

Table 1: General economic data

	NI	Scotland	Wales	England	UK
GVA per head (2002)(£)	12,081	14,440	12,020	15,642	15,259
Population ('000) (2002)	1,697	5,055	2,919	49,562	59,232
Population Density(per sq. km.)	125	65	141	380	244
Bank base interest rate (% June 2004)					4.5
RPI (% change May 2003-May 2004)					2.8
Unemployment rate (%) (winter 2003/4)	5.1	5.5	4.6	4.6	4.7

Note: Unemployment rates are unadjusted and taken from the Labour Force Survey (LFS).

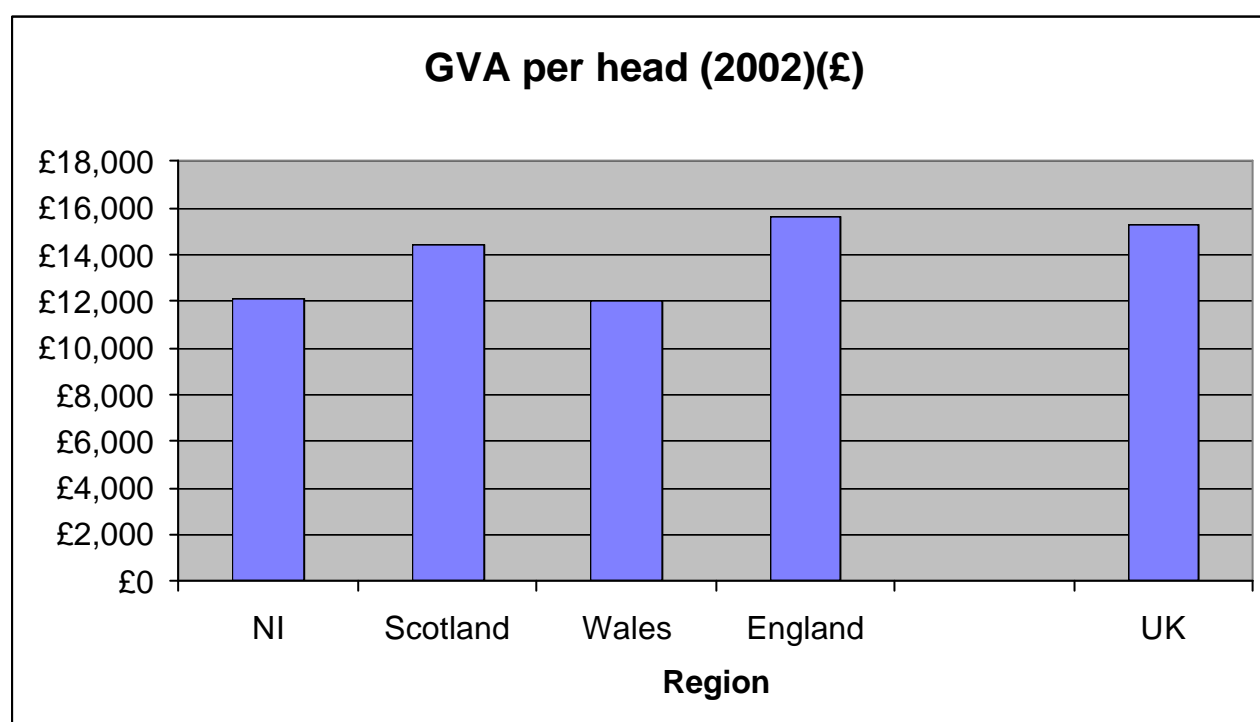
Figure 1 – Gross Value Added per head in each UK region

Table 2: Agriculture: general data

	NI	Scot	Wales	Eng	UK	ROI
Share of total GVA (%) (2003)	2.5	1.1 ⁴	0.9 ⁴	0.6 ⁴	0.8	3.0
No. employed in agriculture, forestry & fishing 2003 ('000) ¹	30	41	34	261	366	118
Share of employment 2003 (%)	4.1	1.7	2.7	1.1	1.3	6.2 ²
Number of farms ('000) June 2003 ⁵	28	50 ⁶	37 ⁶	188 ⁶	303 ⁶	137
Average farm size (ha) June 2003	38.0	110.3 ⁶	39.8 ⁶	48.4 ⁶	56.6 ⁶	32.0
LFA % agricultural area June 2003	70	83 ⁶	79 ⁶	16 ⁶	42 ⁶	63 ³

