	96	37	47	1,461	88	7	3	3	100
Tandragee/Co. Armagh Urban	40.2	119	18	11	13	161	74	11	7	8	100
Total Co. Armagh	25.6	2,943	350	143	194	3,630	81	10	4	5	100
Banbridge	29.2	806	149	48	71	1,074	75	14	4	7	100
Castlereagh	54.7	33	2	3	7	45	73	4	7	16	100
East Down	25.9	718	136	47	53	954	75	14	5	6	100
Hillsborough	38.5	371	73	23	54	521	71	14	4	10	100
South Down	19.7	567	59	25	26	677	84	9	4	4	100
Moira	49.9	151	25	13	32	221	68	11	6	14	100
Newry No 1	21.0	627	75	17	33	752	83	10	2	4	100
North Down	58.4	443	111	45	110	709	62	16	6	16	100
Co. Down Urban/Belfast	22.6	21	2	1	4	28	75	7	4	14	100
Total Co. Down	32.3	3,737	632	222	390	4,981	75	13	4	8	100
Enniskillen	18.3	929	132	35	15	1,111	84	12	3	1	100
Ivinestown	14.1	676	63	17	10	766	88	8	2	1	100
Lisnaskea	21.2	1,030	131	42	24	1,227	84	11	3	2	100
Total Co. Fermanagh	18.4	2,635	326	94	49	3,104	85	11	3	2	100
Coleraine	34.4	552	118	56	61	787	70	15	7	8	100
Limavady	38.1	477	108	41	42	668	71	16	6	6	100
Londonderry	27.5	343	87	15	23	468	73	19	3	5	100
Magherafelt/Co. L'derry Urban	24.2	1,164	174	81	57	1,476	79	12	5	4	100
Total Co. Londonderry	29.7	2,536	487	193	183	3,399	75	14	6	5	100
Castlederg	26.2	447	66	33	30	576	78	11	6	5	100
Clogher	28.7	543	83	36	30	692	78	12	5	4	100
Cookstown	26.4	823	99	49	51	1,022	81	10	5	5	100
Dungannon	25.6	980	165	63	55	1,263	78	13	5	4	100
Omagh	23.3	1,649	219	91	74	2,033	81	11	4	4	100
Strabane/Co. Tyrone Urban	35.7	518	96	49	67	730	71	13	7	9	100
Total Co. Tyrone	26.5	4,960	728	321	307	6,316	79	12	5	5	100
Northern Ireland Total	28.4	19,984	3,188	1,289	1,491	25,952	77	12	5	6	100

Note: County totals include figures for Urban areas.

Farm business size classification is calculated from Standard Labour Requirements.

Table 7.3 Number of farms by farm type by Rural District in Northern Ireland, June 2008

Rural District	Farm type									Total
	Cereals	General cropping	Horti-culture	Pigs & poultry	Dairy	Cattle & Sheep		Mixed	Others	
						LFA	lowland			
Antrim	13	6	5	29	135	308	213	27	45	781
Ballycastle	4	9	0	6	36	405	7	15	11	493
Ballymena	17	11	6	51	243	593	228	46	61	1,256
Ballymoney	22	19	1	34	183	240	205	49	34	787
Newtownabbey	0	0	2	1	2	11	4	0	0	20
Larne	1	2	4	6	101	558	17	9	27	725
Lisburn	24	6	17	4	53	192	94	21	20	431
Co. Antrim Urban/Belfast	1	1	0	1	2	16	5	1	2	29
Total Co. Antrim	82	54	35	132	755	2,323	773	168	200	4,522
Armagh	16	12	94	57	179	803	375	49	74	1,659
Lurgan	8	1	44	13	33	124	93	18	15	349
Newry No 2	10	3	3	17	163	1,103	82	13	67	1,461
Tandragee/Co. Armagh Urban	13	0	6	5	24	3	90	13	7	161
Total Co. Armagh	47	16	147	92	399	2,033	640	93	163	3,630
Banbridge	66	16	6	20	169	326	362	58	51	1,074
Castlereagh	5	0	4	0	9	1	18	6	2	45
East Down	48	14	6	15	67	390	310	51	53	954
Hillsborough	23	12	7	7	78	109	211	25	49	521
South Down	6	20	4	7	41	455	102	27	15	677
Moira	24	5	2	8	39	5	110	19	9	221
Newry No 1	18	7	2	13	78	405	171	29	29	752
North Down	63	32	28	10	147	46	271	49	63	709
Co. Down Urban/Belfast	2	0	1	3	2	5	11	0	4	28
Total Co. Down	255	106	60	83	630	1,742	1,566	264	275	4,981
Enniskillen	2	0	1	6	150	926	5	4	17	1,111
Irvinestown	0	0	0	2	39	700	2	5	18	766
Lisnaskea	0	1	2	20	183	966	8	2	45	1,227
Total Co. Fermanagh	2	1	3	28	372	2,592	15	11	80	3,104
Coleraine	31	11	8	10	132	306	211	48	30	787
Limavady	24	16	7	5	48	415	98	37	18	668
Londonderry	23	7	3	3	28	309	57	24	14	468
Magherafelt/Co. L'derry Urban	53	11	1	32	196	798	290	69	26	1,476
Total Co. Londonderry	131	45	19	50	404	1,828	656	178	88	3,399
Castlederg	5	2	1	9	83	430	26	7	13	576
Clogher	3	2	1	26	96	496	40	7	21	692
Cookstown	16	5	5	56	144	554	185	28	29	1,022
Dungannon	17	3	20	73	176	606	289	43	36	1,263
Omagh	9	4	4	29	288	1,521	92	31	55	2,033
Strabane/Co. Tyrone Urban	19	7	2	8	110	466	73	32	13	730
Total Co. Tyrone	69	23	33	201	897	4,073	705	148	167	6,316
Northern Ireland Total	586	245	297	586	3,457	14,591	4,355	862	973	25,952

