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PREFACE

This publication presents detailed analyses of the results of the Northern Ireland Agricultural Census for June 2009 as well as time series data from 1995 to 2009. 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 2009 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 2009 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 2008, and which failed to make a return in 2009, 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 19th November 2009. 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 1995 to 2009.

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, 1859-2009

	1859	1909	1959	2009
<i>Crop areas ('000 ha)</i>				
Cereals	271	148	94	39
Potatoes	112	67	39	5
Flax	36	13	0	0
Hay and pasture	644	744	683	791

	1859	1909	1959	2009
<i>Livestock numbers</i> (‘000 head)				
Cattle	754	758	964	1,599
of which Cows	n.a.	n.a.	255	541
Sheep	202	405	1,011	1,897
Horses	132	112	n.a.	12
Pigs	232	196	848	434
Poultry	1,942	6,011	11,886	16,863

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 – 2006 A sample survey was carried out on the same basis as that 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

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SECTION 2: TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

2.1 FARMS AND FARM STRUCTURE

Farms

In the 2009 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

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.....	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, 1995-2009

Tables and charts showing the crop areas, livestock numbers and numbers of farmers and other workers in each year from 1995 to 2009.

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 1995-2009

	('000 hectares)							
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Grass								
Under 5 yrs old	195.0	190.6	181.9	155.6	140.9	141.6	140.2	136.4
Over 5 yrs old	622.4	628.7	643.1	675.0	697.2	687.9	699.9	707.3
Total grass	817.4	819.3	825.1	830.6	838.1	829.4	840.1	843.7
Hill or rough land	170.9	169.0	164.1	159.1	158.7	156.5	154.1	151.6
Cereals								
Oats	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.8	2.9	2.4	2.4
Wheat	6.6	6.9	6.9	7.1	3.3	5.0	4.1	7.2
Barley (winter)	6.8	7.3	7.7	7.7	5.1	5.2	2.8	3.9
Barley (spring)	26.7	26.9	28.7	27.1	30.6	27.4	30.0	24.5
Mixed corn	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Total cereals	42.5	43.4	45.8	44.7	41.9	40.7	39.5	38.1
Other field crops								
Potatoes	9.0	8.8	7.8	7.5	7.5	6.8	6.7	6.7
Arable crop silage	2.0	1.6	1.7	2.0	2.4	2.2	2.3	1.9
Forage maize	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.1	0.1	1.4	1.7
SRC Willow	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Other crops	0.9	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.2	0.9	0.9	1.0
Total other field crops	12.4	11.5	10.7	11.2	11.2	10.1	11.4	11.4
Horticultural crops								
Fruit	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.5
Vegetables	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Ornamentals	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total horticultural crops	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.2
Total crops	58.1	58.2	59.7	59.1	56.5	54.1	54.1	52.6
Total crops & grass	875.5	877.5	884.8	889.8	894.5	883.5	894.1	896.3
Other land								
Set-aside	1.7	1.5	1.0	1.1	2.0	2.5	2.9	3.0
Woods and plantations	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.6	8.2	7.9
Other land	11.5	11.4	10.8	10.1	9.6	9.3	9.0	8.4
Total other land	21.3	21.1	20.0	19.5	19.8	20.4	20.0	19.3
TOTAL AREA FARMED	1,067.8	1,067.6	1,068.9	1,068.4	1,073.0	1,060.5	1,068.2	1,067.3

(’000 hectares)

2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
							Grass
138.0	141.8	135.6	126.5	122.1	117.2	120.8	Under 5 yrs old
710.3	696.7	675.8	677.2	671.9	672.4	669.9	Over 5 yrs old
848.2	838.5	811.4	803.7	794.0	789.6	790.7	Total grass
152.9	151.2	148.6	151.3	146.5	147.1	141.9	Hill or rough land
							Cereals
2.5	2.5	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.4	2.1	Oats
7.3	8.6	8.4	8.7	9.2	12.1	10.1	Wheat
4.1	4.5	4.0	4.6	4.7	6.1	5.1	Barley (winter)
23.6	22.5	21.7	18.2	18.1	19.5	21.6	Barley (spring)
0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	Mixed corn
37.8	38.3	36.2	33.6	34.2	40.4	39.2	Total cereals
							Other field crops
6.0	5.7	4.5	4.7	4.8	5.1	5.1	Potatoes
2.3	2.8	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.5	Arable crop silage
2.1	2.2	2.4	2.7	3.1	3.5	3.3	Forage maize
n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.3	0.4	0.5	SRC Willow
1.4	1.8	1.8	2.5	2.5	2.7	3.1	Other crops
12.0	12.5	12.3	13.3	14.0	15.0	15.5	Total other field crops
							Horticultural crops
1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	Fruit
1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4	Vegetables
0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	Ornamentals
3.2	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.0	Total horticultural crops
53.0	53.9	51.5	49.8	51.2	58.3	57.7	Total crops
901.2	892.3	862.9	853.5	845.2	848.0	848.4	Total crops & grass
							Other land
3.5	3.4	2.4	2.3	2.0	1.2	0.4	Set-aside
8.4	8.2	8.6	9.6	9.9	9.9	10.3	Woods and plantations
7.8	7.6	7.1	11.8	10.9	11.3	6.9	Other land
19.6	19.2	18.1	23.7	22.8	22.3	17.6	Total other land
1,073.7	1,062.8	1,029.5	1,028.5	1,014.5	1,017.4	1,008.0	TOTAL AREA FARMED

Table 3.2 Cattle and calves in Northern Ireland 1995-2009

	(000 head)							
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Dairy cows								
In milk	251.8	260.1	259.4	266.8	267.1	265.7	275.4	276.2
In calf	19.7	21.0	19.8	20.8	19.3	18.6	19.6	21.7
Total	271.5	281.1	279.2	287.7	286.4	284.4	295.0	297.9
Dairy heifers-in-calf								
2 years old	23.9	25.1	26.7	24.5	24.4	26.0	26.4	25.9
1-2 years	32.0	37.0	35.9	36.4	35.6	34.8	34.2	32.5
Total	55.9	62.1	62.6	60.9	60.0	60.9	60.7	58.5
Beef cows								
In milk	260.8	266.9	272.1	287.1	274.2	262.2	260.2	255.5
In calf	47.7	48.5	51.8	57.6	58.0	55.8	51.6	51.5
Total	308.6	315.4	323.9	344.7	332.2	318.0	311.8	307.0
Beef heifers-in-calf								
2 years old	18.4	20.1	26.2	24.2	21.1	18.9	19.9	20.1
1-2 years	14.5	15.3	20.4	16.7	13.5	12.6	13.2	12.9
Total	32.9	35.4	46.5	40.9	34.6	31.5	33.1	33.0
Breeding bulls								
2 years old and over	10.3	11.1	12.2	12.9	13.0	12.6	12.6	12.4
1-2 years	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.2	4.0	3.7	4.1	4.1
Total	14.8	15.6	16.5	17.1	16.9	16.3	16.7	16.5
Other cattle								
2 years old								
Male	96.5	105.4	66.9	71.7	68.0	69.0	68.7	68.7
Females for slaughter	32.1	33.5	20.6	24.3	24.2	26.4	27.9	29.3
Females for breeding	12.8	12.5	13.7	12.6	13.5	11.4	13.8	13.4
Total	141.4	151.3	101.2	108.6	105.7	106.8	110.3	111.4
1-2 years								
Male	211.0	218.3	232.5	213.6	204.6	197.5	199.6	202.7
Females for slaughter	117.3	116.7	114.9	125.4	128.8	126.9	118.0	122.0
Females for breeding	61.6	67.1	69.9	70.6	68.7	63.4	62.7	63.1
Total	389.9	402.2	417.3	409.6	402.1	387.8	380.3	387.8
6-12 months								
Male	104.1	102.1	89.7	87.7	82.3	84.0	88.9	91.7
Female	100.1	96.5	98.6	102.4	101.8	95.7	92.7	93.2
Total	204.1	198.6	188.3	190.1	184.1	179.7	181.6	184.9
Under 6 months								
Male	135.8	146.4	139.6	143.8	136.5	138.5	141.4	140.0
Female	144.2	151.2	155.9	164.0	160.0	152.7	148.2	147.4
Total	280.0	297.6	295.5	307.7	296.5	291.1	289.7	287.5
TOTAL CATTLE	1,699.1	1,759.4	1,731.0	1,767.3	1,718.5	1,676.5	1,679.1	1,684.5

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

('000 head)

2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
							Dairy cows
268.7	265.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In milk
21.5	22.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In calf
290.1	288.3	287.1	284.7	286.1	289.2	284.7	Total
							Dairy heifers-in-calf
25.7	28.1	27.7	27.5	28.1	26.9	26.3	2 years old
34.3	34.4	36.6	39.0	39.8	37.4	36.2	1-2 years
60.0	62.5	64.2	66.5	67.8	64.3	62.5	Total
							Beef cows
239.9	240.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In milk
55.5	55.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In calf
295.4	296.2	280.6	276.7	272.6	265.7	256.8	Total
							Beef heifers-in-calf
19.8	21.0	26.1	25.7	22.3	24.3	23.6	2 years old
13.4	13.3	16.4	16.1	14.4	15.4	14.0	1-2 years
33.3	34.3	42.4	41.8	36.7	39.7	37.6	Total
							Breeding bulls
12.6	12.9	15.5	15.6	14.1	15.6	14.9	2 years old and over
4.0	4.0	4.3	4.2	3.5	4.0	3.7	1-2 years
16.6	17.0	19.7	19.7	17.6	19.6	18.6	Total
							Other cattle
							2 years old
66.9	66.8	77.4	75.5	73.2	65.5	58.5	Male
32.8	33.2	87.0	83.6	77.9	75.4	63.5	Females for slaughter
15.0	15.5	11.5	11.4	9.7	10.6	10.0	Females for breeding
114.8	115.4	175.9	170.5	160.8	151.5	132.0	Total
							1-2 years
210.4	208.6	193.2	190.0	188.0	170.2	172.7	Male
123.4	119.2	111.6	109.9	108.0	98.2	109.1	Females for slaughter
69.7	69.6	69.2	68.5	66.6	65.1	66.8	Females for breeding
403.5	397.3	374.1	368.3	362.7	333.5	348.6	Total
							6-12 months
96.7	95.4	95.6	93.9	87.7	84.0	91.5	Male
95.0	93.2	102.7	101.4	101.7	103.0	100.4	Female
191.7	188.6	198.2	195.2	189.4	186.9	191.9	Total
							Under 6 months
138.2	136.6	132.2	128.8	117.9	128.6	129.5	Male
141.6	141.5	138.2	136.9	131.9	143.5	137.0	Female
279.8	278.1	270.5	265.7	249.8	272.1	266.5	Total
1,685.3	1,677.6	1,712.7	1,689.3	1,643.5	1,622.5	1,599.0	TOTAL CATTLE

Table 3.3 Sheep, horses, ponies and goats in Northern Ireland 1995-2009

	('000 head)							
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
SHEEP								
Ewes								
Ewes which lambed	n.a.	1,169.8	1,211.4	1,262.0	1,242.2	1,182.4	1,090.3	998.5
Others for breeding	n.a.	171.8	172.7	187.8	162.7	150.2	142.0	130.2
Total	1,345.3	1,341.6	1,384.1	1,449.8	1,404.9	1,332.6	1,232.3	1,128.6
Other sheep								
Rams for service	32.0	32.7	33.1	34.3	33.9	32.2	31.4	31.1
Not for breeding	6.3	5.7	7.3	6.5	8.8	8.2	9.3	8.2
Lambs								
Under 1 year old	1,369.9	1,373.2	1,455.5	1,496.0	1,461.3	1,367.5	1,252.6	1,156.3
TOTAL SHEEP	2,753.5	2,753.1	2,880.1	2,986.6	2,908.9	2,740.6	2,525.6	2,324.2
HORSES AND PONIES								
Mares								
Horses	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.3
Ponies	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9
Total mares	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.2	3.2
Stallions	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other horses	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.5	4.5
Other ponies	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.2	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	9.6	9.8	9.9	9.8	9.9	9.5	10.1	10.1
GOATS								
Female goats which have kidded	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
All other goats and kids	1.9	1.8	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.7
TOTAL GOATS	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.3

(000 head)

2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
							SHEEP
							Ewes
953.6	943.1	900.8	864.6	839.3	823.1	788.2	Ewes which lambed
152.0	157.4	126.5	126.5	118.0	112.3	104.2	Others for breeding
1,105.6	1,100.5	1,027.3	991.1	957.3	935.4	892.4	Total
							Other sheep
29.6	29.2	28.6	27.5	27.3	26.9	26.0	Rams for service
9.5	10.1	10.6	11.1	12.2	12.5	13.6	Not for breeding
							Lambs
1,096.4	1,085.6	1,078.6	1,040.9	1,027.2	998.8	964.8	Under 1 year old
2,241.1	2,225.4	2,145.1	2,070.5	2,024.0	1,973.6	1,896.7	TOTAL SHEEP
							HORSES AND PONIES
							Mares
2.4	2.3	2.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Horses
0.8	0.9	0.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Ponies
3.2	3.1	3.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Total mares
0.2	0.2	0.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Stallions
4.5	3.9	4.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Other horses
2.0	2.0	1.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Other ponies
n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.5	9.0	9.8	10.2	Horses/Ponies owned by occupier
n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.1	Horses/Ponies not owned by occupier
9.9	9.2	9.3	10.3	10.8	11.8	12.2	TOTAL HORSES & PONIES
							GOATS
1.3	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.3	Female goats which have kidded
1.5	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.5	1.3	All other goats and kids
2.9	2.7	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.8	2.7	TOTAL GOATS

Table 3.4 Pigs and poultry in Northern Ireland 1995-2009

	('000 head)							
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
PIGS								
Female breeding herd								
Sows in pig	42.8	42.6	46.1	43.1	32.6	27.8	26.7	26.4
Gilts in pig	8.8	9.9	9.5	7.6	5.4	5.2	4.9	5.0
Others sows for breeding	16.8	16.3	16.6	16.3	9.1	8.8	9.1	7.9
Total	68.4	68.8	72.2	66.9	47.1	41.8	40.6	39.3
Other breeding pigs								
Boars being used for service	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.8	1.7	1.3	1.3	1.2
Maiden gilts	4.6	5.6	5.9	5.2	3.5	3.7	2.9	2.9
Other pigs								
Cull sows being fattened	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.3
110kg and over	4.4	4.3	0.7	3.0	2.1	2.0	1.3	1.5
80 kg and under 110kg	75.3	83.3	75.5	71.5	58.6	52.3	47.7	48.4
50kg and under 80kg	154.9	149.1	171.0	162.5	117.3	106.7	98.1	96.6
20kg and under 50kg	170.0	161.6	189.3	174.6	135.3	106.1	99.7	105.6
Under 20kg	156.2	162.2	178.6	166.3	124.0	98.9	93.2	91.9
Total	561.1	560.8	615.5	578.5	437.9	366.7	340.7	344.3
TOTAL PIGS	636.9	638.1	696.7	653.4	490.3	413.5	385.6	387.7
POULTRY								
Commercial laying flock								
Laying birds up to end of first laying cycle	3,005.9	2,971.2	2,490.0	2,412.4	1,960.2	2,049.9	2,022.3	1,919.2
Second cycle	200.4	165.2	158.9	149.7	179.9	250.0	120.3	180.3
Total	3,206.3	3,136.4	2,648.9	2,562.1	2,140.0	2,300.0	2,142.6	2,099.4
Growing pullets	1,344.3	1,240.9	1,266.2	845.7	781.3	798.3	735.1	534.1
Breeding flock	1,748.8	1,968.5	2,138.2	2,334.5	2,266.1	2,196.3	2,145.2	2,506.2
Table birds								
Broilers	9,170.0	9,006.2	8,994.9	8,854.1	9,342.0	9,655.4	8,863.6	11,273.3
Other poultry	533.9	547.4	559.6	574.2	518.4	425.9	461.0	448.8
TOTAL POULTRY	16,003.3	15,899.5	15,607.8	15,170.6	15,047.9	15,375.9	14,347.5	16,861.8