Note:1.Source for UK employment data - Labour Force Survey (winter 2003/4)

2. ROI National Household Survey, Quarter 4, 2003

3. 2000

4. 2001

5. Includes mains and minors for Great Britain.

6. 2002

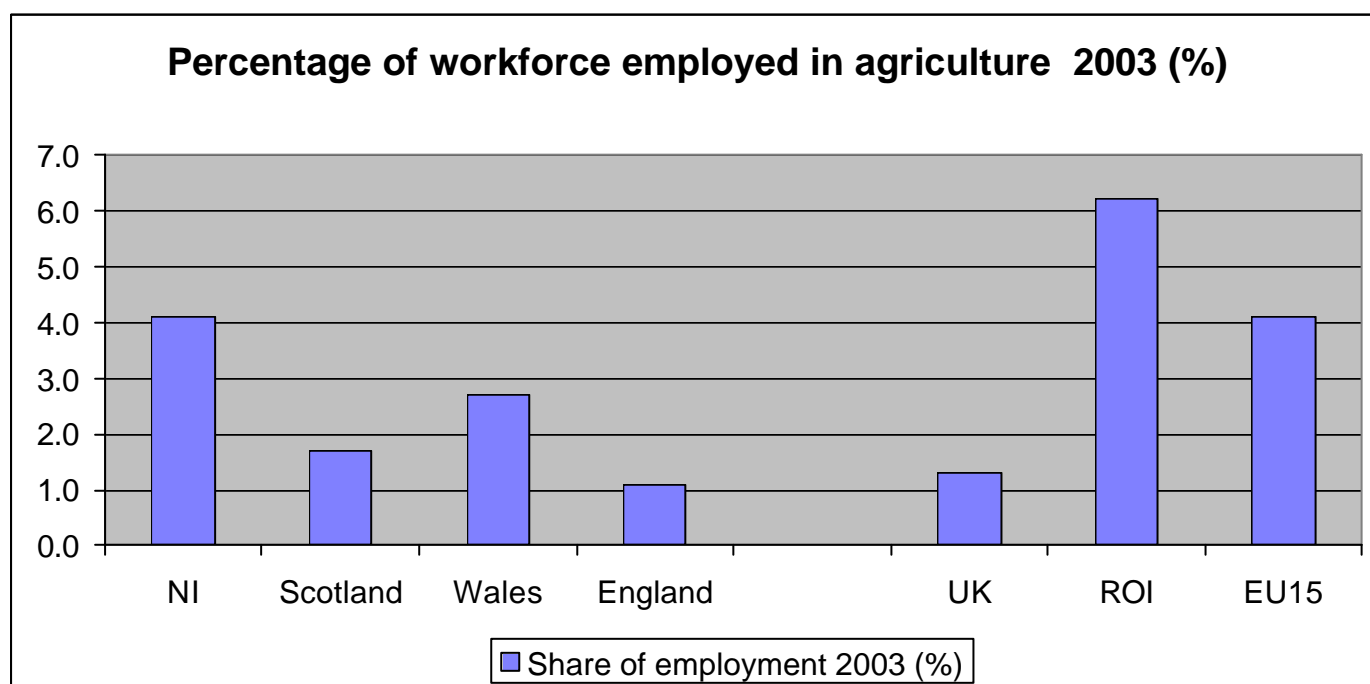
Figure 2 Percentage of workforce employed in agriculture

Table 3: Agri – Food sector data

	NI		UK	
Gross value added¹:	£m	% of GVA	£m	% of GVA
Agriculture (2002)	448	2.5	7,117	0.8
Food processing (2002)	456	2.4	19,669 ²	2.2 ²
Employment	'000 persons	% of total employment	'000 persons	% of total employment
Agriculture forestry & fishing	30	4.1	366	1.3
Food processing	18.9 ³	2.5 ³	399 ⁴	1.4 ⁴
Input supply (2002) to agriculture	4.3	0.6	n.a.	n.a.