Note: County totals include figures for Urban areas.

Table 7.4 Number of farms by LFA designation by Rural District in Northern Ireland, June 2008

Rural District	LFA designation									
	Number of farms					Percentage distribution				
	Mainly SDA	Mainly DA	Mainly LFA	Mainly non-LFA	Total	Mainly SDA	Mainly DA	Mainly LFA	Mainly non-LFA	Total
Antrim	129	284	413	368	781	17	36	53	47	100
Ballycastle	346	128	474	19	493	70	26	96	4	100
Ballymena	391	448	839	417	1,256	31	36	67	33	100
Ballymoney	100	262	362	425	787	13	33	46	54	100
Newtownabbey	10	6	16	4	20	50	30	80	20	100
Larne	367	328	695	30	725	51	45	96	4	100
Lisburn	89	171	260	171	431	21	40	60	40	100
Co. Antrim Urban/Belfast	16	4	20	9	29	55	14	69	31	100
Total Co. Antrim	1,448	1,631	3,079	1,443	4,522	32	36	68	32	100
Armagh	311	717	1,028	631	1,659	19	43	62	38	100
Lurgan	12	189	201	148	349	3	54	58	42	100
Newry No 2	447	888	1,335	126	1,461	31	61	91	9	100
Tandragee/Co. Armagh Urban	1	6	7	154	161	1	4	4	96	100
Total Co. Armagh	771	1,800	2,571	1,059	3,630	21	50	71	29	100
Banbridge	192	234	426	648	1,074	18	22	40	60	100
Castlereagh	2	0	2	43	45	4	0	4	96	100
East Down	97	386	483	471	954	10	40	51	49	100
Hillsborough	7	139	146	375	521	1	27	28	72	100
South Down	342	168	510	167	677	51	25	75	25	100
Moira	2	4	6	215	221	1	2	3	97	100
Newry No 1	242	243	485	267	752	32	32	64	36	100
North Down	10	66	76	633	709	1	9	11	89	100
Co. Down Urban/Belfast	3	3	6	22	28	11	11	21	79	100
Total Co. Down	897	1,243	2,140	2,841	4,981	18	25	43	57	100
Enniskillen	1,067	37	1,104	7	1,111	96	3	99	1	100
Irvinestown	744	19	763	3	766	97	2	100	0	100
Lisnaskea	1,104	110	1,214	13	1,227	90	9	99	1	100
Total Co. Fermanagh	2,915	166	3,081	23	3,104	94	5	99	1	100
Coleraine	198	186	384	403	787	25	24	49	51	100
Limavady	391	87	478	190	668	59	13	72	28	100
Londonderry	286	73	359	109	468	61	16	77	23	100
Magherafelt/Co. L'derry Urban	449	507	956	520	1,476	30	34	65	35	100
Total Co. Londonderry	1,324	853	2,177	1,222	3,399	39	25	64	36	100
Castlederg	353	172	525	51	576	61	30	91	9	100
Clogher	294	342	636	56	692	42	49	92	8	100
Cookstown	396	298	694	328	1,022	39	29	68	32	100
Dungannon	163	665	828	435	1,263	13	53	66	34	100
Omagh	1,250	636	1,886	147	2,033	61	31	93	7	100
Strabane/Co. Tyrone Urban	388	187	575	155	730	53	26	79	21	100
Total Co. Tyrone	2,844	2,300	5,144	1,172	6,316	45	36	81	19	100
Northern Ireland Total	10,199	7,993	18,192	7,760	25,952	39	31	70	30	100

Note: County totals include figures for Urban areas.