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

('000 head)

2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
							PIGS
							Female breeding herd
28.1	25.4	25.7	25.9	26.0	25.3	27.9	Sows in pig
5.0	4.6	4.5	4.8	4.3	6.5	3.4	Gilts in pig
9.7	7.8	6.6	6.7	6.7	3.6	7.0	Others sows for breeding
42.9	37.8	36.7	37.4	37.0	35.5	38.2	Total
							Other breeding pigs
1.2	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7	Boars being used for service
3.3	3.2	2.8	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.8	Maiden gilts
							Other pigs
0.4	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.6	Cull sows being fattened
1.6	1.7	3.3	3.3	3.9	6.4	5.2	110kg and over
61.0	54.3	55.2	51.9	61.0	63.7	68.4	80 kg and under 110kg
106.5	108.4	87.1	79.9	86.2	82.4	89.9	50kg and under 80kg
112.6	111.4	91.8	83.6	88.7	85.8	92.5	20kg and under 50kg
104.1	105.4	126.6	125.6	128.6	124.1	134.3	Under 20kg
386.3	381.9	364.5	344.9	369.3	363.0	390.8	Total
433.7	424.1	405.1	386.6	410.5	402.4	433.5	TOTAL PIGS
							POULTRY
							Commercial laying flock
1,945.9	2,093.4	2,111.7	2,084.6	2,348.3	2,370.8	2,254.3	Laying birds up to end of first laying cycle
257.4	172.7	207.5	103.1	45.6	27.7	61.4	Second cycle
2,203.2	2,266.1	2,319.2	2,187.7	2,394.0	2,398.5	2,315.7	Total
552.9	509.8	669.5	743.1	1,039.8	1,174.3	999.1	Growing pullets
2,518.2	2,284.8	1,634.5	1,594.8	1,538.0	1,205.2	1,573.2	Breeding flock
							Table birds
12,811.4	15,006.9	12,525.7	13,367.1	11,861.3	11,543.5	11,418.3	Broilers
439.6	441.7	465.4	518.3	451.9	809.4	556.4	Other poultry
18,525.4	20,509.2	17,614.3	18,411.0	17,284.9	17,130.9	16,862.7	TOTAL POULTRY

Table 3.5 Farmers and other workers in Northern Ireland 1995-2009

		('000 workers)							
		1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Farmers									
Full time	Male	21.6	20.9	20.8	20.8	20.0	19.2	18.8	18.4
	Female	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.3
	Total full-time farmers	23.4	22.7	22.4	22.5	21.5	20.5	20.2	19.7
Part time	Male	13.6	14.4	14.3	14.0	13.8	13.3	13.7	12.7
	Female	2.7	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1
	Total part-time farmers	16.3	17.2	16.8	16.3	16.1	15.4	15.8	14.8
TOTAL FARMERS		39.9	40.0	39.2	38.8	37.6	35.9	36.0	34.5
Farmers' spouses									
Full time	Total	n.a.	n.a.	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.2	2.1
Part time	Total	n.a.	n.a.	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.3	4.1
TOTAL SPOUSES		6.8	6.8	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.5	6.2
Other workers									
Full time	Male	3.2	3.0	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.4
	Female	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
	Total full-time	3.6	3.4	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.7
Part time	Male	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.2
	Female	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.6
	Total part-time	3.2	3.1	3.1	2.9	2.8	3.1	2.8	2.8
Casual	Male	8.7	8.3	8.6	8.5	8.0	7.9	7.5	7.2
	Female	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8
	Total casual/seasonal	9.6	9.2	9.6	9.4	8.8	8.8	8.3	8.0
TOTAL OTHER WORKERS		16.3	15.8	15.6	15.2	14.6	14.9	13.9	13.5
TOTAL FARMERS, SPOUSES AND OTHER WORKERS		63.0	62.5	61.9	61.1	59.3	57.8	56.4	54.3

Table 3.6 Number of Farms in Northern Ireland, 1995 - 2009

		('000 farms)							
		1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
TOTAL FARMS		33.1	32.6	32.1	31.8	31.1	29.9	29.8	28.5

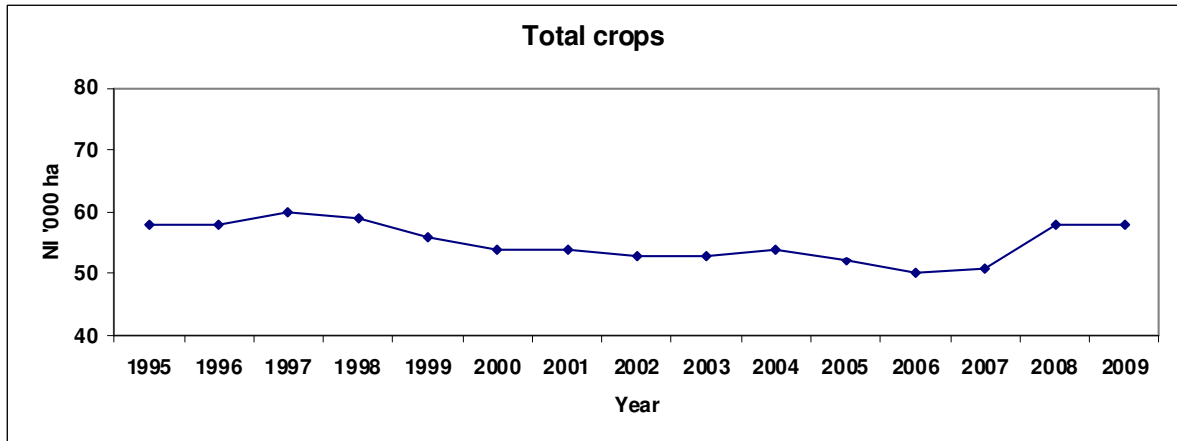
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2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009		
18.1	17.2	17.1	16.9	16.3	16.0	15.6	Male	Farmers
1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.8	Female	Full time
19.3	18.3	18.2	18.0	17.2	16.9	16.4		Total full-time farmers
12.8	13.0	12.5	12.2	12.3	12.4	12.2	Male	Part time
1.9	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.6	Female	
14.7	14.9	14.4	14.0	14.0	14.2	13.8		Total part-time farmers
34.0	33.3	32.5	32.0	31.2	31.1	30.3		TOTAL FARMERS
2.2	2.1	2.0	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.8	Total	Farmers' spouses
4.3	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.4	Total	Full time
								Part time
6.4	6.4	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.2		TOTAL SPOUSES
2.5	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.5	2.6	2.6	Male	Other workers
0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	Female	Full time
2.8	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.9	3.1	3.1		Total full-time
2.3	2.3	2.1	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.6	Male	Part time
0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	Female	
2.8	2.8	2.5	2.3	2.7	2.8	3.2		Total part-time
7.6	7.4	6.7	6.2	5.3	5.2	4.8	Male	Casual
0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	Female	
8.4	8.1	7.3	6.8	5.8	5.7	5.2		Total casual/seasonal
14.1	13.7	12.4	11.7	11.4	11.6	11.5		TOTAL OTHER WORKERS
54.5	53.3	51.1	50.0	49.0	49.0	48.0		TOTAL FARMERS, SPOUSES AND OTHER WORKERS

(000 farms)

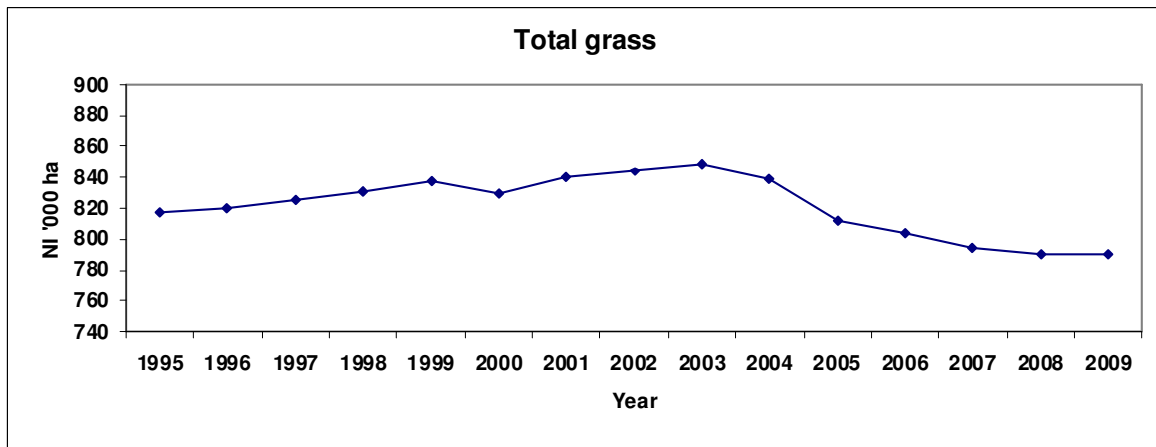
2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
28.3	27.6	27.1	26.7	26.1	26.0	25.3	TOTAL FARMS

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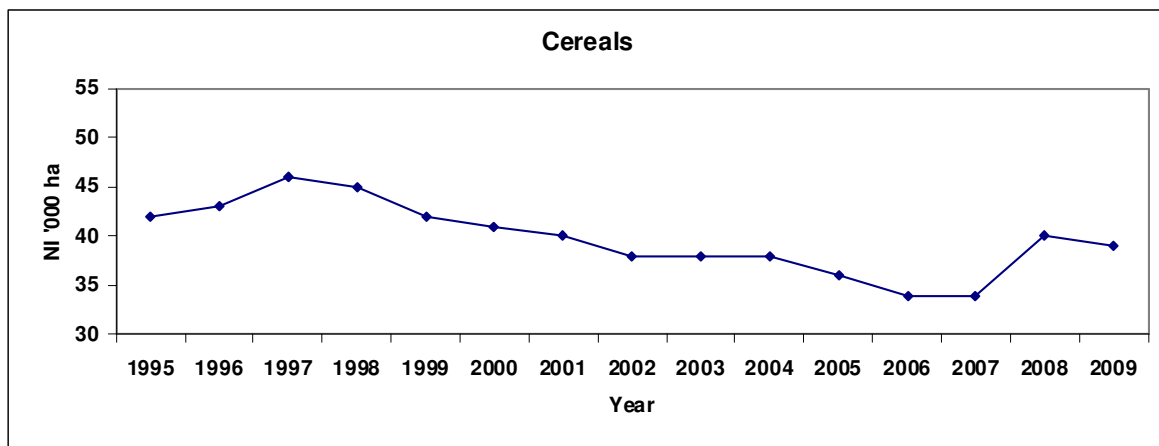
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Chart 3 - 2



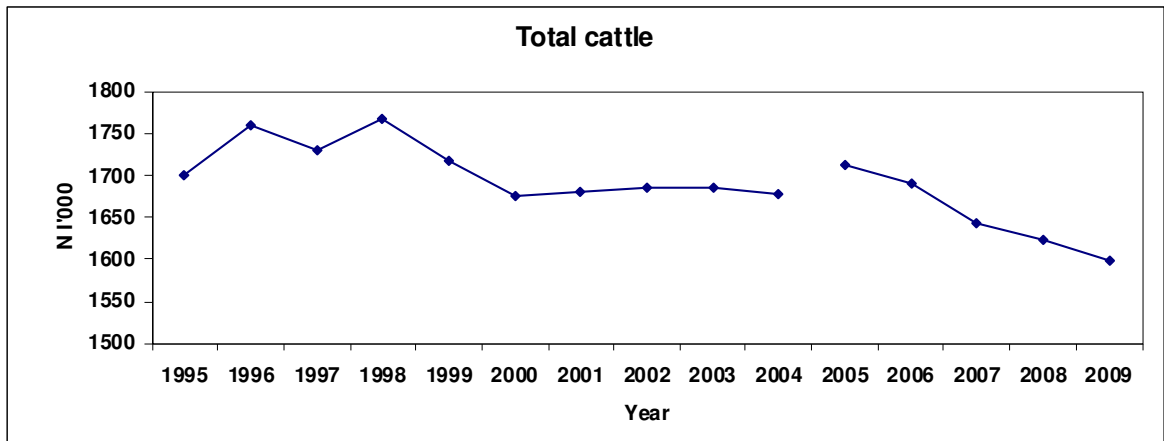
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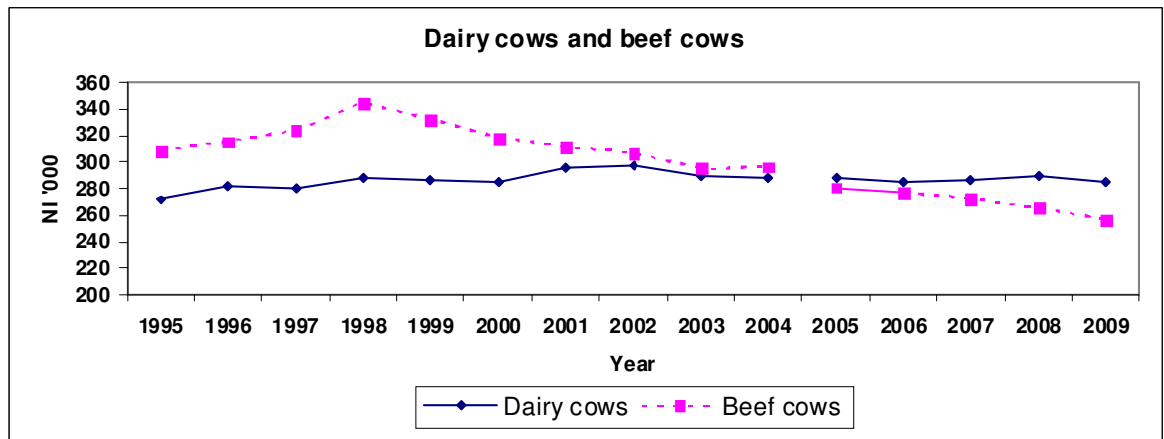
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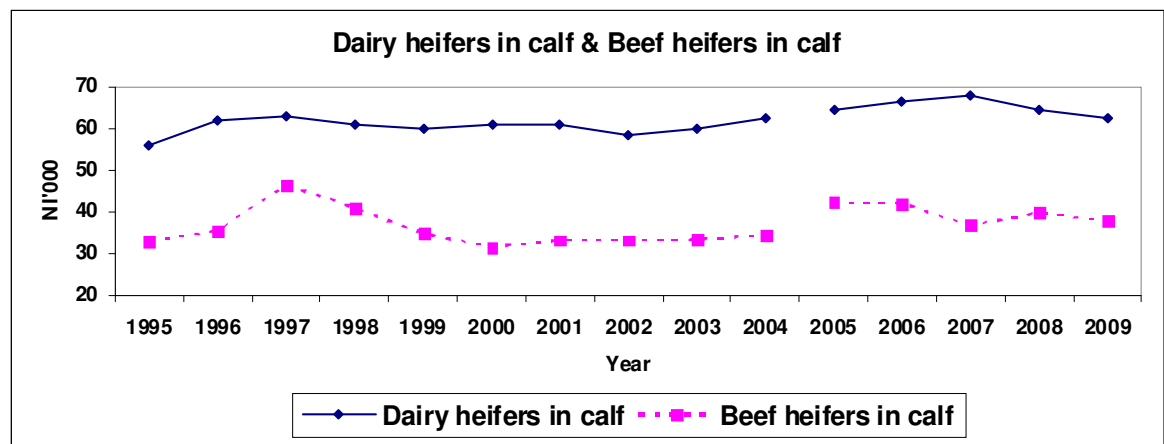
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Chart 3 - 5