1. GVA figures are at basic prices.

2. 2001 figures.

3. 2002 figures. % of total LFS employment (751,000 in NI at winter 2002/3).

4. 2003 figures. % of total LFS employment (726,000 in NI at winter 2003/4).

Table 4: NI food processing sector - gross turnover, value added and employment by sub-sector, 2002

Subsector	Gross turnover	Value added	Employees
	£m	£m	Full-time equivalents
Animal by-products	24	8	264
Bakeries	168	61	3,521
Beef & sheepmeat	503	73	2,813
Drinks	302	75	1,630
Eggs	34	4	201
Fish	83	20	1,000
Fruit & vegetables	141	32	1,538
Milk & milk products	538	76	2,313
Pigmeat	165	29	1,485
Poultrymeat	318	78	4,178
Total	2,276	456	18,942

Figure 3 – Gross turnover and full time equivalent (FTE) workforce by subsector, 2002

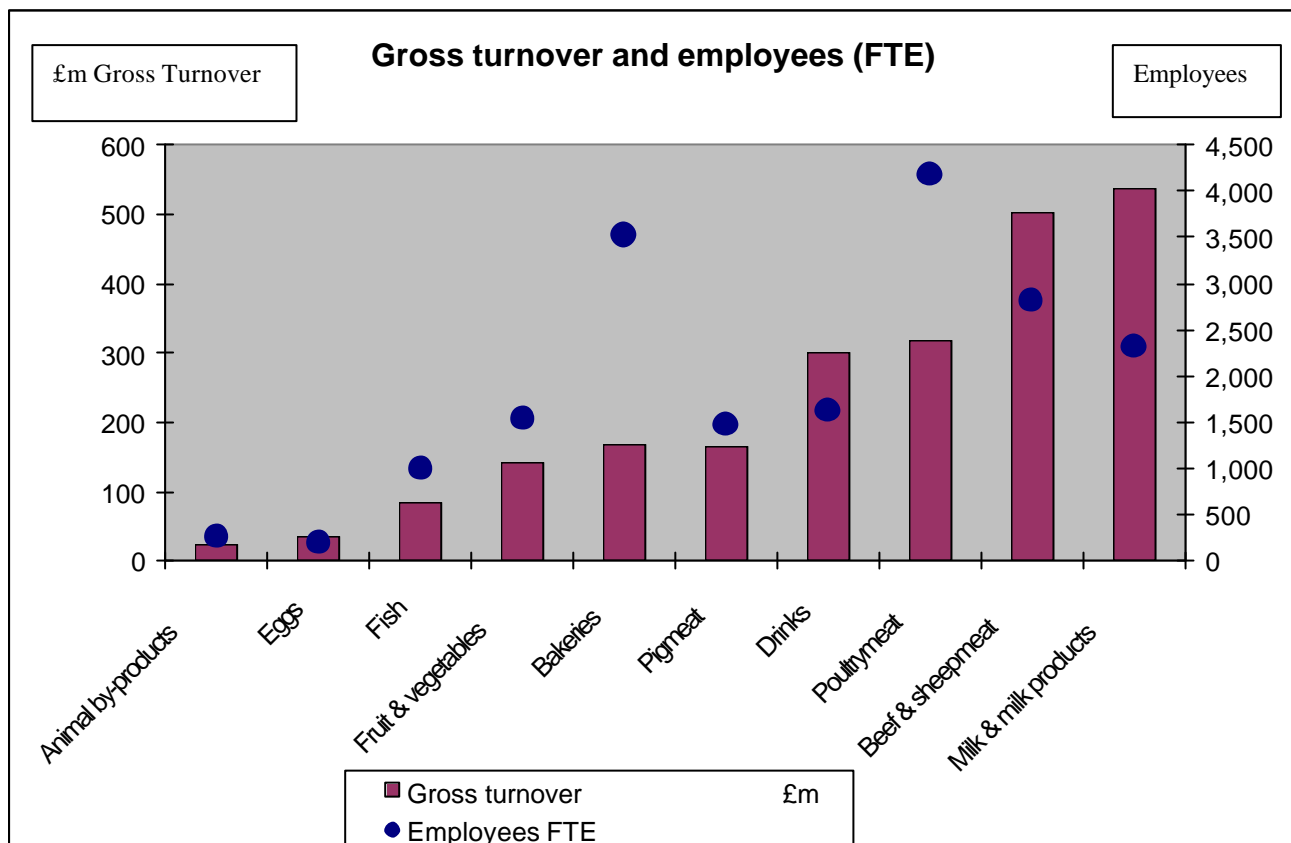


Figure 4 – Proportion of gross turnover by sub sector 2002

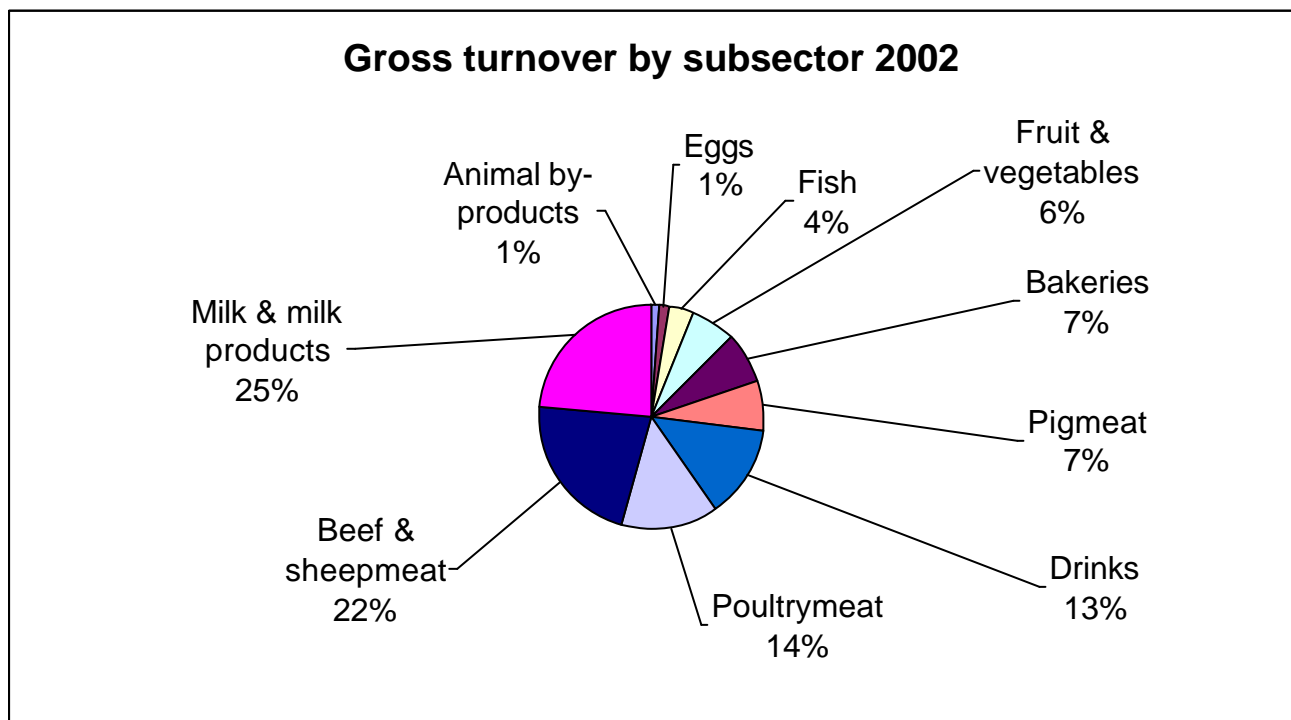


Table 5: Farm enterprise shares of NI & UK industry totals, 2003

	% of NI total		NI output as % of UK output	
	Gross output	Gross Margin	On farm employment	
Enterprise	%	%	%	
Dairy	27.0	37.5	25	12.6
Cattle	30.9	36.6	49	18.2
Sheep & wool	4.9	4.6	14	5.8
Pigs	5.6	3.6	}	10.2
Poultry & eggs	12.9	5.4		8.8
Cereals & oilseed rape	2.2	3.8	}	0.9
Potatoes	1.8	2.4		4.7
Horticulture	4.7	5.2		2.9
Others	10.0	1.0		4.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100	7.5