Table 7.5 Crop and grass areas by Rural District in Northern Ireland, June 2008

Rural District	Crop areas (hectares)								Total area farmed
	Cereals	Potatoes	Other farm crops	Horti-culture crops	Total crops	Grass	Rough grazing	Other land	
Antrim	1,361	48	387	14	1,810	29,293	3,057	702	34,861
Ballycastle	719	620	140	0	1,479	19,093	10,896	248	31,716
Ballymena	1,094	252	359	31	1,735	40,717	11,439	757	54,647
Ballymoney	1,730	334	701	9	2,774	28,489	3,906	750	35,918
Newtownabbey	0	0	6	5	11	750	62	3	826
Larne	116	11	75	6	207	27,487	11,399	317	39,410
Lisburn	1,667	109	100	97	1,973	13,724	1,737	205	17,639
Co. Antrim Urban/Belfast	7	2	5	0	14	1,234	657	4	1,909
Total Co. Antrim	6,694	1,374	1,772	162	10,002	160,786	43,153	2,985	216,926
Armagh	1,266	78	550	1,166	3,060	40,795	854	636	45,345
Lurgan	292	13	82	404	791	7,959	122	107	8,979
Newry No 2	608	27	206	6	848	30,715	2,222	163	33,948
Tandragee/Co. Armagh Urban	869	6	117	34	1,026	4,680	13	128	5,847
Total Co. Armagh	3,034	125	955	1,611	5,725	84,149	3,211	1,034	94,119
Banbridge	3,213	287	648	12	4,160	29,802	2,137	259	36,359
Castlereagh	145	2	38	5	189	1,565	877	660	3,291
East Down	3,473	246	506	37	4,262	30,297	2,972	6,222	43,753
Hillsborough	2,612	190	471	40	3,312	16,847	458	341	20,958
South Down	538	358	106	8	1,011	14,099	2,324	133	17,567
Moira	1,728	183	361	27	2,299	6,921	63	117	9,400
Newry No 1	1,019	181	263	3	1,466	15,816	1,254	128	18,663
North Down	4,653	635	772	758	6,817	23,590	278	1,141	31,826
Co. Down Urban/Belfast	39	0	13	2	53	752	23	57	886
Total Co. Down	17,419	2,081	3,178	892	23,570	139,689	10,384	9,059	182,702
Enniskillen	125	4	143	2	274	40,122	7,880	643	48,919
Irvinestown	17	0	42	2	62	27,450	4,475	553	32,540
Lisnaskea	33	1	61	14	110	38,074	3,001	587	41,772
Total Co. Fermanagh	176	5	247	18	445	105,646	15,356	1,783	123,230
Coleraine	2,440	184	511	14	3,149	28,315	5,862	691	38,017
Limavady	3,044	469	620	81	4,214	25,868	11,259	595	41,936
Londonderry	1,683	317	445	15	2,460	17,215	4,627	554	24,856
Magherafelt/Co. L'derry Urban	2,376	229	676	0	3,281	38,257	11,240	920	53,698
Total Co. Londonderry	9,543	1,199	2,252	111	13,104	109,654	32,989	2,759	158,506
Castlederg	245	22	176	0	442	17,504	7,387	255	25,588
Clogher	37	1	112	0	150	22,090	3,076	456	25,772
Cookstown	577	37	278	5	896	26,421	4,470	294	32,080
Dungannon	832	29	292	148	1,302	32,882	945	327	35,456
Omagh	555	48	248	7	857	62,651	13,627	1,641	78,775
Strabane/Co. Tyrone Urban	1,288	180	377	13	1,857	28,178	12,452	1,742	44,229
Total Co. Tyrone	3,533	317	1,481	173	5,504	189,724	41,957	4,714	241,899
Northern Ireland Total	40,399	5,100	9,884	2,966	58,349	789,648	147,050	22,334	1,017,381

Note: County totals include figures for Urban areas.

Table 7.6 Livestock numbers by Rural District in Northern Ireland, June 2008

Rural District	Livestock numbers							
	Dairy cows	Beef cows	Total cattle	Breeding ewes	Total sheep	Sows & gilts	Total pigs	Total poultry ('000)
Antrim	12,478	9,831	65,169	27,399	60,642	705	8,674	991
Ballycastle	3,387	5,254	26,301	72,362	154,053	120	1,231	84
Ballymena	19,874	12,066	90,461	58,966	123,079	1,332	16,516	1,854
Ballymoney	19,037	6,214	67,438	30,745	66,054	337	2,590	1,027
Newtownabbey	45	289	1,085	97	276	720	10,775	0
Larne	7,875	8,424	47,057	69,468	148,395	294	2,327	248
Lisburn	4,492	5,585	29,588	5,071	11,447	209	2,606	198
Co. Antrim Urban/Belfast	143	508	1,948	2,841	6,286	0	0	11
Total Co. Antrim	67,332	48,172	329,048	266,949	570,232	3,717	44,719	4,414
Armagh	15,618	15,497	104,342	22,492	46,201	5,668	61,929	1,536
Lurgan	2,611	3,506	19,677	2,098	4,340	236	3,158	212
Newry No 2	11,676	13,736	75,772	15,236	31,256	1,336	9,453	307
Tandragee/Co. Armagh Urban	1,998	1,240	11,492	4,862	10,044	307	1,788	90
Total Co. Armagh	31,903	33,979	211,283	44,688	91,841	7,547	76,328	2,145
Banbridge	14,783	7,278	70,727	39,424	83,933	1,495	17,244	300
Castlereagh	1,476	372	4,711	1,226	2,141	9	69	0
East Down	6,445	11,344	63,103	37,775	79,993	2,375	23,838	128
Hillsborough	9,511	4,735	40,401	12,466	27,137	1,132	11,677	86
South Down	3,901	5,320	27,937	41,658	80,621	956	9,643	87
Moira	5,176	1,762	20,020	1,697	3,940	242	5,858	551
Newry No 1	5,644	5,566	35,641	34,094	69,809	549	6,228	330
North Down	18,505	5,370	62,067	19,722	42,780	163	2,402	120
Co. Down Urban/Belfast	166	225	1,292	545	1,032	0	0	3
Total Co. Down	65,606	41,971	325,900	188,607	391,386	6,921	76,959	1,605
Enniskillen	7,867	15,247	60,210	17,035	35,088	103	2,107	31
Irvinestown	2,547	10,718	34,374	15,201	32,080	22	71	21
Lisnaskea	9,732	15,161	66,502	11,323	25,100	61	574	746
Total Co. Fermanagh	20,146	41,127	161,086	43,559	92,268	186	2,752	798
Coleraine	12,391	8,901	61,239	33,271	72,192	490	5,416	201
Limavady	5,124	7,579	38,536	69,673	147,596	34	219	59
Londonderry	3,463	4,496	25,128	40,347	87,349	58	652	12
Magherafelt/Co. L'derry Urban	13,699	13,195	80,055	57,930	119,332	4,460	46,882	700
Total Co. Londonderry	34,677	34,172	204,959	201,221	426,469	5,042	53,169	971
Castledearg	7,523	4,893	30,766	36,246	77,377	1,559	18,730	57
Clogher	6,250	9,887	47,938	9,194	18,761	2,628	32,125	1,144
Cookstown	10,712	9,296	62,225	17,609	36,505	2,695	36,182	1,622
Dungannon	12,046	12,426	76,287	9,759	21,004	1,420	18,161	3,372
Omagh	21,398	22,236	118,350	59,139	125,829	2,633	29,801	758
Strabane/Co. Tyrone Urban	11,655	7,506	54,702	58,446	121,921	1,151	13,488	246
Total Co. Tyrone	69,583	66,243	390,266	190,393	401,397	12,086	148,487	7,199
Northern Ireland Total	289,247	265,663	1,622,541	935,417	1,973,593	35,499	402,414	17,131