Non-zero intercept

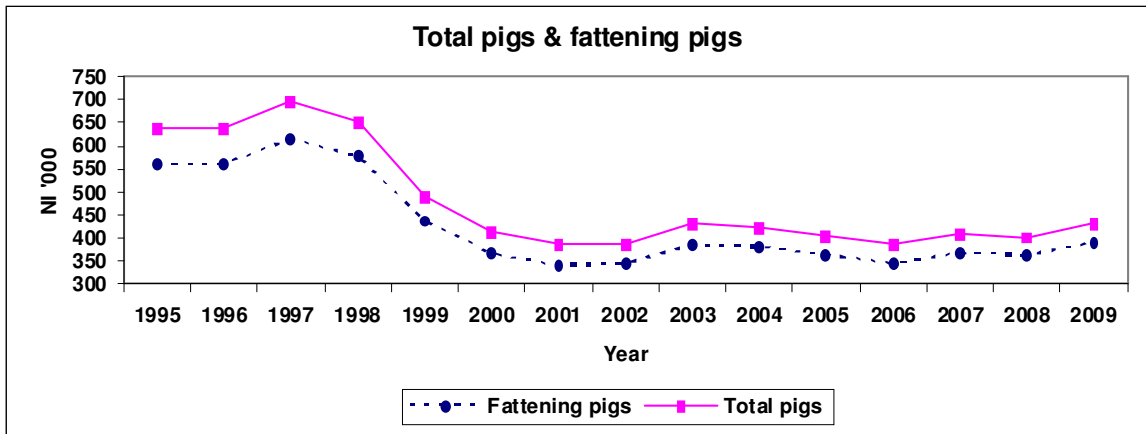
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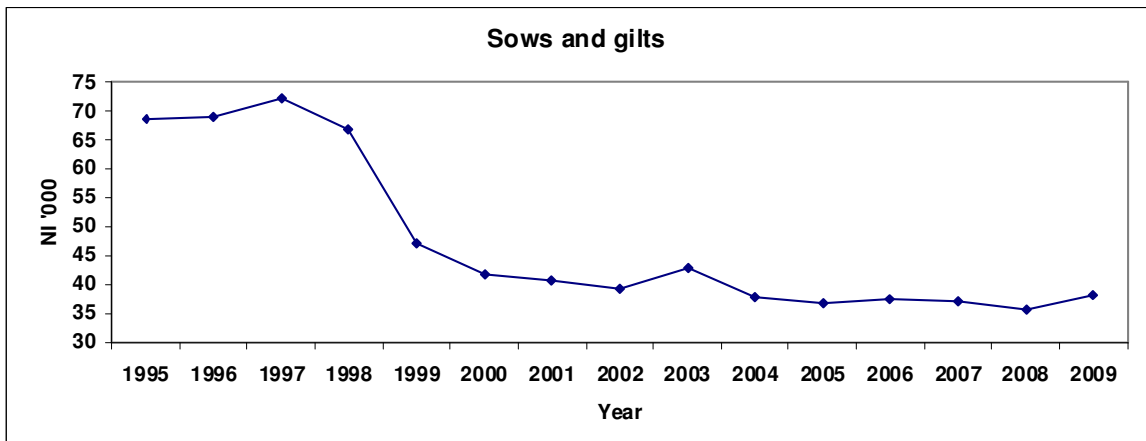
Note: From 2005 onwards, cattle figures were derived from APHIS

Chart 3 - 7



Non-zero intercept

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Non-zero intercept

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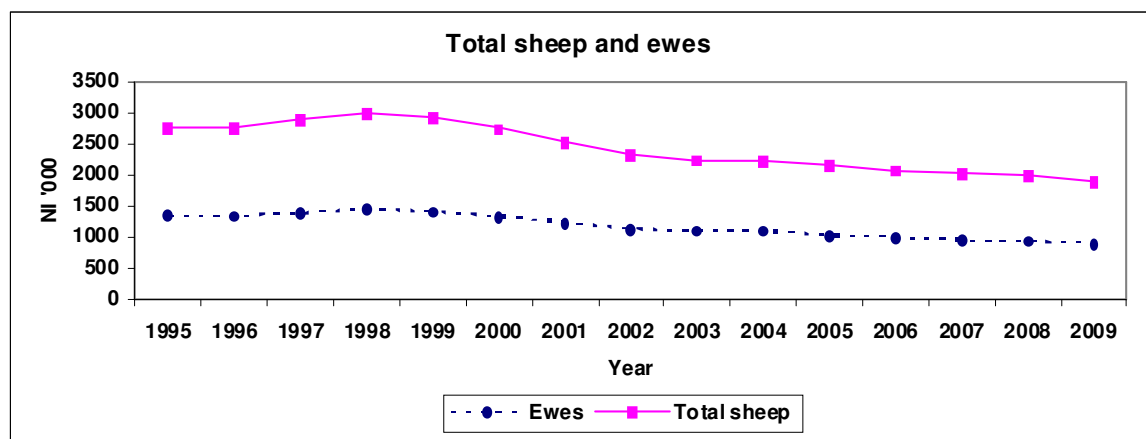
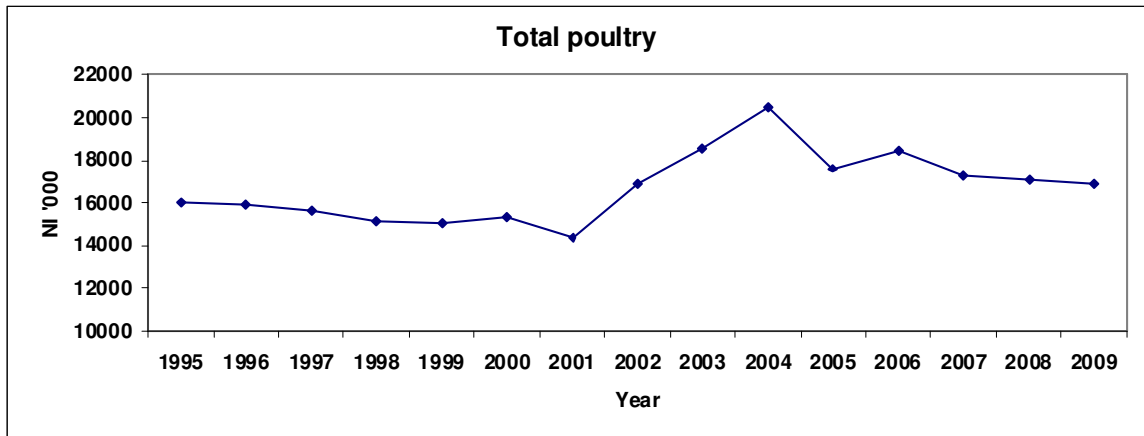
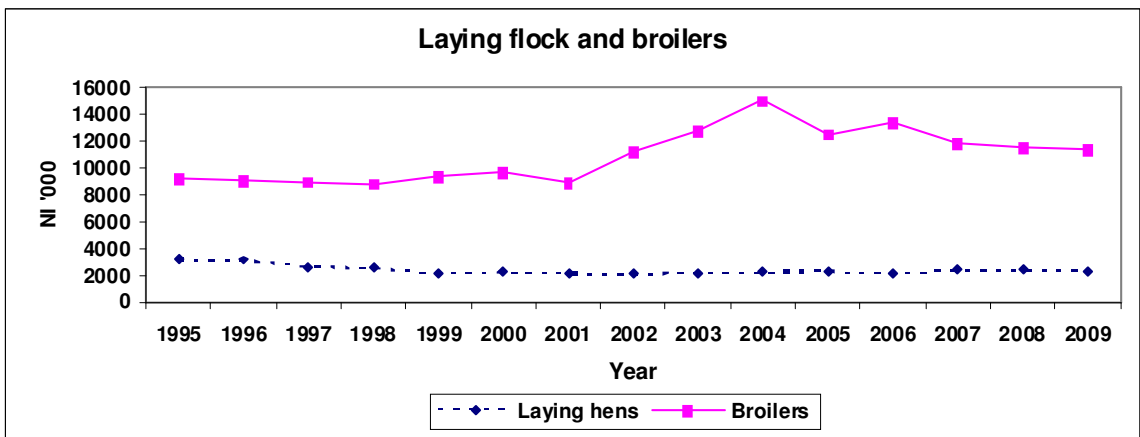


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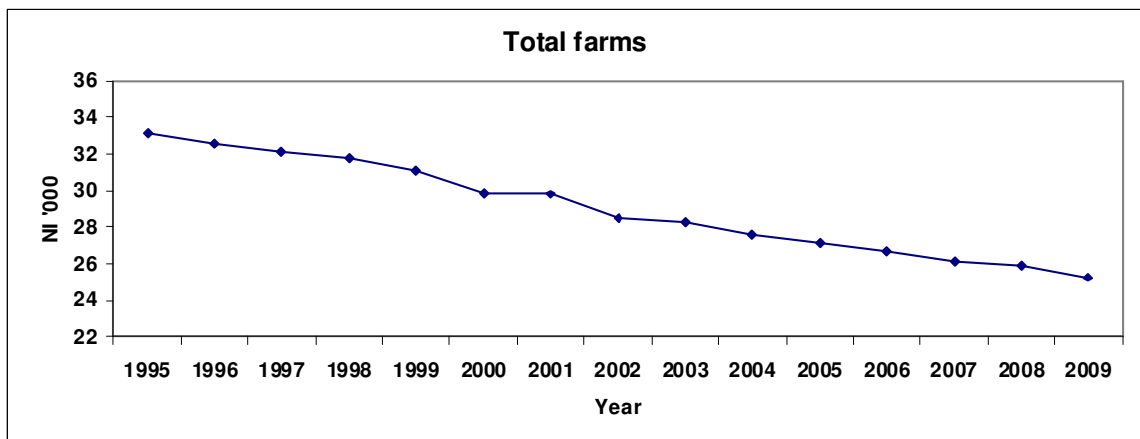
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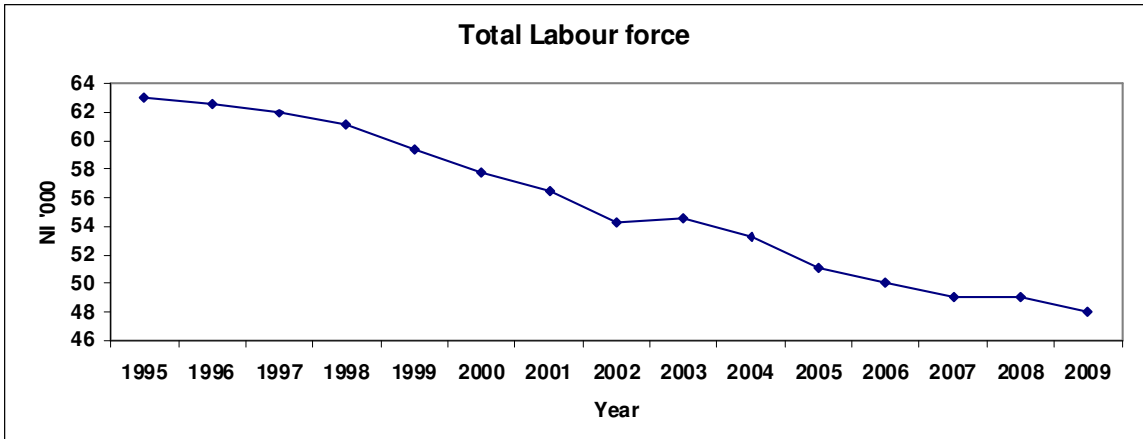
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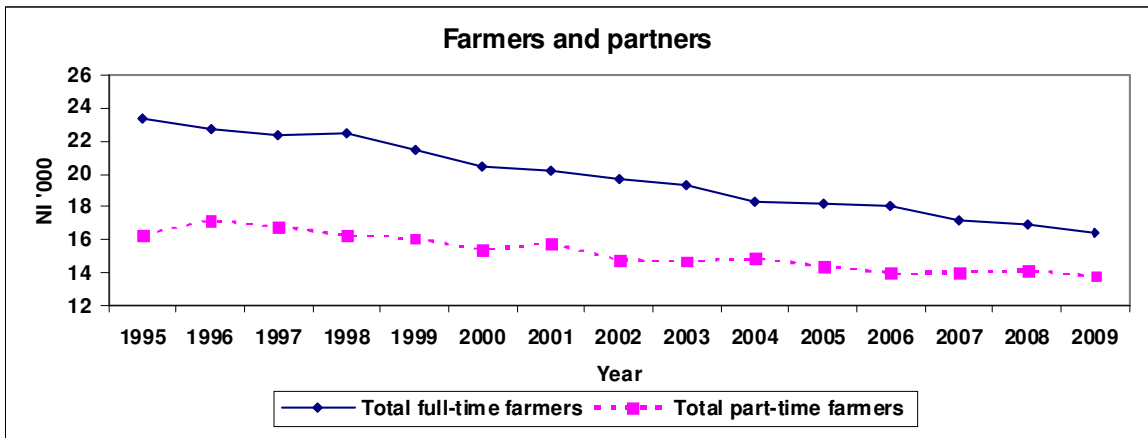
Non-zero intercept

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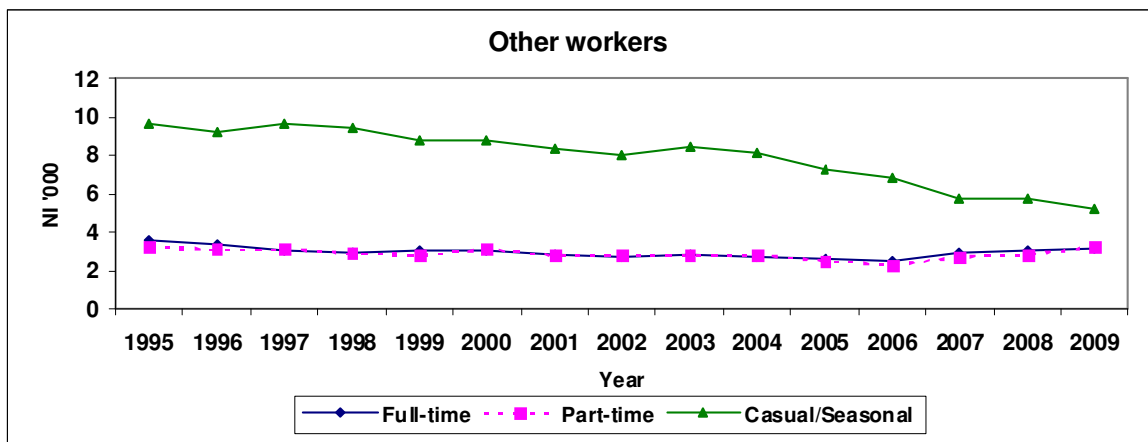
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SECTION 4

FARM STRUCTURE, 2009

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Table 4.1 Number and area of farms by crop & grass area farmed by county in Northern Ireland, June 2009