Notes: County totals include figures for Urban areas.

Figures for cattle were derived from APHIS in 2008.

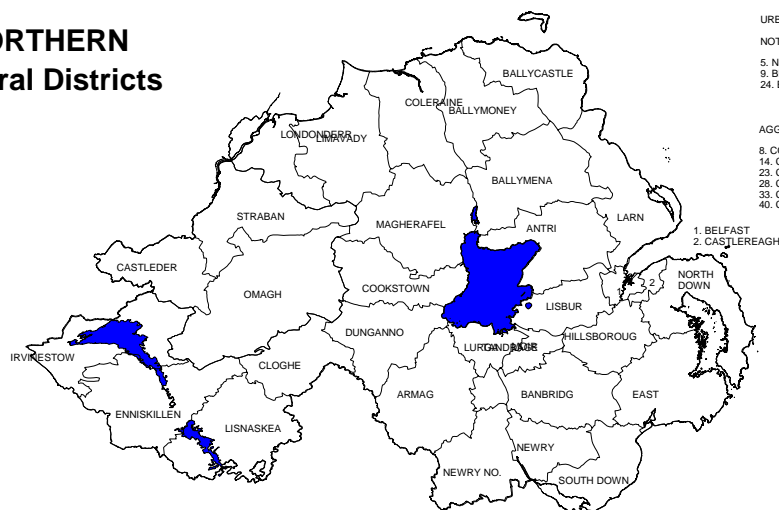
From 2007 onwards, poultry figures were taken from the Northern Ireland Bird Register Update.

Table 7.7 Labour force by Rural District in Northern Ireland, June 2008

Rural District	Farm labour force						Agricultural labour force
	Farmers & partners			Other workers			
	Full-time	Part-time	Spouses	Full-time	Part-time	Casual/seasonal	
Antrim	556	378	251	103	107	196	1,591
Ballycastle	381	215	142	103	69	137	1,047
Ballymena	963	591	376	129	115	264	2,438
Ballymoney	629	358	221	74	77	221	1,580
Newtownabbey	14	7	7	29	3	7	67
Larne	525	337	201	129	107	136	1,435
Lisburn	291	252	106	51	78	106	884
Co. Antrim Urban/Belfast	20	14	5	5	6	6	56
Total Co. Antrim	3,379	2,152	1,309	623	562	1,073	9,098
Armagh	1,005	954	368	286	141	608	3,362
Lurgan	215	197	86	92	30	208	828
Newry No 2	686	1,004	245	156	114	213	2,418
Tandragee/Co. Armagh Urban	97	93	42	18	18	44	312
Total Co. Armagh	2,003	2,248	741	552	303	1,073	6,920
Banbridge	730	599	303	112	121	253	2,118
Castlereagh	27	36	16	38	34	14	165
East Down	665	513	254	108	126	245	1,911
Hillsborough	348	311	180	123	61	117	1,140
South Down	406	410	162	73	57	141	1,249
Moirá	159	128	64	41	26	46	464
Newry No 1	442	454	170	103	82	97	1,348
North Down	581	334	230	195	109	237	1,686
Co. Down Urban/Belfast	13	17	8	8	2	7	55
Total Co. Down	3,371	2,802	1,387	801	618	1,157	10,136
Enniskillen	694	601	287	73	101	209	1,965
Irvinestown	416	469	162	35	82	99	1,263
Lisnaskea	725	697	249	72	104	170	2,017
Total Co. Fermanagh	1,835	1,767	698	180	287	478	5,245
Coleraine	605	383	192	97	65	198	1,540
Limavady	467	354	153	75	84	171	1,304
Londonderry	333	230	111	61	63	113	911
Magherafelt/Co. L'derry Urban	916	837	295	103	176	287	2,614
Total Co. Londonderry	2,321	1,804	751	336	388	769	6,369
Castlederg	370	306	99	51	43	89	958
Clogher	431	383	134	61	74	119	1,202
Cookstown	626	558	240	94	110	201	1,829
Dungannon	743	745	274	98	120	271	2,251
Omágh	1,302	1,068	429	164	209	352	3,524
Strabane/Co. Tyrone Urban	550	333	167	129	89	164	1,432
Total Co. Tyrone	4,022	3,393	1,343	597	645	1,196	11,196
Northern Ireland Total	16,931	14,166	6,229	3,089	2,803	5,746	48,964

Note: County totals include figures for Urban areas.

NORTHERN Rural Districts



URBAN DISTRICTS
NOT SHOWN ON
5. NEWTOWNABBEY UD
9. BELFAST (CO. ANTRIM)
24. BELFAST (CO. DOWN) UD

AGGREGATES OF UDS IN:
8. CO. ANTRIM
14. CO. ARMAGH
23. CO. ...
28. CO. FERMANAGH
33. CO. LONDONDERRY
40. CO. TYRONE

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SECTION 8

LESS FAVOURED AREA STATISTICS, 2008

Tables showing the numbers of farms, crop areas, livestock numbers and persons working on farms which are wholly or mainly in areas classed as Severely Disadvantaged (SDA), Disadvantaged (DA) or Lowland.

Table 8.1 Number of farms by
 (a) farm type;
 (b) farm business size.

Table 8.2 Crop areas

Table 8.3 Numbers of cattle

Table 8.4 Numbers of sheep, horses, goats

Table 8.5 Numbers of pigs, poultry

Table 8.6 Farm labour force

Map of Less Favoured areas

Table 8.1 Numbers of farms by (a) type of farm and (b) farm business size by LFA category, June 2008

	LFA category				N.Ireland total	LFA % of N.Ireland
	Mainly SDA	Mainly DA	Mainly LFA	Mainly non-LFA		
Farm type:						
Cereals	28	101	129	457	586	22.0
General cropping	21	63	84	161	245	34.3
Horticulture	18	87	105	192	297	35.4
Pigs & poultry	159	200	359	227	586	61.3
Dairy	766	1,256	2,022	1,435	3,457	58.5
Cattle & sheep: LFA	8,835	5,756	14,591	0	14,591	100.0
Cattle & Sheep: lowland	0	0	0	4,355	4,355	0.0
Mixed	106	231	337	525	862	39.1
Other type	266	299	565	408	973	58.1
All types	10,199	7,993	18,192	7,760	25,952	70.1
Farm business size:						
Very small	8,587	6,192	14,779	5,205	19,984	74.0
Small	1,064	982	2,046	1,142	3,188	64.2
Medium	324	408	732	557	1,289	56.8
Large	224	411	635	856	1,491	42.6
Total	10,199	7,993	18,192	7,760	25,952	70.1

Note: Figures for Mainly LFA are the addition of figures for Mainly SDA and Mainly DA.

Table 8.2 Areas of crops, grass, rough grazing & other land by LFA category, June 2008

	LFA category				N.Ireland total	LFA % of N.Ireland
	Mainly SDA	Mainly DA	Mainly LFA	Mainly non-LFA		
Crops & grass:						
Cereal crops:						
Oats	156	497	652	1,766	2,418	27.0
Wheat	404	1,570	1,974	10,131	12,105	16.3
Winter barley	141	740	881	5,268	6,149	14.3
Spring barley	1,162	3,515	4,677	14,868	19,546	23.9
Mixed corn	22	48	70	112	182	38.7
Total cereals	1,885	6,370	8,255	32,144	40,399	20.4
Other crops:						
Potatoes	337	1,008	1,346	3,754	5,100	26.4
Other field crops	938	1,893	2,832	7,053	9,884	28.6
Fruit, vegetables & flowers:						
Fruit	21	312	334	1,163	1,497	22.3
Vegetables	9	192	201	1,155	1,356	14.8
Ornamentals	19	22	41	73	113	35.9
Total fruit, vegetables & flowers	49	526	575	2,391	2,966	19.4
Total crops	3,210	9,797	13,007	45,343	58,349	22.3
Grass						
Grass under 5 years old	36,881	33,706	70,587	46,648	117,236	60.2
Grass 5 years old & over	273,352	197,352	470,704	201,709	672,413	70.0
Total grass	310,233	231,058	541,291	248,357	789,648	68.5
Total crops and grass	313,443	240,855	554,298	293,700	847,998	65.4
Rough grazing	131,328	10,364	141,692	5,358	147,050	96.4
Woods & plantations	3,888	2,055	5,943	3,947	9,890	60.1
Other land	7,152	2,001	9,153	3,291	12,444	73.6
Total agricultural area	455,810	255,276	711,086	306,296	1,017,381	69.9

Note: Figures for Mainly LFA are the addition of figures for Mainly SDA and Mainly DA.