<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	209	93	183	102	206	121	65	19	107	50	231	93	1,001	479
2 - 4.9	253	859	262	934	396	1,422	138	483	195	696	283	1,012	1,527	5,406
5 - 9.9	543	4,106	583	4,367	697	5,154	315	2,401	372	2,768	751	5,641	3,261	24,438
10 - 14.9	440	5,445	566	6,992	620	7,691	380	4,653	397	4,842	783	9,671	3,186	39,293
15 - 19.9	395	6,840	408	7,014	459	7,973	335	5,863	348	5,993	698	12,121	2,643	45,804
20 - 29.9	631	15,432	574	13,958	685	16,729	560	13,871	495	12,206	1073	26,149	4,018	98,344
30 - 39.9	478	16,693	301	10,320	495	17,074	325	11,106	368	12,771	680	23,249	2,647	91,214
40 - 49.9	309	13,815	233	10,341	325	14,501	273	12,092	254	11,286	468	20,760	1,862	82,795
50 - 74.9	568	34,661	264	15,842	461	27,972	338	20,607	394	23,809	655	39,700	2,680	162,591
75 - 99.9	263	22,589	89	7,625	220	18,995	149	12,946	177	15,198	221	18,963	1,119	96,315
100 & over	333	50,734	88	12,639	283	43,889	148	22,714	209	33,052	259	38,691	1,320	201,719
Total	4,422	171,267	3,551	90,134	4,847	161,522	3,026	106,754	3,316	122,671	6,102	196,051	25,264	848,398

Table 4.2 Number and area of farms by total area by county in Northern Ireland, June 2009

<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	154	82	144	96	152	98	37	11	75	44	179	86	741	416
2 - 4.9	195	662	237	843	353	1,256	86	305	155	563	236	851	1,262	4,480
5 - 9.9	431	3,252	575	4,342	686	5,086	248	1,929	326	2,429	601	4,546	2,867	21,584
10 - 14.9	390	4,852	547	6,775	609	7,555	349	4,333	345	4,231	684	8,497	2,924	36,243
15 - 19.9	359	6,227	420	7,221	464	8,065	334	5,834	310	5,364	611	10,622	2,498	43,332
20 - 29.9	608	14,987	602	14,606	683	16,739	573	14,208	450	11,176	1046	25,623	3,962	97,338
30 - 39.9	509	17,824	321	11,055	517	17,927	355	12,189	352	12,151	721	24,845	2,775	95,990
40 - 49.9	350	15,597	236	10,433	321	14,297	290	12,888	276	12,337	532	23,682	2,005	89,235
50 - 74.9	615	37,929	279	16,807	514	31,164	372	22,663	457	27,975	763	46,663	3,000	183,201
75 - 99.9	313	26,968	89	7,633	242	20,862	181	15,615	203	17,485	305	26,124	1,333	114,687
100 & over	498	88,265	101	14,368	306	51,490	201	33,264	367	63,701	424	70,370	1,897	321,458
Total	4,422	216,645	3,551	94,178	4,847	174,538	3,026	123,240	3,316	157,454	6,102	241,908	25,264	1,007,963

Table 4.3 Number of farms by (a) type of farm and (b) farm business size by county in Northern Ireland, June 2009

	County						
	Antrim	Armagh	Down	Fermanagh	Londonderry	Tyrone	N.Ireland
FARM TYPE:							
Cereals	75	48	241	2	118	56	540
General cropping	47	15	108	0	47	25	242
Horticulture	38	146	62	3	17	22	288
Pigs & poultry	124	95	95	28	52	182	576
Dairy	730	394	614	348	419	858	3,363
Cattle & sheep: LFA	2,341	2,014	1,716	2,586	1,790	4,063	14,510
Cattle & sheep: lowland	772	629	1,581	16	656	705	4,359
Mixed	162	107	246	8	164	120	807
Other type	133	103	184	35	53	71	579
All types	4,422	3,551	4,847	3,026	3,316	6,102	25,264
FARM BUSINESS SIZE:							
Very small	3,068	2,857	3,612	2,567	2,440	4,777	19,321
Small	680	358	624	311	496	706	3,175
Medium	321	134	241	94	200	312	1,302
Large	353	202	370	54	180	307	1,466
Total	4,422	3,551	4,847	3,026	3,316	6,102	25,264

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 2009

	Farm business size				Total
	Very small	Small	Medium	Large	
FARM TYPE:					
Cereals	456	54	20	10	540
General cropping	119	53	24	46	242
Horticulture	119	61	30	78	288
Pigs & poultry	298	140	57	81	576
Dairy	565	1,076	740	982	3,363
Cattle & sheep: LFA	13,077	1,091	234	108	14,510
Cattle & sheep: lowland	3,757	460	93	49	4,359
Mixed	488	183	71	65	807
Other type	442	57	33	47	579
All types	19,321	3,175	1,302	1,466	25,264
AREA OF CROPS & GRASS FARMED (hectares)					
Under 10	5,510	143	54	82	5,789
10 - 19.9	5,585	167	45	32	5,829
20.0 - 29.9	3,640	286	41	51	4,018
30.0 - 49.9	3,217	984	209	99	4,509
50.0 - 99.9	1,278	1,289	695	537	3,799
100 & over	91	306	258	665	1,320
Total	19,321	3,175	1,302	1,466	25,264
TOTAL AREA FARMED (hectares)					
Under 10	4,623	123	48	76	4,870
10 - 19.9	5,212	139	41	30	5,422
20.0 - 29.9	3,651	229	35	47	3,962
30.0 - 49.9	3,626	885	170	99	4,780
50.0 - 99.9	1,923	1,252	671	487	4,333
100 & over	286	547	337	727	1,897
Total	19,321	3,175	1,302	1,466	25,264

Table 4.5 Number of farms by farm business size and by percentage of area farmed which is owner-occupied, June 2009

Owner-occupied land as percentage of area farmed	Farm business size				
	Very small	Small	Medium	Large	Total
All	10,892	931	272	255	12,350
50-<100%	4,515	1,374	598	704	7,191
>0-<50%	2,479	773	398	480	4,130
None	1,435	97	34	27	1,593
All farms	19,321	3,175	1,302	1,466	25,264
Average percentage owner-occupied	75	66	60	58	68

Table 4.6 Number of farmers and workers by farm business size in Northern Ireland, June 2009

	Farm business size				
	Very small	Small	Medium	Large	Total
<i>Farmers, partners & directors:</i>					
Full-time	9,091	3,442	1,698	2,206	16,437
Part-time	12,734	706	169	221	13,830
Total	21,825	4,148	1,867	2,427	30,267
<i>Spouses</i>	4,062	1,010	528	621	6,221
<i>Other workers</i>					
Full-time	775	482	339	1,510	3,106
Part-time	1,860	640	287	433	3,220
Casual/seasonal	2,603	968	612	1,034	5,217
Total other workers	5,238	2,090	1,238	2,977	11,543
Total agricultural labour force	31,125	7,248	3,633	6,025	48,031

SECTION 5

FARM ENTERPRISES, 2009

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

Table 5.1 Total cereals

Table 5.2 Barley

Table 5.3 Winter barley
Spring barley
Oats
Wheat

Table 5.4 Potatoes

Table 5.5 Dairy cows

Table 5.6 Beef cows

Table 5.7 Cattle one year old and over, intended for slaughter

Table 5.8 Total cattle

Table 5.9 Breeding ewes

Table 5.10 Total sheep

Table 5.11 Sows

Table 5.12 Fattening pigs, 20kg and over

Table 5.13 Total pigs

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 2009

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	12	14	17	23	16	10	6	6	3	58	39
1 - 1.9	67	95			99	149	47	70	28	40	252	370
2 - 4.9	191	629	54	175	296	968	227	750	104	348	872	2,870
5 - 9.9	159	1,108	75	544	263	1,909	154	1,095	90	621	741	5,278
10 - 19.9	111	1,546	54	724	224	3,118	117	1,631	55	720	561	7,740
20 - 29.9	43	1,032	16	391	79	1,878	44	1,045	22	508	204	4,854
30 - 39.9	16	524	8	306	31	1,045	23	792	6	215	79	2,670
40 - 49.9	7	310			32	1,395	13	551			57	2,468
50 and over	17	1,436	8	794	67	6,489	37	3,243	13	990	142	12,953
Total	627	6,693	229	2,951	1,114	16,967	672	9,183	324	3,446	2,966	39,240

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 2009

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	13	9	10	14	23	16	9	7	24	33	49	35
1 - 1.9	57	81			93	138	42	63			222	326
2 - 4.9	184	605	49	150	292	945	223	741	83	284	831	2,726
5 - 9.9	125	873	58	402	234	1,704	141	1,002	75	525	633	4,505
10 - 19.9	85	1,171	28	367	196	2,674	101	1,437	32	425	442	6,075
20 - 29.9	28	659	11	263	60	1,417	42	986	17	400	158	3,724
30 - 39.9	7	237	5	197	23	796	15	524	13	766	51	1,774
40 & over	13	738			53	3,633	34	2,463			112	7,580
Total	512	4,373	161	1,393	974	11,324	607	7,223	244	2,432	2,498	26,745

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 2009

<i>Area of crop on farms (hectares)</i>	Winter Barley		Spring Barley		Oats		Wheat	
	Farms	Area	Farms	Area	Farms	Area	Farms	Area
under 1	9	6	45	32	28	18	6	4
1 - 1.9	33	49	214	314	69	96	39	58
2 - 4.9	152	493	783	2,573	146	457	194	641
5 - 9.9	141	1,003	584	4,125	65	469	218	1,539
10 - 19.9	72	936	395	5,430	37	512	165	2,184
20 - 29.9	43	1,000	131	3,088	7	157	70	1,642
30 - 39.9	13	445	39	1,332	8	346	20	662
40 - 49.9	5	214.1	41	1,784	.....	.....	14	616
50 and over	9	974	42	2,947	.....	.....	27	2,776
Total	477	5,120	2,274	21,625	360	2,054	753	10,122

Table 5.4 Distribution of farms and potatoes by area of potatoes by county, June 2009

<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	4	15	3	38	10	10	2	40	9	120	28
0.5 - 0.9	17	12	7	5	41	30	12	8	13	9	90	64
1 - 1.9	35	46	12	19	40	53	25	34	5	5	113	147
2 - 2.9	10	23	.....	.....	22	51	16	37	7	15	59	135
3 - 4.9	20	76	7	27	27	98	21	84	13	49	88	334
5 - 9.9	19	155	5	109	26	165	18	115	11	87	72	486
10 - 14.9	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	258	17	197	8	204	45	539
15 & over	20	849	.....	.....	41	1,539	16	710	.....	.....	85	3,362
Total	138	1,165	46	164	256	2,202	135	1,186	97	379	672	5,095

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 2009

<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	59	387	46	301	36	239	31	205	35	228	64	413	271	1,773
10 - 14	31	357	22	256	24	307	30	358	21	250	46	550	174	2,078
15 - 19	20	334	23	382	13	222	27	463	17	286	46	778	146	2,465
20 - 29	44	1,099	44	1,073	48	1,175	56	1,386	29	701	86	2,141	307	7,575
30 - 39	69	2,353	50	1,768	47	1,600	52	1,785	38	1,322	93	3,229	349	12,057
40 - 49	77	3,380	37	1,633	53	2,361	44	1,930	42	1,892	85	3,795	338	14,991
50 - 59	64	3,544	27	1,455	47	2,574	32	1,754	37	1,993	74	4,027	281	15,347
60 - 69	71	4,551	34	2,173	45	2,891	36	2,282	52	3,358	97	6,237	335	21,492
70 - 99	151	12,442	69	5,630	107	8,786	41	3,331	81	6,734	146	11,865	595	48,788
100 & over	254	37,309	104	17,150	266	44,109	42	6,191	121	18,413	219	34,960	1006	158,132
Total	840	65,756	456	31,821	686	64,264	391	19,685	473	35,177	956	67,995	3,802	284,698

Note: Figures for cattle were derived from APHIS in 2009.

Table 5.6 Distribution of farms and beef cows by number of beef cows and county, June 2009

<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	603	1,273	623	1,479	780	1,759	524	1,316	467	1,073	1117	2,575	4,114	9,475
5 - 9	432	3,022	543	3,771	572	3,931	616	4,283	425	2,944	1001	6,897	3,589	24,848
10 - 14	338	4,030	359	4,199	360	4,229	438	5,158	305	3,660	667	7,845	2,467	29,121
15 - 19	266	4,465	233	3,887	257	4,296	313	5,269	225	3,801	448	7,549	1,742	29,267
20 - 29	312	7,384	247	5,871	302	7,248	320	7,645	249	5,979	488	11,585	1,918	45,712
30 - 39	207	6,968	98	3,337	149	5,017	150	5,091	132	4,525	243	8,226	979	33,164
40 - 49	115	4,987	56	2,430	119	5,084	94	4,009	85	3,694	123	5,303	592	25,507
50 - 59	45	2,455	21	1,118	44	2,414	42	2,240	35	1,913	58	3,131	245	13,271
60 - 69	37	2,379	12	767	28	1,812	23	1,462	23	1,477	44	2,849	167	10,746
70 - 99	54	4,416	16	1,335	34	2,731	36	2,932	33	2,683	43	3,454	216	17,551
100 & over	45	6,745	7	960	14	2,186	21	2,669	18	2,381	24	3,173	129	18,114
Total	2,454	48,124	2,215	29,154	2,659	40,707	2,577	42,074	1,997	34,130	4,256	62,587	16,158	256,776

Note: Figures for cattle were derived from APHIS in 2009.

Table 5.7 Distribution of farms and cattle over one year old, intended for slaughter, by number of cattle and county, June 2009

<i>Number of cattle on farms</i>	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	492	709	429	618	490	686	683	962	400	570	846	1,194	3,340	4,739
3 - 4	326	1,142	282	991	306	1,067	403	1,377	244	843	541	1,882	2,102	7,302
5 - 9	618	4,224	575	3,894	661	4,568	537	3,524	454	3,103	990	6,663	3,835	25,976
10 - 14	382	4,543	365	4,314	421	4,982	246	2,892	306	3,627	614	7,251	2,334	27,609
15 - 19	287	4,844	249	4,188	310	5,185	134	2,248	207	3,524	437	7,322	1,624	27,311
20 - 29	350	8,432	307	7,370	395	9,610	177	4,196	274	6,661	462	11,054	1,965	47,323
30 - 39	227	7,724	207	7,027	258	8,860	91	3,095	156	5,186	265	9,034	1,204	40,926
40 - 49	149	6,527	121	5,322	165	7,332	45	1,979	102	4,513	190	8,414	772	34,087
50 - 59	120	6,511	91	4,919	105	5,667	22	1,177	70	3,803	121	6,554	529	28,631
60 - 69	59	3,792	61	3,894	82	5,276	23	1,496	37	2,358	93	5,970	355	22,786
70 - 99	97	8,142	107	8,764	117	9,671	30	2,439	67	5,472	113	9,303	531	43,791
100 & over	116	18,375	87	15,468	101	18,187	20	4,022	73	11,416	137	25,753	534	93,221
Total	3,223	74,965	2,881	66,769	3,411	81,091	2,411	29,407	2,390	51,076	4,809	100,394	19,125	403,702

Note: Figures for cattle were derived from APHIS in 2009.