Table 8.3 Numbers of cattle by LFA category, June 2008

	LFA category				N.Ireland total	LFA % of N.Ireland
	Mainly SDA	Mainly DA	Mainly LFA	Mainly non-LFA		
Cattle:						
Dairy cows						
Total dairy cows	46,742	96,537	143,279	145,968	289,247	49.5
Beef cows						
Total beef cows	118,506	77,862	196,368	69,295	265,663	73.9
Total cows	165,248	174,399	339,647	215,263	554,910	61.2
Dairy heifers in calf						
2 years old & over	4,282	9,251	13,533	13,350	26,883	50.3
Under 2 years	4,849	12,017	16,866	20,523	37,389	45.1
Beef heifers in calf						
2 years old & over	8,325	7,430	15,754	8,557	24,311	64.8
Under 2 years	5,261	4,816	10,077	5,356	15,433	65.3
Bulls being used for service						
2 years old & over	6,100	4,828	10,929	4,642	15,571	70.2
1 year old & under 2 years	1,177	1,251	2,428	1,582	4,010	60.5
All other cattle & calves :						
2 years old & over						
Male	9,543	21,988	31,531	33,963	65,494	48.1
Females intended for slaughter	19,138	23,881	43,019	32,427	75,446	57.0
Other females	2,754	3,337	6,092	4,462	10,554	57.7
1 year old & under 2 years						
Male	40,603	58,053	98,656	71,564	170,220	58.0
Females intended for slaughter	28,697	31,391	60,088	38,112	98,200	61.2
Other females	19,323	20,506	39,829	25,282	65,111	61.2
6 months old and under 1 year						
Male	26,551	27,093	53,643	30,311	83,954	63.9
Female	30,666	32,177	62,843	40,136	102,979	61.0
Under 6 months old						
Male	46,555	39,563	86,118	42,442	128,560	67.0
Female	48,998	44,394	93,393	50,123	143,516	65.1
Total cattle & calves	468,070	516,376	984,446	638,095	1,622,541	60.7

Notes: Figures for Mainly LFA are the addition of figures for Mainly SDA and Mainly DA.
 Figures for cattle were derived from APHIS in 2008.

Table 8.4 Numbers of sheep, horses & goats by LFA category, June 2008

	LFA category				N.Ireland total	LFA % of N.Ireland
	Mainly SDA	Mainly DA	Mainly LFA	Mainly non-LFA		
Sheep:						
Sheep for breeding						
Put to the ram in 2006	468,183	191,710	659,893	163,190	823,083	80.2
Others 1 year old & over	70,734	21,552	92,286	20,048	112,334	82.2
Total breeding ewes	538,917	213,262	752,179	183,238	935,417	80.4
Rams for service	14,827	6,479	21,306	5,562	26,868	79.3
Other sheep & lambs:						
1 year old & over	7,216	2569	9,785	2,758	12,543	78.0
Under 1 year	561,695	238928	800,623	198,142	998,765	80.2
Total sheep	1,122,655	461,238	1,583,893	389,700	1,973,593	80.3
Horses and ponies:						
Horses/ponies owned by occupier	2,357	2,558	4,915	4,855	9,770	50.3
Horses/ponies NOT owned by occupier	342	434	776	1,265	2,041	38.0
Total horses & ponies	2,699	2,992	5,691	6,120	11,811	48.2
Goats:						
Total goats	1,377	710	2,087	761	2,848	73.3

Note: Figures for Mainly LFA are the addition of figures for Mainly SDA and Mainly DA.

Table 8.5 Numbers of pigs and poultry by LFA category, June 2008

	LFA category				N.Ireland total	LFA % of N.Ireland
	Mainly SDA	Mainly DA	Mainly LFA	Mainly non-LFA		
Pigs:						
Breeding herd						
Sows in pig	3,799	7,323	11,122	14,220	25,342	43.9
Gilts in pig	972	1,882	2,854	3,667	6,521	43.8
Other breeding sows	629	1,128	1,757	1,879	3,636	48.3
Total female breeding herd	5,400	10,333	15,733	19,766	35,499	44.3
Maiden gilts	517	864	1,381	1,792	3,173	43.5
Boars being used for service	160	258	418	322	740	56.5
Other pigs:						
110 Kg & over	1,493	900	2,393	4,567	6,960	34.4
80 Kg and under 110 Kg	7,564	12,790	20,354	43,332	63,686	32.0
50 Kg and under 80 Kg	13,070	22,715	35,785	46,663	82,448	43.4
20 Kg and under 50 Kg	13,635	25,120	38,755	47,059	85,814	45.2
Under 20 Kg	19,780	35,246	55,026	69,068	124,094	44.3
Total pigs	61,619	108,226	169,845	232,569	402,414	42.2
Poultry: ('000)						
Commercial laying flock						
Hens (1st cycle)	920	865	1,786	585	2,371	75.3
Hens (moulted)	20	7	27	1	28	97.4
Total laying birds	941	872	1,813	586	2,399	75.6
Growing pullets	357	451	808	366	1,174	68.8
Breeding flock	370	364	734	471	1,205	60.9
Broilers & other table birds	2,024	4,858	6,882	4,662	11,543	59.6
Total ordinary fowl	3,692	6,545	10,237	6,085	16,321	62.7
Other poultry	209	317	525	284	809	64.9
Total poultry	3,901	6,861	10,762	6,369	17,131	62.8

Notes: Figures for Mainly LFA are the addition of figures for Mainly SDA and Mainly DA.

From 2007 onwards, poultry figures were taken from the Northern Ireland Bird Register Update.

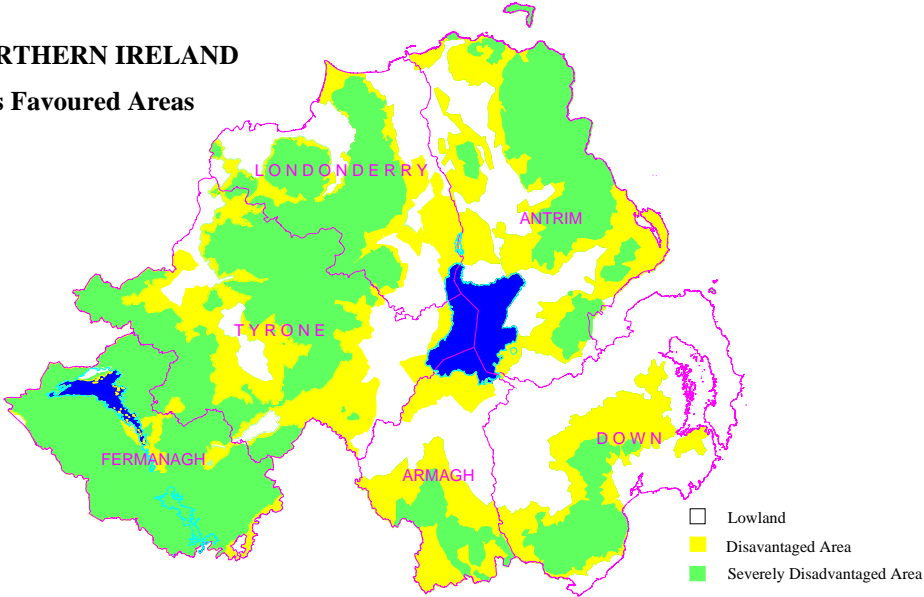
Table 8.6 Farm labour force on farms by LFA category, June 2008

	LFA category				N.Ireland total	LFA % of N.Ireland
	Mainly SDA	Mainly DA	Mainly LFA	Mainly non-LFA		
Farm Labour:						
Farmers, partners & directors						
Full-time	6,106	5,135	11,241	5,690	16,931	66.4
Part-time	5,697	4,490	10,187	3,979	14,166	71.9
Total	11,803	9,625	21,428	9,669	31,097	68.9
Spouses	2,221	1,867	4,088	2,141	6,229	65.6
Other / paid workers						
Full-time	800	787	1,587	1,502	3,089	51.4
Part-time	1,006	798	1,804	999	2,803	64.4
Casual/seasonal	1,727	1,738	3,465	2,281	5,746	60.3
Total other / paid workers	3,533	3,323	6,856	4,782	11,638	58.9
Total agricultural labour force	17,557	14,815	32,372	16,592	48,964	66.1

Note: Figures for Mainly LFA are the addition of figures for Mainly SDA and Mainly DA.

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Less Favoured Areas



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ANNEX 1

TABLE 1: – Trend in farm numbers by type (2000 SGM) and farm size (SLR) 2001 - 2008.

The table in Annex 1 shows the number of farms by type (based on the 2000 Standard Gross Margins (SGM)) and size (based on the Standard Labour Requirements (SLR)) for the years 2001 – 2008.

Details of the SGM and SLR methodology can be found in section 2 – terms and definitions (pages 8 and 9).

Table 1 : Trend in farm numbers by type (2000 SGM) and farm size (SLR) 2001-2008.