Table 5.8 Distribution of farms and total cattle by number of cattle and county, June 2009

<i>Number of cattle on farms</i>	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	130	344	144	379	153	422	139	393	112	299	236	631	914	2,468
5 - 9	185	1,318	239	1,705	301	2,118	226	1,570	185	1,291	379	2,670	1,515	10,672
10 - 19	399	5,901	505	7,279	550	8,026	513	7,409	344	5,047	811	11,754	3,122	45,416
20 - 29	376	9,198	407	9,950	428	10,531	436	10,581	328	7,877	697	16,958	2,672	65,095
30 - 39	322	11,072	322	11,051	351	12,120	328	11,251	234	8,038	536	18,421	2,093	71,953
40 - 49	231	10,227	249	11,007	231	10,239	252	11,124	203	9,021	451	19,986	1,617	71,604
50 - 69	377	22,226	346	20,474	376	22,203	283	16,564	286	16,664	546	32,175	2,214	130,306
70 - 99	404	33,571	303	25,130	389	32,440	276	22,846	276	23,096	518	42,969	2,166	180,052
100 - 149	392	47,703	269	32,684	335	41,043	216	25,998	265	31,962	515	62,710	1,992	242,100
150 - 199	253	44,159	117	20,047	198	33,947	96	16,354	156	26,889	281	48,467	1,101	189,863
200 - 249	151	33,463	69	15,099	130	29,027	57	12,641	96	21,379	141	31,102	644	142,711
250 - 299	107	29,093	47	12,843	86	23,312	29	7,883	46	12,474	89	24,120	404	109,725
300 & over	178	74,761	87	40,068	195	87,023	36	15,345	105	43,971	173	75,892	774	337,060
Total	3,505	323,036	3,104	207,716	3,723	312,451	2,887	159,959	2,636	208,008	5,373	387,855	21,228	1,599,025

Note: Figures for cattle were derived from APHIS in 2009.

Table 5.9 Distribution of farms and breeding ewes by number of ewes and county, June 2009

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	262	3,530	210	2,906	360	5,105	149	1,906	204	2,863	427	5,647	1,612	21,957
25 - 49	339	12,355	168	5,886	410	14,660	128	4,408	260	9,483	381	13,784	1,686	60,576
50 - 99	504	36,146	167	11,323	526	37,084	122	8,230	460	32,707	493	35,131	2,272	160,621
100 - 199	440	59,846	94	12,343	393	53,936	73	9,382	335	45,368	364	49,427	1,699	230,302
200 - 299	189	45,157	26	6,518	118	27,891	24	5,770	148	35,072	111	26,472	616	146,880
300 - 399	69	23,387	11	4,195	43	14,154	13	4,266	63	21,364	59	19,598	255	85,512
400 - 499	41	18,103			25	10,928	12	8,271	33	14,665	20	8,787	123	54,176
500 - 999	60	40,729			20	14,473			30	19,335	31	24,768	144	96,194
1,000 & over	11	17,982							6	7,041			25	36,164
Total	1,915	257,235	676	43,171	1,895	178,231	521	42,233	1,539	187,898	1,886	183,614	8,432	892,382

Table 5.10 Distribution of farms and total sheep by number of sheep and county, June 2009

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	140	1,830	114	1,561	190	2,637	84	1,203	112	1,427	227	2,956	867	11,614
25 - 49	164	6,144	137	4,937	238	8,699	91	3,291	135	5,038	253	9,176	1,018	37,285
50 - 99	331	24,307	160	11,525	394	28,701	118	8,829	243	18,082	346	25,308	1,592	116,752
100 - 199	473	68,573	161	22,155	491	70,171	110	15,288	422	59,954	471	68,155	2,128	304,296
200 - 299	295	71,790	54	13,084	255	62,168	61	14,931	233	56,468	255	61,570	1,153	280,011
300 - 399	151	52,153	26	9,027	142	48,195	17	5,825	141	48,220	131	44,948	608	208,368
400 - 499	106	47,580	19	8,467	80	36,052	12	5,313	70	30,858	62	27,674	349	155,944
500 - 699	145	84,514	14	8,320	74	42,143	20	11,482	105	60,674	90	52,787	448	259,920
700 - 999	78	63,768	10	8,475	46	37,570	9	7,155	67	54,712	51	41,026	260	211,684
1,000 & over	81	134,874			25	35,899	10	16,883	44	65,021	37	57,149	198	310,848
Total	1,964	555,533	695	87,551	1,935	372,235	532	90,200	1,572	400,454	1,923	390,749	8,621	1,896,722

Table 5.11 Distribution of farms and sows by number of sows and county, June 2009

<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	35	90	26	67	58	163	24	64	48	117	191	501
10 - 19	9	202	7	95	13	181	9	241	7	82	36	485
20 - 49			7	225	11	343			13	423	40	1,307
50 - 99	6	486	8	515	14	973	10	793	9	691	43	3,027
100 - 149			13	7,675	11	1347			13	1,540	31	3,685
150 & over	9	3026			10	4047	13	3731	19	11,066	61	29,178
Total	59	3,804	61	8,577	117	7,054	56	4,829	109	13,919	402	38,183

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 2009

<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	13	42	9	34	17	85	13	60	18	52	70	273
10 - 49	10	217	11	208	19	453	10	284	17	631	62	1,442
50 - 99	7	852	10	970	5	575					15	977
100 - 199							6	885	7	1,077	24	3,485
200 - 399			8	2,035	11	3,212	7	2,073	10	2,898	37	10,466
400 - 999	10	6,086	9	6,067	22	14,611	5	4,043	23	14,827	69	45,634
1,000 & over	6	17,303	8	43,313	11	30,417	13	22,425	24	80,761	62	194,219
Total	46	24,500	55	52,627	85	49,353	54	29,770	99	100,246	339	256,496

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 2009

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	37	104	26	53	46	131	24	63	48	122	181	473
10 - 49	13	279	11	249	34	741	10	232	15	374	83	1,875
50 - 99	10	1,538	9	946	6	450	13	1,719	13	1,264	28	2,047
100 - 199					13	2,680					29	4,420
200 - 399			8	2,440			5	1,768	13	3,861	33	10,199
400 - 999	8	5,668	10	5,911	16	11,089	5	3,239	17	12,331	56	38,238
1,000 & over	10	35,223	14	79,695	25	66,207	18	45,245	37	149,917	104	376,287
Total	78	42,812	78	89,294	140	81,298	75	52,266	143	167,869	514	433,539

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 2009

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	7	14.3	10	1.1	10	0.6	20	1.9	24	3.8	79	19.4
1,000 - 4,999					8	33.2	14	47.7	25	92.0	66	192.7
5,000 - 9,999	7	58.7	5	40.4	27	183.9	42	297.2	77	548.7	94	658.1
10,000 - 19,999	66	1,061.0	23	343.2	41	600.2	28	390.7	157	2,385.2	167	2,520.9
20,000 - 29,999	28	644.7	9	212.4	11	261.2	8	182.1	52	1,209.6	56	1,291.6
30,000 - 49,999	80	2,972.9	8	402.0	7	494.1	9	333.9	96	3,554.0	96	3,554.5
50,000 and over	70	6,666.7					8	1,062.2	85	8,513.0	86	8,625.5
Total	258	11,418.3	55	999.1	104	1,573.2	129	2,315.7	516	16,306.3	644	16,862.7

Note: Poultry figures are taken from the Northern Ireland Bird Register Update.

SECTION 6

DISTRICT COUNCIL AREA STATISTICS, 2009

Tables showing the numbers of farms, crop areas, livestock numbers and persons working on farms in each District Council Area in 2009.

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Table 6.1 Number of farms by crops & grass area by District Council in Northern Ireland, June 2009

<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	42.8	128	122	90	320	660	19	18	14	48	100
Ards	43.7	148	107	87	296	638	23	17	14	46	100
Armagh	28.3	498	463	287	580	1,828	27	25	16	32	100
Ballymena	32.3	304	245	174	456	1,179	26	21	15	39	100
Ballymoney	40.6	144	123	93	317	677	21	18	14	47	100
Banbridge	32.2	262	264	145	414	1,085	24	24	13	38	100
Belfast	67.0	3	4	2	10	19	16	21	11	53	100
Carrickfergus	28.8	34	17	19	33	103	33	17	18	32	100
Castlereagh	46.6	29	10	11	47	97	30	10	11	48	100
Coleraine	44.6	110	119	82	365	676	16	18	12	54	100
Cookstown	28.4	311	318	240	420	1,289	24	25	19	33	100
Craigavon	32.8	160	117	83	208	568	28	21	15	37	100
Derry	42.8	65	105	74	235	479	14	22	15	49	100
Down	36.0	264	231	176	476	1,147	23	20	15	41	100
Dungannon	29.5	418	440	299	600	1,757	24	25	17	34	100
Fermanagh	35.0	533	741	576	1,250	3,100	17	24	19	40	100
Larne	42.4	122	99	81	233	535	23	19	15	44	100
Limavady	46.6	95	132	77	301	605	16	22	13	50	100
Lisburn	37.3	190	155	109	329	783	24	20	14	42	100
Magherafelt	28.3	328	327	199	408	1,262	26	26	16	32	100
Moyle	42.3	122	96	82	278	578	21	17	14	48	100
Newry & Mourne	21.2	846	752	407	531	2,536	33	30	16	21	100
Newtownabbey	38.4	52	48	28	95	223	23	22	13	43	100
North Down	41.5	14	12	8	34	68	21	18	12	50	100
Omagh	32.6	378	520	380	837	2,115	18	25	18	40	100
Strabane	39.3	231	262	209	555	1,257	18	21	17	44	100
Total	33.6	5,789	5,829	4,018	9,628	25,264	23	23	16	38	100

Note: 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 6.2 Number of farms by farm business size and by District Council in Northern Ireland, June 2009

<i>District Council</i>	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	35.4	441	109	53	57	660	67	17	8	9	100
Ards	59.1	398	104	41	95	638	62	16	6	15	100
Armagh	30.0	1,382	222	85	139	1,828	76	12	5	8	100
Ballymena	33.7	853	163	88	75	1,179	72	14	7	6	100
Ballymoney	40.5	446	106	55	70	677	66	16	8	10	100
Banbridge	29.1	809	146	55	75	1,085	75	13	5	7	100
Belfast	49.2	14	2	1	2	19	74	11	5	11	100
Carrickfergus	21.7	79	16	5	3	103	77	16	5	3	100
Castlereagh	56.7	64	9	6	18	97	66	9	6	19	100
Coleraine	41.8	431	114	63	68	676	64	17	9	10	100
Cookstown	28.1	1,015	122	84	68	1,289	79	9	7	5	100
Craigavon	35.6	426	58	36	48	568	75	10	6	8	100
Derry	27.3	359	79	14	27	479	75	16	3	6	100
Down	26.2	863	164	58	62	1,147	75	14	5	5	100
Dungannon	27.7	1,359	224	84	90	1,757	77	13	5	5	100
Fermanagh	18.4	2,633	318	96	53	3,100	85	10	3	2	100
Larne	30.0	378	84	30	43	535	71	16	6	8	100
Limavady	39.0	420	108	39	38	605	69	18	6	6	100
Lisburn	34.5	570	109	38	66	783	73	14	5	8	100
Magherafelt	22.5	992	168	62	40	1,262	79	13	5	3	100
Moyle	32.5	387	99	50	42	578	67	17	9	7	100
Newry & Mourne	18.9	2,183	210	64	79	2,536	86	8	3	3	100
Newtownabbey	35.6	158	35	5	25	223	71	16	2	11	100
North Down	51.8	40	9	11	8	68	59	13	16	12	100
Omagh	23.6	1,708	234	96	77	2,115	81	11	5	4	100
Strabane	32.5	913	163	83	98	1,257	73	13	7	8	100
Total	28.5	19,321	3,175	1,302	1,466	25,264	76	13	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 2009

<i>District Council</i>	Farm type								Total	
	Cereals	General cropping	Horti-culture	Pigs & poultry	Dairy	Cattle & Sheep		Mixed		Others
						LFA	lowland			
Antrim	12	3	1	23	112	287	178	17	27	660
Ards	53	29	34	14	123	39	271	37	38	638
Armagh	33	11	104	60	218	783	496	73	50	1,828
Ballymena	15	6	8	48	227	569	218	46	42	1,179
Ballymoney	13	13	1	23	148	239	187	40	13	677
Banbridge	69	16	2	20	166	308	410	61	33	1,085
Belfast	1	0	1	1	1	12	2	0	1	19
Carrickfergus	0	1	2	4	13	79	1	0	3	103
Castlereagh	4	2	7	1	20	3	46	4	10	97
Coleraine	27	10	5	14	141	234	190	34	21	676
Cookstown	23	10	2	66	202	624	304	41	17	1,289
Craigavon	23	9	42	16	73	162	192	33	18	568
Derry	17	6	3	1	29	340	49	21	13	479
Down	41	18	5	19	93	546	324	54	47	1,147
Dungannon	14	6	16	83	243	1,007	311	46	31	1,757
Fermanagh	2	0	3	29	356	2,655	16	8	31	3,100
Larne	1	1	2	5	70	432	6	7	11	535
Limavady	25	19	7	4	46	358	106	32	8	605
Lisburn	49	16	22	21	102	220	272	41	40	783
Magherafelt	41	9	2	19	152	764	205	60	10	1,262
Moyle	4	11	0	8	53	455	18	20	9	578
Newry & Mourne	26	25	7	42	231	1,806	274	66	59	2,536
Newtownabbey	5	3	5	3	38	91	57	9	12	223
North Down	11	2	3	0	20	0	24	2	6	68
Omagh	7	1	2	38	301	1,644	82	20	20	2,115
Strabane	24	15	2	14	185	853	120	35	9	1,257
Total	540	242	288	576	3,363	14,510	4,359	807	579	25,264

Table 6.4 Number of farms by LFA designation by District Council in Northern Ireland, June 2009

<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	111	260	371	289	660	17	39	56	44	100
Ards	5	59	64	574	638	1	9	10	90	100
Armagh	301	689	990	838	1,828	16	38	54	46	100
Ballymena	392	388	780	399	1,179	33	33	66	34	100
Ballymoney	105	212	317	360	677	16	31	47	53	100
Banbridge	176	219	395	690	1,085	16	20	36	64	100
Belfast	11	2	13	6	19	58	11	68	32	100
Carrickfergus	43	56	99	4	103	42	54	96	4	100
Castlereagh	3	1	4	93	97	3	1	4	96	100
Coleraine	157	136	293	383	676	23	20	43	57	100
Cookstown	449	317	766	523	1,289	35	25	59	41	100
Craigavon	18	223	241	327	568	3	39	42	58	100
Derry	320	68	388	91	479	67	14	81	19	100
Down	186	467	653	494	1,147	16	41	57	43	100
Dungannon	354	948	1,302	455	1,757	20	54	74	26	100
Fermanagh	2,912	164	3,076	24	3,100	94	5	99	1	100
Larne	277	247	524	11	535	52	46	98	2	100
Limavady	334	78	412	193	605	55	13	68	32	100
Lisburn	69	226	295	488	783	9	29	38	62	100
Magherafelt	403	512	915	347	1,262	32	41	73	27	100
Moyle	378	157	535	43	578	65	27	93	7	100
Newry & Mourne	931	1,181	2,112	424	2,536	37	47	83	17	100
Newtownabbey	56	70	126	97	223	25	31	57	43	100
North Down	0	0	0	68	68	0	0	0	100	100
Omagh	1,312	678	1,990	125	2,115	62	32	94	6	100
Strabane	688	342	1,030	227	1,257	55	27	82	18	100
Total	9,991	7,700	17,691	7,573	25,264	40	30	70	30	100

Table 6.5 Crop and grass areas by District Council in Northern Ireland, June 2009