FARM TYPE	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Cereals								
Very Small	483	421	401	404	408	357	392	495
Small	38	42	38	42	41	52	46	60
Medium	11	9	9	12	13	18	18	17
Large	5	7	9	9	7	16	11	14
Total	537	479	457	467	469	443	467	586
General Cropping								
Very Small	181	178	177	183	138	130	123	132
Small	61	57	49	59	38	43	52	42
Medium	27	26	31	34	17	21	20	31
Large	42	44	38	38	31	36	36	40
Total	311	305	295	314	224	230	231	245
Horticulture								
Very Small	172	166	160	138	131	132	122	125
Small	69	75	65	64	70	58	57	64
Medium	31	34	32	40	27	31	28	31
Large	59	63	65	70	78	80	77	77
Total	331	338	322	312	306	301	284	297
Pigs and poultry								
Very Small	300	292	266	288	271	295	273	298
Small	111	111	112	134	136	140	135	164
Medium	49	40	52	57	56	67	68	55
Large	63	64	80	78	78	73	71	69
Total	523	507	510	557	541	575	547	586
Dairy								
Very Small	1,248	1,145	1,100	1,003	902	750	694	621
Small	1,811	1,772	1,646	1,553	1,489	1,347	1,212	1,093
Medium	912	919	904	873	845	802	774	728
Large	770	760	775	772	822	862	939	1015
Total	4,741	4,596	4,425	4,201	4,058	3,761	3,619	3,457
Cattle & sheep: LFA								
Very Small	14,269	13,830	13,876	13,648	13,752	13,621	13,374	13,201
Small	1,372	1,373	1,407	1,376	1,297	1,239	1,185	1,065
Medium	288	309	286	302	264	258	241	218
Large	132	116	131	138	117	112	123	107
Total	16,061	15,628	15,700	15,464	15,430	15,230	14,923	14,591
Cattle & sheep: Lowland								
Very Small	4,233	4,071	3,982	3,956	3,982	3,976	3,874	3,757
Small	491	480	472	474	496	505	467	447
Medium	91	90	92	100	105	105	104	103
Large	35	39	43	35	36	43	52	48
Total	4,850	4,680	4,589	4,565	4,619	4,629	4,497	4,355
Mixed								
Very Small	686	616	630	613	554	525	458	512
Small	221	210	241	224	212	225	173	208
Medium	84	87	94	95	93	76	71	69
Large	76	91	93	102	85	92	77	73
Total	1,067	1,004	1,058	1,034	944	918	779	862
Other type								
Very Small	1,148	719	679	525	330	533	680	843
Small	118	109	98	58	44	41	40	45
Medium	76	86	88	71	58	37	39	37
Large	55	62	60	46	41	41	40	48
Total	1,397	976	925	700	473	652	799	973
TOTAL FARMS	29,818	28,513	28,281	27,614	27,064	26,739	26,146	25,952

ANNEX 2 NOTES FOR DATA USERS

Data Quality

Although the June Agricultural survey is popularly called the 'Census' it is still a survey and is subject to the data quality issues inherent with conducting such a survey. The following list of points should be remembered when considering the data used in compiling the figures of this report.

1. The survey establishes around 16,000 valid responses (approximately 60% of all farms), the remaining figures for the missing farms are estimated.
2. The list of active farms (the farm register) which is used both to draw the sample and estimate the totals is not a compulsory register and so may be prone to omissions, particularly within certain enterprise types.
3. The estimates connected with farms belonging to minority enterprise types (e.g. pigs or poultry) will be subject to greater error.
4. Farms do not consist of contiguous fields and the location of the farm is centred on the address of the farmer.

How the figures are compiled

The data used in compiling figures for this report comes from different sources with different quality issues.

The main postal survey is taken from the most up to date farm register available.

This register is an amalgam of:

- a, active farmers (as recorded on the Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS), subsidy payment system. Note that receipt of the Single Farm Payment (SFP) alone does not constitute an active farm)
- b, pig farmers known to the department, that are not part of the IACS system
- c, poultry farmers known to the department that are not part of the IACS system
- d, mushroom farmers noted separately as specialist producers,
- e, top fruit, soft fruit and horticultural producers known to the department
- f, active farmers registered on the Animal and Public Health Information System (APHIS) not already encountered above.

For Northern Ireland the predominance of the cattle and sheep industries mean that a very high percentage of farms will be 'registered' through the IACS or APHIS systems.

However, it is possible for some of these enterprises (particularly minority ones where no compulsory register of animals is required) to exist and not be included on the register, e.g. horses.

Farmers are deactivated from the register because they have let the department know (by some means from the list above) that they are no longer farming. However it is possible that this deactivation will not take place in time for the yearly sample selection process, so each year a small number of non active farms continue to be recognised as active until the following year. Likewise, a small number of new farms (more properly farms that have been transferred to new owners) will not be recognised in time for the sample selection procedure.

Very small holdings, e.g. under a hectare, consisting of a few (non compulsory registration) animals may well fall outside the scope of the register; however their contribution to the production of the overall sector is minimal.

The survey returns are processed and the data cleansed of logical inaccuracies. Farmers indicating that they are no longer farming are noted as inactive at this stage. For farms which do not have a survey return (through non-response or not sampled) data are imputed by analysing the size and type of farms missing and those where returns have been received.

Information on cattle is taken directly from APHIS. This is a census of all cattle alive (and on farms) at June 1st. Information on poultry is taken from the Northern Ireland Bird Register – no action is taken on returns indicating that the birds are non commercial.

These cattle and poultry data are added to the framework established from the postal survey returns, creating a database of actual and imputed values used in calculating the years totals.

Geography

Although the June Agricultural Survey is collected at individual level, because of non-responses and non sampling, estimates are only compiled at, usually, district council level or higher. The accuracy of the figures depends on the number of responses so it can be seen how for some of the enterprises even estimates at district council level are impractical.

Additionally, the data are subject to the Data Protection Act and results may not be released at a level where an individual can be identified. This may be due to a low number of instances or due to the dominance of one or two holdings.

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