<i>District Council</i>	Crop areas (hectares)					Grass	Rough grazing	Other land	Total area farmed
	Cereals	Potatoes	Other farm crops	Horti-culture crops	Total crops				
Antrim	1,133	54	341	10	1,537	26,705	3,121	616	31,979
Ards	4,255	498	668	797	6,218	21,647	191	664	28,720
Armagh	2,336	70	852	1,171	4,429	47,226	966	443	53,063
Ballymena	855	183	384	46	1,467	36,618	10,741	695	49,521
Ballymoney	1,632	225	572	8	2,436	25,032	4,139	612	32,219
Banbridge	3,170	329	835	11	4,344	30,555	1,973	311	37,182
Belfast	51	1	58	1	109	1,164	400	11	1,685
Carrickfergus	16	2	3	0	21	2,947	186	72	3,226
Castlereagh	564	25	59	22	670	3,855	868	667	6,060
Coleraine	2,549	224	545	15	3,333	26,836	5,169	605	35,943
Cookstown	1,031	93	443	3	1,569	35,086	4,719	424	41,798
Craigavon	1,407	153	453	467	2,480	16,151	337	227	19,195
Derry	1,536	316	389	14	2,255	18,229	5,769	509	26,761
Down	3,459	378	880	13	4,730	36,524	2,108	1,792	45,155
Dungannon	611	33	328	93	1,066	50,790	2,779	883	55,518
Fermanagh	165	9	156	17	348	108,283	14,726	1,765	125,122
Larne	132	13	61	5	211	22,449	7,975	196	30,831
Limavady	2,894	455	740	86	4,175	24,026	9,265	561	38,027
Lisburn	4,051	328	523	135	5,038	24,154	1,182	408	30,781
Magherafelt	1,890	217	467	3	2,576	33,171	12,138	780	48,664
Moyle	786	584	179	0	1,549	22,910	14,141	541	39,141
Newry & Mourne	1,628	610	499	8	2,744	50,995	4,668	367	58,774
Newtownabbey	351	15	100	9	476	8,079	739	34	9,327
North Down	433	3	121	14	571	2,254	116	601	3,542
Omagh	407	5	273	4	688	68,312	14,637	1,696	85,333
Strabane	1,898	273	492	14	2,676	46,686	18,874	2,161	70,398
Total	39,240	5,095	10,416	2,964	57,716	790,682	141,926	17,640	1,007,963

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

Table 6.6 Livestock numbers by District Council in Northern Ireland, June 2009

<i>District Council</i>	Livestock numbers							('000)	
	Dairy cows	Beef cows	Total cattle	Breeding ewes	Total sheep	Sows & gilts	Total pigs	Total poultry	
Antrim	10,655	9,197	59,043	21,753	48,594	522	5,476	860	
Ards	15,527	5,665	53,682	17,401	38,779	1,138	13,239	131	
Armagh	19,032	14,316	119,097	27,537	56,894	6,968	76,611	1,518	
Ballymena	17,686	11,214	81,254	53,217	115,246	207	2,300	1,724	
Ballymoney	14,742	5,294	55,197	28,992	62,248	1,160	14,425	945	
Banbridge	15,253	6,461	72,105	36,403	77,382	951	9,055	366	
Belfast	326	624	2,614	574	1,460	138	1,553	1	
Carrickfergus	1,025	989	5,203	4,968	11,479	67	773	1	
Castlereagh	2,899	693	9,235	2,876	5,484	65	865	1	
Coleraine	14,053	7,755	59,912	27,035	59,413	473	4,534	750	
Cookstown	15,129	11,850	84,784	23,047	47,434	4,874	60,581	1,911	
Craigavon	7,272	4,748	39,568	3,665	7,402	332	8,527	509	
Derry	3,817	4,579	25,911	43,047	94,522	55	651	0	
Down	9,055	14,010	74,108	48,523	100,938	1,554	17,178	206	
Dungannon	17,655	16,806	116,117	15,692	33,575	6,441	76,182	4,477	
Fermanagh	19,991	42,727	162,788	43,387	92,821	211	1,886	706	
Larne	6,045	6,959	34,436	57,561	123,380	239	3,003	76	
Limavady	4,594	7,108	36,807	57,964	123,380	33	259	44	
Lisburn	10,555	6,589	50,981	14,736	32,786	1,288	13,608	456	
Magherafelt	10,308	11,897	69,264	54,069	111,499	1,831	19,432	189	
Moyle	5,440	6,262	33,538	79,455	169,220	189	1,588	130	
Newry & Mourne	17,337	21,403	117,628	72,276	144,845	2,763	26,055	636	
Newtownabbey	3,219	2,683	17,557	5,779	12,912	1,147	12,435	10	
North Down	2,358	263	6,454	1,049	2,041	19	98	0	
Omagh	22,326	23,796	126,130	60,571	130,978	2,794	29,693	1,001	
Strabane	18,399	12,888	85,612	90,805	192,010	2,724	33,532	216	
Total	284,698	256,776	1,599,025	892,382	1,896,722	38,183	433,539	16,863	

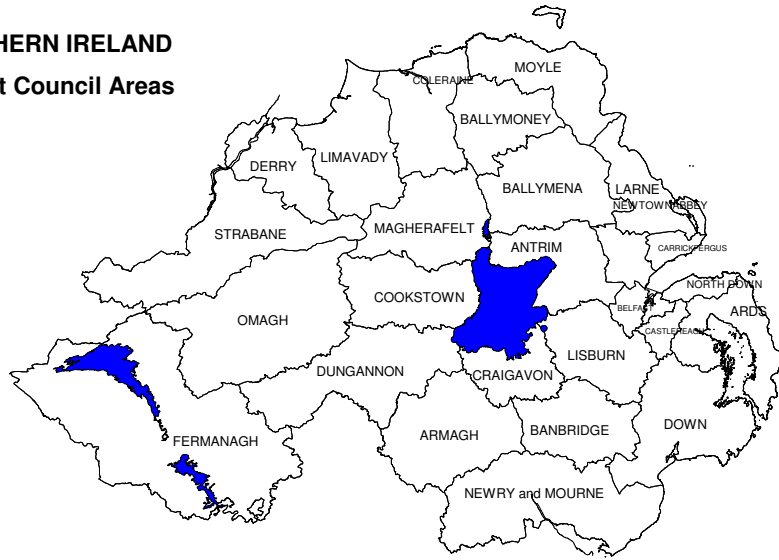
Notes: Figures for cattle were derived from APHIS in 2009.

Poultry figures are taken from the Northern Ireland Bird Register Update.

Table 6.7 Labour force by District Council in Northern Ireland, June 2009

<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	483	315	204	101	89	162	1,354
Ards	521	299	222	202	126	178	1,548
Armagh	1,116	1,027	439	316	235	619	3,752
Ballymena	880	575	367	104	121	196	2,243
Ballymoney	524	314	187	67	62	166	1,320
Banbridge	715	642	305	144	140	226	2,172
Belfast	14	10	2	40	3	10	79
Carrickfergus	66	58	30	13	22	16	205
Castlereagh	81	44	35	36	19	38	253
Coleraine	551	310	197	98	104	148	1,408
Cookstown	820	725	324	131	192	235	2,427
Craigavon	370	333	148	158	90	212	1,311
Derry	358	223	113	69	71	123	957
Down	783	621	316	121	190	247	2,278
Dungannon	1,017	1,055	383	166	207	299	3,127
Fermanagh	1,801	1,753	736	198	325	478	5,291
Larne	401	227	155	61	90	104	1,038
Limavady	433	312	142	90	83	139	1,199
Lisburn	538	428	235	112	131	160	1,604
Magherafelt	766	733	246	87	153	244	2,229
Moyle	457	269	154	111	92	172	1,255
Newry & Mourne	1,290	1,696	493	260	262	378	4,379
Newtownabbey	157	108	72	48	34	59	478
North Down	48	35	21	26	13	15	158
Omagh	1,356	1,099	443	163	210	355	3,626
Strabane	891	619	252	184	156	238	2,340
Total	16,437	13,830	6,221	3,106	3,220	5,217	48,031

NORTHERN IRELAND
District Council Areas



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SECTION 7

RURAL DISTRICT AND COUNTY STATISTICS, 2009

Tables showing the numbers of farms, crop areas, livestock numbers and persons working on farms in each Rural District and county in 2009.

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Table 7.2 Number of farms by farm business size

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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 2009

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	40.6	163	133	100	359	755	22	18	13	48	100
Ballycastle	43.4	94	82	69	239	484	19	17	14	49	100
Ballymena	33.9	308	261	176	489	1,234	25	21	14	40	100
Ballymoney	41.0	158	134	107	363	762	21	18	14	48	100
Newtownabbey	37.4	6	3	3	7	19	32	16	16	37	100
Larne	40.1	173	136	111	296	716	24	19	16	41	100
Lisburn	37.5	96	82	63	182	423	23	19	15	43	100
Co. Antrim Urban/Belfast	42.5	8	3	2	16	29	28	10	7	55	100
Total Co. Antrim	38.7	1,006	834	631	1,951	4,422	23	19	14	44	100
Armagh	26.9	454	426	265	500	1,645	28	26	16	30	100
Lurgan	27.0	103	77	56	99	335	31	23	17	30	100
Newry No 2	22.0	437	432	231	311	1,411	31	31	16	22	100
Tandragee/Co. Armagh Urban	35.6	34	39	22	65	160	21	24	14	41	100
Total Co. Armagh	25.4	1,028	974	574	975	3,551	29	27	16	27	100
Banbridge	31.8	246	254	145	402	1,047	23	24	14	38	100
Castlereagh	41.0	14	8	3	19	44	32	18	7	43	100
East Down	38.0	193	181	139	407	920	21	20	15	44	100
Hillsborough	39.2	132	103	56	208	499	26	21	11	42	100
South Down	22.9	265	151	101	151	668	40	23	15	23	100
Moirá	42.5	55	42	26	92	215	26	20	12	43	100
Newry No 1	23.0	228	216	116	176	736	31	29	16	24	100
North Down	43.1	159	118	96	320	693	23	17	14	46	100
Co. Down Urban/Belfast	31.4	6	6	3	9	24	25	25	13	38	100
Total Co. Down	33.3	1,298	1,079	685	1,784	4,846	27	22	14	37	100
Enniskillen	37.3	173	242	204	457	1,076	16	22	19	42	100
Irvinestown	37.5	143	169	123	313	748	19	23	16	42	100
Lisnaskea	32.0	202	304	233	462	1,201	17	25	19	38	100
Total Co. Fermanagh	35.3	518	715	560	1,232	3,025	17	24	19	41	100
Coleraine	41.4	127	145	89	394	755	17	19	12	52	100
Limavady	46.4	102	140	83	325	650	16	22	13	50	100
Londonderry	43.3	62	98	71	220	451	14	22	16	49	100
Magherafelt/Co. L'derry Urban	28.6	382	363	252	463	1,460	26	25	17	32	100
Total Co. Londonderry	37.0	673	746	495	1,402	3,316	20	22	15	42	100
Castlederg	31.4	135	144	94	206	579	23	25	16	36	100
Clogher	32.7	121	150	118	291	680	18	22	17	43	100
Cookstown	27.4	236	250	170	300	956	25	26	18	31	100
Dungannon	28.2	313	301	198	358	1,170	27	26	17	31	100
Omágh	32.4	354	499	368	775	1,996	18	25	18	39	100
Strabane/Co. Tyrone Urban	44.1	107	137	125	354	723	15	19	17	49	100
Total Co. Tyrone	32.1	1,266	1,481	1,073	2,284	6,104	21	24	18	37	100
Northern Ireland Total	33.6	5,789	5,829	4,018	9,628	25,264	23	23	16	38	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 2009

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	33.9	507	134	50	64	755	67	18	7	8	100
Ballycastle	31.3	322	87	46	29	484	67	18	10	6	100
Ballymena	34.9	888	164	92	90	1,234	72	13	7	7	100
Ballymoney	43.6	490	115	71	86	762	64	15	9	11	100
Newtownabbey	50.2	14	3	0	2	19	74	16	0	11	100
Larne	29.7	510	115	37	54	716	71	16	5	8	100
Lisburn	28.9	316	57	23	27	423	75	13	5	6	100
Co. Antrim Urban/Belfast	24.3	21	5	2	1	29	72	17	7	3	100
Total Co. Antrim	34.4	3,068	680	321	353	4,422	69	15	7	8	100
Armagh	28.2	1,259	198	72	116	1,645	77	12	4	7	100
Lurgan	32.7	256	36	18	25	335	76	11	5	7	100
Newry No 2	18.5	1,232	102	33	44	1,411	87	7	2	3	100
Tandragee/Co. Armagh Urban	43.9	110	22	11	17	160	69	14	7	11	100
Total Co. Armagh	25.5	2,857	358	134	202	3,551	80	10	4	6	100
Banbridge	29.1	782	142	53	70	1,047	75	14	5	7	100
Castlereagh	52.9	32	3	3	6	44	73	7	7	14	100
East Down	26.5	692	130	48	50	920	75	14	5	5	100
Hillsborough	38.8	350	69	28	52	499	70	14	6	10	100
South Down	20.6	557	64	19	28	668	83	10	3	4	100
Moirá	49.6	146	23	18	28	215	68	11	8	13	100
Newry No 1	21.7	606	79	21	30	736	82	11	3	4	100
North Down	58.8	429	111	50	103	693	62	16	7	15	100
Co. Down Urban/Belfast	27.1	17	3	1	3	24	71	13	4	13	100
Total Co. Down	32.7	3,611	624	241	370	4,846	75	13	5	8	100
Enniskillen	18.4	900	125	35	16	1,076	84	12	3	1	100
Irvinestown	14.5	656	63	17	12	748	88	8	2	2	100
Lisnaskea	21.1	1,010	123	42	26	1,201	84	10	3	2	100
Total Co. Fermanagh	18.5	2,566	311	94	54	3,025	85	10	3	2	100
Coleraine	35.1	519	119	60	57	755	69	16	8	8	100
Limavady	38.3	454	115	39	42	650	70	18	6	6	100
Londonderry	27.5	334	78	13	26	451	74	17	3	6	100
Magherafelt/Co. L'derry Urban	24.8	1,133	184	88	55	1,460	78	13	6	4	100
Total Co. Londonderry	30.2	2,440	496	200	180	3,316	74	15	6	5	100
Castlederg	26.3	454	66	25	34	579	78	11	4	6	100
Clogher	27.3	531	89	33	27	680	78	13	5	4	100
Cookstown	25.6	776	85	50	45	956	81	9	5	5	100
Dungannon	27.6	909	142	56	63	1,170	78	12	5	5	100
Omagh	23.8	1,608	220	95	73	1,996	81	11	5	4	100
Strabane/Co. Tyrone Urban	35.7	501	104	53	65	723	69	14	7	9	100
Total Co. Tyrone	26.9	4,779	706	312	307	6,104	78	12	5	5	100
Northern Ireland Total	28.5	19,321	3,175	1,302	1,466	25,264	76	13	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 2009

Rural District	Farm type									Total
	Cereals	General cropping	Horti-culture	Pigs & poultry	Dairy	Cattle & Sheep		Mixed	Others	
						LFA	lowland			
Antrim	14	3	5	29	127	313	212	22	30	755
Ballycastle	3	9	0	5	38	400	5	17	7	484
Ballymena	17	7	8	45	237	600	221	51	48	1,234
Ballymoney	16	18	1	25	178	249	214	45	16	762
Newtownabbey	0	0	2	1	2	10	4	0	0	19
Larne	2	3	4	8	95	566	15	7	16	716
Lisburn	22	6	18	10	51	184	95	20	17	423
Co. Antrim Urban/Belfast	1	1	0	1	2	19	5	0	0	29
Total Co. Antrim	75	47	38	124	730	2,341	771	162	134	4,422
Armagh	16	11	97	58	187	797	375	56	48	1,645
Lurgan	7	3	41	12	30	128	89	19	6	335
Newry No 2	10	1	2	20	151	1,085	81	18	43	1,411
Tandragee/Co. Armagh Urban	15	0	6	5	26	4	84	14	6	160
Total Co. Armagh	48	15	146	95	394	2,014	629	107	103	3,551
Banbridge	58	16	3	21	162	318	375	61	33	1,047
Castlereagh	6	0	5	0	9	1	20	1	2	44
East Down	39	13	5	17	68	382	309	53	34	920
Hillsborough	23	11	6	11	77	106	210	19	36	499
South Down	4	22	4	8	40	453	102	29	6	668
Moira	25	6	3	8	40	3	102	19	9	215
Newry No 1	26	7	2	15	74	403	170	25	14	736
North Down	59	32	33	13	143	46	282	38	47	693
Co. Down Urban/Belfast	1	1	1	2	1	4	11	1	2	24
Total Co. Down	241	108	62	95	614	1,716	1,581	246	183	4,846
Enniskillen	2	0	1	6	136	914	5	5	7	1,076
Investown	0	0	0	6	38	693	3	1	7	748
Lisnaskea	0	0	2	16	174	979	8	2	20	1,201
Total Co. Fermanagh	2	0	3	28	348	2,586	16	8	34	3,025
Coleraine	27	9	7	13	139	296	209	35	20	755
Limavady	24	17	7	4	50	403	102	34	9	650
Londonderry	18	8	3	1	27	302	59	21	12	451
Magherafelt/Co. L'derry Urban	49	13	0	33	203	789	287	74	12	1,460
Total Co. Londonderry	118	47	17	51	419	1,790	657	164	53	3,316
Castlederg	6	1	1	10	77	446	28	5	5	579
Clogher	1	2	1	25	96	496	43	6	10	680
Cookstown	15	6	2	49	126	536	185	24	13	956
Dungannon	12	3	15	62	161	584	276	36	21	1,170
Omagh	9	3	2	31	287	1,529	95	23	17	1,996
Strabane/Co. Tyrone Urban	13	10	1	6	111	472	78	26	6	723
Total Co. Tyrone	56	25	22	183	858	4,063	705	120	72	6,104
Northern Ireland Total	540	242	288	576	3,363	14,510	4,359	807	579	25,264

Note: County totals include figures for Urban areas.

Table 7.4 Number of farms by LFA designation by Rural District in Northern Ireland, June 2009

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	136	266	402	353	755	18	35	53	47	100
Ballycastle	338	129	467	17	484	70	27	96	4	100
Ballymena	395	427	822	412	1,234	32	35	67	33	100
Ballymoney	90	254	344	418	762	12	33	45	55	100
Newtownabbey	9	6	15	4	19	47	32	79	21	100
Larne	364	326	690	26	716	51	46	96	4	100
Lisburn	85	163	248	175	423	20	39	59	41	100
Co. Antrim Urban/Belfast	17	3	20	9	29	59	10	69	31	100
Total Co. Antrim	1,434	1,574	3,008	1,414	4,422	32	36	68	32	100
Armagh	298	712	1,010	635	1,645	18	43	61	39	100
Lurgan	14	181	195	140	335	4	54	58	42	100
Newry No 2	431	856	1,287	124	1,411	31	61	91	9	100
Tandragee/Co. Armagh Urban	1	6	7	153	160	1	4	4	96	100
Total Co. Armagh	744	1,755	2,499	1,052	3,551	21	49	70	30	100
Banbridge	181	226	407	640	1,047	17	22	39	61	100
Castlereagh	2	0	2	42	44	5	0	5	95	100
East Down	93	371	464	456	920	10	40	50	50	100
Hillsborough	7	133	140	359	499	1	27	28	72	100
South Down	345	162	507	161	668	52	24	76	24	100
Moirá	1	3	4	211	215	0	1	2	98	100
Newry No 1	243	233	476	260	736	33	32	65	35	100
North Down	7	66	73	620	693	1	10	11	89	100
Co. Down Urban/Belfast	2	2	4	20	24	8	8	17	83	100
Total Co. Down	881	1,196	2,077	2,769	4,846	18	25	43	57	100
Enniskillen	1,039	31	1,070	6	1,076	97	3	99	1	100
Irvinestown	726	18	744	4	748	97	2	99	1	100
Lisnaskea	1,080	107	1,187	14	1,201	90	9	99	1	100
Total Co. Fermanagh	2,845	156	3,001	24	3,025	94	5	99	1	100
Coleraine	184	181	365	390	755	24	24	48	52	100
Limavady	379	81	460	190	650	58	12	71	29	100
Londonderry	282	64	346	105	451	63	14	77	23	100
Magherafelt/Co. L'derry Urban	452	491	943	517	1,460	31	34	65	35	100
Total Co. Londonderry	1,297	817	2,114	1,202	3,316	39	25	64	36	100
Castledearg	364	164	528	51	579	63	28	91	9	100
Clogher	283	341	624	56	680	42	50	92	8	100
Cookstown	376	278	654	302	956	39	29	68	32	100
Dungannon	146	618	764	406	1,170	12	53	65	35	100
Omágh	1,243	611	1,854	142	1,996	62	31	93	7	100
Strabane/Co. Tyrone Urban	378	190	568	155	723	52	26	79	21	100
Total Co. Tyrone	2,790	2,202	4,992	1,112	6,104	46	36	82	18	100
Northern Ireland Total	9,991	7,700	17,691	7,573	25,264	40	30	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 2009

Rural District	Crop areas (hectares)								Total area farmed
	Cereals	Potatoes	Other farm crops	Horti-culture crops	Total crops	Grass	Rough grazing	Other land	
Antrim	1,276	34	420	13	1,744	28,942	2,920	598	34,204
Ballycastle	774	551	130	0	1,455	19,558	10,746	313	32,072
Ballymena	1,132	218	423	45	1,818	39,965	12,169	744	54,695
Ballymoney	1,869	316	683	16	2,883	28,332	3,850	822	35,888
Newtownabbey	0	0	6	5	11	701	77	3	792
Larne	164	13	66	9	252	28,490	10,496	292	39,530
Lisburn	1,471	31	152	45	1,700	14,167	1,456	199	17,521
Co. Antrim Urban/Belfast	7	2	4	0	13	1,221	688	7	1,928
Total Co. Antrim	6,693	1,165	1,885	133	9,876	161,375	42,402	2,977	216,629
Armagh	1,246	63	615	1,136	3,060	41,260	889	628	45,838
Lurgan	365	86	84	496	1,031	8,019	176	107	9,333
Newry No 2	582	10	258	2	852	30,220	1,922	180	33,173
Tandragee/Co. Armagh Urban	758	5	214	46	1,022	4,670	57	85	5,834
Total Co. Armagh	2,951	164	1,171	1,679	5,965	84,169	3,044	1,001	94,178
Banbridge	3,037	322	712	13	4,083	29,164	2,186	250	35,683
Castlereagh	138	2	54	5	199	1,603	857	661	3,319
East Down	3,360	259	804	37	4,460	30,460	1,248	1,717	37,886
Hillsborough	2,558	157	444	31	3,190	16,379	378	391	20,338
South Down	507	519	107	6	1,139	14,145	2,108	101	17,494
Moira	1,562	222	412	25	2,220	6,910	45	122	9,297
Newry No 1	1,093	201	309	2	1,604	15,317	1,294	91	18,306
North Down	4,620	519	754	791	6,684	23,211	302	1,159	31,355
Co. Down Urban/Belfast	92	1	20	7	119	633	19	89	860
Total Co. Down	16,967	2,202	3,615	916	23,700	137,823	8,437	4,579	174,538
Enniskillen	128	3	81	2	214	39,943	7,965	603	48,726
Irvinestown	0	5	41	1	47	28,016	3,977	561	32,600
Lisnaskea	48	1	31	15	95	38,386	2,798	582	41,860
Total Co. Fermanagh	176	9	153	17	355	106,345	14,740	1,745	123,186
Coleraine	2,382	171	480	7	3,041	28,243	5,596	675	37,554
Limavady	2,894	450	740	86	4,170	25,990	10,557	578	41,295
Londonderry	1,621	326	393	14	2,353	17,157	4,638	496	24,645
Magherafelt/Co. L'derry Urban	2,287	239	591	2	3,119	38,615	11,390	853	53,976
Total Co. Londonderry	9,183	1,186	2,204	109	12,682	110,005	32,180	2,603	157,470
Castlederg	242	12	112	0	366	17,832	7,458	201	25,857
Clogher	25	2	101	0	128	22,099	2,489	417	25,133
Cookstown	464	66	264	3	797	25,433	4,063	253	30,546
Dungannon	603	33	276	89	1,001	31,958	773	286	34,017
Omagh	536	48	256	4	844	63,787	13,807	1,595	80,033
Strabane/Co. Tyrone Urban	1,400	210	380	14	2,003	29,858	12,532	1,983	46,377
Total Co. Tyrone	3,270	370	1,389	110	5,138	190,966	41,122	4,736	241,962
Northern Ireland Total	39,240	5,095	10,416	2,964	57,716	790,682	141,926	17,640	1,007,963

Note: County totals include figures for Urban areas.

Table 7.6 Livestock numbers by Rural District in Northern Ireland, June 2009

Rural District	Livestock numbers							
	Dairy cows	Beef cows	Total cattle	Breeding ewes	Total sheep	Sows & gilts	Total pigs	Total poultry ('000)
Antrim	11,898	9,309	62,126	26,227	58,971	711	7,219	989
Ballycastle	3,574	5,703	26,703	69,063	148,716	189	1,588	110
Ballymena	19,116	12,111	89,715	56,751	121,775	1,178	15,557	1,869
Ballymoney	18,754	5,645	66,290	29,588	64,071	292	2,668	946
Newtownabbey	38	313	1,071	97	275	900	9,403	0
Larne	7,876	9,322	46,531	68,520	146,183	307	3,796	129
Lisburn	4,371	5,179	28,529	4,107	9,193	227	2,578	173
Co. Antrim Urban/Belfast	129	528	2,049	2,882	6,349	0	3	0
Total Co. Antrim	65,756	48,110	323,014	257,235	555,533	3,804	42,812	4,216
Armagh	15,827	12,791	103,606	21,147	43,679	6,658	71,155	1,366
Lurgan	2,421	2,758	18,717	2,142	4,284	193	4,338	198
Newry No 2	11,314	12,667	73,476	14,952	29,502	1,380	10,044	251
Tandragee/Co. Armagh Urban	2,259	938	11,917	4,930	10,086	346	3,757	109
Total Co. Armagh	31,821	29,154	207,716	43,171	87,551	8,577	89,294	1,924
Banbridge	14,566	6,277	67,175	36,320	76,594	1,606	17,014	405
Castlereagh	1,449	211	4,209	1,194	2,131	17	96	0
East Down	6,487	11,583	60,148	36,071	77,200	2,322	27,134	126
Hillsborough	9,233	3,839	37,702	12,010	26,170	1,162	12,027	160
South Down	3,870	5,625	28,020	39,906	77,913	965	7,937	79
Moirá	5,030	1,472	18,609	1,575	3,613	222	5,953	443
Newry No 1	5,667	5,654	36,247	32,027	66,915	564	9,529	351
North Down	17,759	5,847	59,094	18,649	40,798	196	1,608	126
Co. Down Urban/Belfast	203	199	1,247	479	901	0	0	6
Total Co. Down	64,264	40,707	312,451	178,231	372,235	7,054	81,298	1,696
Enniskillen	7,692	15,586	58,688	16,192	32,419	90	1,051	15
Irvinestown	2,298	11,195	35,080	14,817	31,755	23	79	51
Lisnaskea	9,695	15,293	66,191	11,224	26,026	98	755	616
Total Co. Fermanagh	19,685	42,074	159,959	42,233	90,200	211	1,885	683
Coleraine	12,331	8,753	60,151	30,497	66,669	564	4,964	452
Limavady	5,194	7,465	38,876	65,041	138,619	35	280	44
Londonderry	3,472	4,476	25,178	37,891	83,368	55	651	0
Magherafelt/Co. L'derry Urban	14,180	13,450	83,825	54,469	111,798	4,175	46,371	530
Total Co. Londonderry	35,177	34,144	208,030	187,898	400,454	4,829	52,266	1,027
Castlederg	7,532	4,902	31,397	34,674	75,129	1,629	20,531	47
Clogher	6,531	9,045	46,676	7,962	17,062	2,916	29,346	1,273
Cookstown	9,131	8,986	60,019	15,908	33,034	2,481	33,572	1,491
Dungannon	12,364	9,054	75,598	9,869	21,212	2,847	40,547	3,570
Omágh	21,325	22,497	119,876	55,874	121,470	2,725	28,696	742
Strabane/Co. Tyrone Urban	11,112	8,103	54,289	59,327	122,842	1,110	13,292	195
Total Co. Tyrone	67,995	62,587	387,855	183,614	390,749	13,708	165,984	7,317
Northern Ireland Total	284,698	256,776	1,599,025	892,382	1,896,722	38,183	433,539	16,863

Notes: County totals include figures for Urban areas.

Figures for cattle were derived from APHIS in 2009.

Poultry figures are taken from the Northern Ireland Bird Register Update.

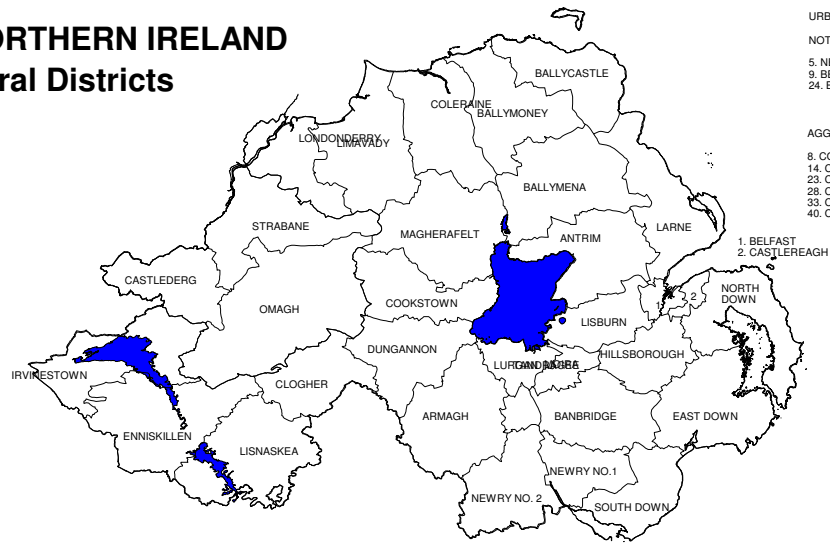
Table 7.7 Labour force by Rural District in Northern Ireland, June 2009

Rural District	Farm labour force						Agricultural labour force
	Farmers & partners			Other workers			
	Full-time	Part-time	Spouses	Full-time	Part-time	Casual/seasonal	
Antrim	545	357	242	99	114	171	1,528
Ballycastle	384	224	127	100	79	136	1,050
Ballymena	937	589	390	126	134	223	2,399
Ballymoney	599	366	219	76	67	193	1,520
Newtownabbey	12	10	6	28	5	4	65
Larne	516	328	198	82	107	137	1,368
Lisburn	290	237	96	53	64	91	831
Co. Antrim Urban/Belfast	20	14	5	3	4	7	53
Total Co. Antrim	3,303	2,125	1,283	567	574	962	8,814
Armagh	987	952	376	299	220	563	3,397
Lurgan	215	190	79	113	49	197	843
Newry No 2	656	984	244	146	122	200	2,352
Tandragee/Co. Armagh Urban	102	88	50	17	28	56	341
Total Co. Armagh	1,960	2,214	749	575	419	1,016	6,933
Banbridge	703	599	301	143	130	224	2,100
Castlereagh	31	24	13	26	10	12	116
East Down	647	491	251	111	174	214	1,888
Hillsborough	339	278	170	114	76	86	1,063
South Down	390	433	164	60	66	133	1,246
Moira	156	119	69	44	39	46	473
Newry No 1	421	449	159	84	104	80	1,297
North Down	564	317	242	203	132	198	1,656
Co. Down Urban/Belfast	16	10	8	9	1	8	52
Total Co. Down	3,267	2,720	1,377	794	732	1,001	9,891
Enniskillen	650	581	279	66	130	188	1,894
Irvinestown	392	473	177	37	71	100	1,250
Lisnaskea	714	655	258	87	121	171	2,006
Total Co. Fermanagh	1,756	1,709	714	190	322	459	5,150
Coleraine	583	351	195	96	111	176	1,512
Limavady	467	334	154	95	88	157	1,295
Londonderry	341	201	109	67	72	103	893
Magherafelt/Co. L'derry Urban	895	858	306	108	196	287	2,650
Total Co. Londonderry	2,286	1,744	764	366	467	723	6,350
Castlederg	347	318	107	44	63	86	965
Clogher	418	371	147	59	64	107	1,166
Cookstown	587	544	232	96	136	161	1,756
Dungannon	674	709	262	111	151	216	2,123
Omagh	1,293	1,040	425	166	200	349	3,473
Strabane/Co. Tyrone Urban	546	336	161	138	92	137	1,410
Total Co. Tyrone	3,865	3,318	1,334	614	706	1,056	10,893
Northern Ireland Total	16,437	13,830	6,221	3,106	3,220	5,217	48,031

Note: County totals include figures for Urban areas.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Rural Districts



URBAN DISTRICTS (UD)
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 5. NEWTOWNABBEY UD
 9. BELFAST (CO. ANTRIM)
 24. BELFAST (CO. DOWN) UD

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

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SECTION 8

LESS FAVOURED AREA STATISTICS, 2009

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 2009

	LFA category				N.Ireland total	LFA % of N.Ireland
	Mainly SDA	Mainly DA	Mainly LFA	Mainly non-LFA		
Farm type:						
Cereals	22	97	119	421	540	22.0
General cropping	15	51	66	176	242	27.3
Horticulture	16	85	101	187	288	35.1
Pigs & poultry	155	181	336	240	576	58.3
Dairy	743	1,204	1,947	1,416	3,363	57.9
Cattle & sheep: LFA	8,824	5,686	14,510	0	14,510	100.0
Cattle & Sheep: lowland	0	0	0	4,359	4,359	0.0
Mixed	94	221	315	492	807	39.0
Other type	122	175	297	282	579	51.3
All types	9,991	7,700	17,691	7,573	25,264	70.0
Farm business size:						
Very small	8,361	5,945	14,306	5,015	19,321	74.0
Small	1,081	948	2,029	1,146	3,175	63.9
Medium	322	395	717	585	1,302	55.1
Large	227	412	639	827	1,466	43.6
Total	9,991	7,700	17,691	7,573	25,264	70.0

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 2009

	LFA category				N.Ireland total	LFA % of N.Ireland
	Mainly SDA	Mainly DA	Mainly LFA	Mainly non-LFA		
Crops & grass:						
Cereal crops:						
Oats	188	420	608	1,446	2,054	29.6
Wheat	388	1,377	1,766	8,356	10,122	17.4
Winter barley	173	548	721	4,399	5,120	14.1
Spring barley	1,297	3,948	5,245	16,380	21,625	24.3
Mixed corn	25	101	126	194	320	39.4
Total cereals	2,072	6,393	8,465	30,775	39,240	21.6
Other crops:						
Potatoes	345	1,023	1,368	3,728	5,095	26.8
Other field crops	1,179	1,968	3,147	7,270	10,416	30.2
Fruit, vegetables & flowers:						
Fruit	21	287	308	1,188	1,496	20.6
Vegetables	10	218	228	1,130	1,358	16.8
Ornamentals	16	26	42	68	110	38.0
Total fruit, vegetables & flowers	48	531	578	2,386	2,964	19.5
Total crops	3,642	9,915	13,557	44,159	57,716	23.5
Grass						
Grass under 5 years old	39,545	33,942	73,487	47,300	120,787	60.8
Grass 5 years old & over	274,592	195,600	470,192	199,703	669,894	70.2
Total grass	314,137	229,542	543,679	247,003	790,682	68.8
Total crops and grass						
Rough grazing	126,743	9,605	136,348	5,578	141,926	96.1
Woods & plantations	3,938	3,294	7,232	3,037	10,269	70.4
Other land	2,505	1,865	4,370	3,001	7,371	59.3
Total agricultural area	450,964	254,222	705,186	302,777	1,007,963	70.0

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 2009

	LFA category				N.Ireland total	LFA % of N.Ireland
	Mainly SDA	Mainly DA	Mainly LFA	Mainly non-LFA		
Cattle:						
Dairy cows						
Total dairy cows	46,828	94,991	141,819	142,879	284,698	49.8
Beef cows						
Total beef cows	124,506	71,649	196,155	60,621	256,776	76.4
Total cows	171,334	166,640	337,974	203,500	541,474	62.4
Dairy heifers in calf						
2 years old & over	4,332	8,757	13,089	13,166	26,255	49.9
Under 2 years	6,015	12,082	18,097	18,137	36,234	49.9
Beef heifers in calf						
2 years old & over	11,560	6,496	18,056	5,539	23,595	76.5
Under 2 years	6,827	3,841	10,668	3,355	14,023	76.1
Bulls being used for service						
2 years old & over	4,556	4,562	9,118	5,778	14,896	61.2
1 year old & under 2 years	1,098	1,089	2,187	1,478	3,665	59.7
All other cattle & calves :						
2 years old & over						
Male	9,852	19,537	29,389	29,095	58,484	50.3
Females intended for slaughter	16,508	20,600	37,108	26,361	63,469	58.5
Other females	2,855	3,124	5,979	4,034	10,013	59.7
1 year old & under 2 years						
Male	40,080	58,986	99,066	73,605	172,671	57.4
Females intended for slaughter	30,538	35,509	66,047	43,031	109,078	60.6
Other females	21,146	20,481	41,627	25,177	66,804	62.3
6 months old and under 1 year						
Male	26,487	29,446	55,933	35,559	91,492	61.1
Female	29,505	31,652	61,157	39,212	100,369	60.9
Under 6 months old						
Male	45,230	39,363	84,593	44,902	129,495	65.3
Female	46,326	41,708	88,034	48,974	137,008	64.3
Total cattle & calves	474,249	503,873	978,122	620,903	1,599,025	61.2

Notes: Figures for Mainly LFA are the addition of figures for Mainly SDA and Mainly DA.
 Figures for cattle were derived from APHIS in 2009.

Table 8.4 Numbers of sheep, horses & goats by LFA category, June 2009

	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 2008	451,867	181,548	633,415	154,753	788,168	80.4
Others 1 year old & over	67,062	18,808	85,870	18,344	104,214	82.4
Total breeding ewes	518,929	200,356	719,285	173,097	892,382	80.6
Rams for service	14,460	6,221	20,681	5,341	26,022	79.5
Other sheep & lambs:						
1 year old & over	6,221	3025	9,246	4,320	13,566	68.2
Under 1 year	545,663	227721	773,384	191,368	964,752	80.2
Total sheep	1,085,273	437,323	1,522,596	374,126	1,896,722	80.3
Horses and ponies:						
Horses/ponies owned by occupier	2,509	2,775	5,284	4,871	10,155	52.0
Horses/ponies NOT owned by occupier	335	428	763	1,330	2,093	36.5
Total horses & ponies	2,844	3,203	6,047	6,201	12,248	49.4
Goats:						
Total goats	891	1,052	1,943	720	2,663	73.0

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 2009

	LFA category				N.Ireland total	LFA % of N.Ireland
	Mainly SDA	Mainly DA	Mainly LFA	Mainly non-LFA		
Pigs:						
Breeding herd						
Sows in pig	4,688	9,730	14,418	13,434	27,852	51.8
Gilts in pig	530	1,231	1,761	1,598	3,359	52.4
Other breeding sows	884	1,522	2,406	4,566	6,972	34.5
Total female breeding herd	6,102	12,483	18,585	19,598	38,183	48.7
Maiden gilts	657	1,307	1,964	1,862	3,826	51.3
Boars being used for service	148	264	412	319	731	56.4
Other pigs:						
110 Kg & over	991	1,002	1,993	3,814	5,807	34.3
80 Kg and under 110 Kg	11,568	19,905	31,473	36,903	68,376	46.0
50 Kg and under 80 Kg	14,974	26,557	41,531	48,323	89,854	46.2
20 Kg and under 50 Kg	16,502	28,139	44,641	47,818	92,459	48.3
Under 20 Kg	22,273	42,439	64,712	69,591	134,303	48.2
Total pigs	73,215	132,096	205,311	228,228	433,539	47.4
Poultry: ('000)						
Commercial laying flock						
Hens (1st cycle)	1,252	537	1,789	465	2,254	79.4
Hens (moulted)	0	12	12	50	61	19.2
Total laying birds	1,252	549	1,801	515	2,316	77.8
Growing pullets	178	257	435	564	999	43.5
Breeding flock	391	412	803	770	1,573	51.0
Broilers & other table birds	1,471	4,659	6,130	5,289	11,418	53.7
Total ordinary fowl	3,291	5,877	9,168	7,138	16,306	56.2
Other poultry	134	213	347	210	556	62.3
Total poultry	3,425	6,090	9,515	7,348	16,863	56.4

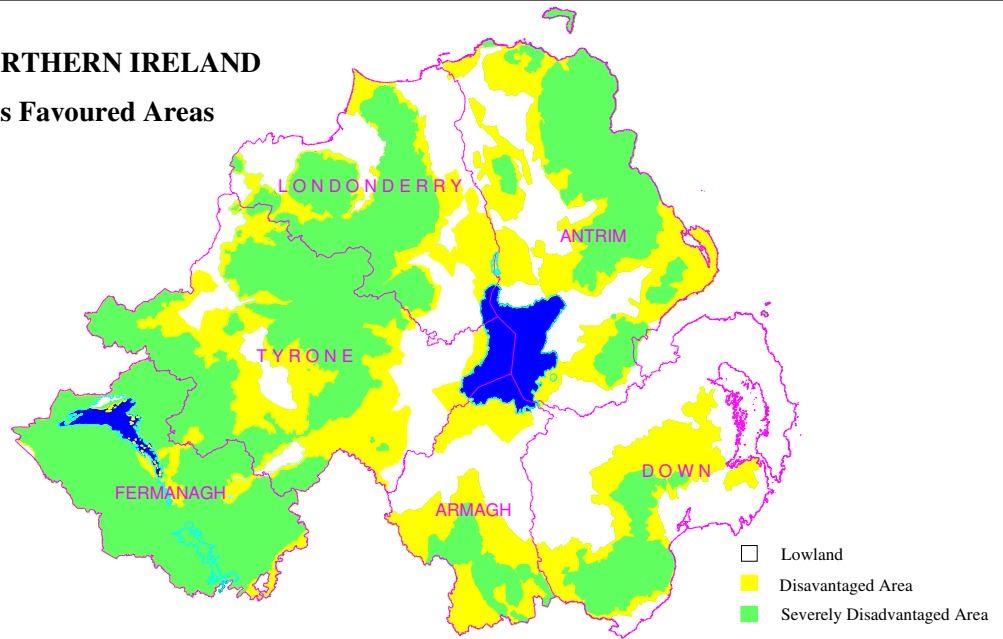
Notes: Figures for Mainly LFA are the addition of figures for Mainly SDA and Mainly DA.
Poultry figures are taken from the Northern Ireland Bird Register Update.

Table 8.6 Farm labour force on farms by LFA category, June 2009

	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	5,934	4,926	10,860	5,577	16,437	66.1
Part-time	5,665	4,363	10,028	3,802	13,830	72.5
Total	11,599	9,289	20,888	9,379	30,267	69.0
Spouses	2,254	1,811	4,065	2,156	6,221	65.3
Other / paid workers						
Full-time	778	800	1,578	1,528	3,106	50.8
Part-time	1,126	904	2,030	1,190	3,220	63.0
Casual/seasonal	1,627	1,512	3,139	2,078	5,217	60.2
Total other / paid workers	3,531	3,216	6,747	4,796	11,543	58.5
Total agricultural labour force	17,384	14,316	31,700	16,331	48,031	66.0

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

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ANNEX 1

TABLE 1: – Trend in farm numbers by type (2000 SGM) and farm size (SLR) 2002 - 2009.

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 2002 – 2009.

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) 2002-2009.

FARM TYPE	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Cereals								
Very Small	421	401	404	408	357	392	495	456
Small	42	38	42	41	52	46	60	54
Medium	9	9	12	13	18	18	17	20
Large	7	9	9	7	16	11	14	10
Total	479	457	467	469	443	467	586	540
General Cropping								
Very Small	178	177	183	138	130	123	132	119
Small	57	49	59	38	43	52	42	53
Medium	26	31	34	17	21	20	31	24
Large	44	38	38	31	36	36	40	46
Total	305	295	314	224	230	231	245	242
Horticulture								
Very Small	166	160	138	131	132	122	125	119
Small	75	65	64	70	58	57	64	61
Medium	34	32	40	27	31	28	31	30
Large	63	65	70	78	80	77	77	78
Total	338	322	312	306	301	284	297	288
Pigs and poultry								
Very Small	292	266	288	271	295	273	298	298
Small	111	112	134	136	140	135	164	140
Medium	40	52	57	56	67	68	55	57
Large	64	80	78	78	73	71	69	81
Total	507	510	557	541	575	547	586	576
Dairy								
Very Small	1,145	1,100	1,003	902	750	694	621	565
Small	1,772	1,646	1,553	1,489	1,347	1,212	1,093	1,076
Medium	919	904	873	845	802	774	728	740
Large	760	775	772	822	862	939	1015	982
Total	4,596	4,425	4,201	4,058	3,761	3,619	3,457	3,363
Cattle & sheep: LFA								
Very Small	13,830	13,876	13,648	13,752	13,621	13,374	13,201	13,077
Small	1,373	1,407	1,376	1,297	1,239	1,185	1,065	1,091
Medium	309	286	302	264	258	241	218	234
Large	116	131	138	117	112	123	107	108
Total	15,628	15,700	15,464	15,430	15,230	14,923	14,591	14,510
Cattle & sheep: Lowland								
Very Small	4,071	3,982	3,956	3,982	3,976	3,874	3,757	3,757
Small	480	472	474	496	505	467	447	460
Medium	90	92	100	105	105	104	103	93
Large	39	43	35	36	43	52	48	49
Total	4,680	4,589	4,565	4,619	4,629	4,497	4,355	4,359
Mixed								
Very Small	616	630	613	554	525	458	512	488
Small	210	241	224	212	225	173	208	183
Medium	87	94	95	93	76	71	69	71
Large	91	93	102	85	92	77	73	65
Total	1,004	1,058	1,034	944	918	779	862	807
Other type								
Very Small	719	679	525	330	533	680	843	442
Small	109	98	58	44	41	40	45	57
Medium	86	88	71	58	37	39	37	33
Large	62	60	46	41	41	40	48	47
Total	976	925	700	473	652	799	973	579
TOTAL FARMS	28,513	28,281	27,614	27,064	26,739	26,146	25,952	25,264

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.

Suppression of data

Estimates cannot be disclosed where the value is based on less than five holdings as this would breach confidentiality rules. Where estimates have been suppressed, the second smallest estimate in the grouping is also affected so that neither estimate can be derived from the total. Where estimates are suppressed, the value is represented by the symbol "...". If a value is not present, it is recorded as zero. Data suppression in this report is minimal, affecting a small number of tables of Pig and Poultry farm distributions, and some minor cropping areas.

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