Table 6: Total income from farming, 2003

	NI	UK
Total income from farming (£m)	177	3,197
% change on previous year :		
Current prices	41	32
Real terms	37	28

Table 7: Average income¹ by type of farm, NI

	Net farm income (£'000) ²		Cash income (£'000) ³	
	2001/02	2002/03	2001/02	2002/03
Type of Farm:				
Cereals	-4.4	-5.8	17.7	7.0
General cropping	1.9	-4.3	23.6	39.2
Pigs & poultry	-1.9	-1.3	2.5	7.7
Dairy	18.8	6.5	35.4	25.9
Cattle & sheep (LFA)	5.0	4.6	15.1	14.1
Cattle & sheep (lowland)	5.7	1.2	4.8	16.2
Mixed	5.1	3.3	17.3	18.5

Source: Farm Business Survey in Northern Ireland 2002/03

1. Based on information gathered from farms over 8 e.s.u.'s.

2. The calculation of net farm income assumes that all farms are tenanted; net farm income therefore represents the return to the principal farmer and spouse for their manual and managerial labour and on the tenant-style capital of the business.

3. Cash Income is the difference between total receipts and total expenditure.

Table 8: Net farm and cash income for dairy, LFA cattle & sheep and mixed farms in countries of the UK

	Dairy		LFA cattle & sheep		Mixed	
	2001/02	2002/03	2001/02	2002/03	2001/02	2002/03
Net farm income (£'000 per farm)						
England	31.2	18.3	7.8	18.0	9.9	13.3
Wales	26.0	19.3	3.1	13.1
Scotland	32.6	5.1	11.9	17.0	10.7	9.5
NI	18.8	6.5	5.0	4.6	5.1	3.3
Cash Income (£'000 per farm)						
England	45.9	37.0	16.7	22.8	34.7	28.0
Wales	37.0	30.6	19.5	21.4
Scotland	50.2	26.3	24.2	31.5	17.4	23.7
NI	35.4	25.9	15.1	14.1	17.3	18.5

Table 9: Number of UK farms by size & country – June 2003

	Business size ¹				Total
	Very Small	Small	Medium	Large/Very Large	
Farms (000s)					
NI	15.2	9.4	2.9	0.8	28.3
England ²	105.0	29.7	20.8	15.7	171.3
Scotland	35.1	7.1	5.0	3.1	50.3
Wales	12.4	7.6	3.7	1.2	24.8

¹ Based on Standard Gross Margins (sgm)

² Based on June Census 2002

Table 10: Number of farms by size and type

Business type	Business size				All sizes
	Very small	Small	Medium	Large	
Cereals	261	163	25	8	457
General cropping	88	129	53	25	295
Horticulture	119	142	41	20	322
Pigs & poultry	170	221	91	28	510
Dairy	77	1,715	2,031	602	4,425
Cattle & sheep (LFA)	10,231	5,050	390	29	15,700
Cattle & sheep (lowland)	3,210	1,279	89	11	4,589
Mixed	326	553	148	31	1,058
Others	724	113	78	10	925
All types	15,206	9,365	2,946	764	28,281

Source: June 2003 agricultural census.

Table 11: Crop areas & livestock numbers, NI

	1983	1993	2001	2002	2003
Livestock ('000 head)					
Cattle					
Dairy cows	293.5	269.3	295.0	297.9	290.1
Beef cows	219.7	308.0	311.8	307.0	295.4
Total cattle	1,584.5	1,685.0	1,679.1	1,684.5	1,685.3
Sheep					
Breeding ewes	785.2	1,408.6	1,232.3	1,128.6	1,105.6
Total sheep	1,487.9	2,910.4	2,525.6	2,324.2	2,241.1
Pigs					
Female Breeding pigs	84.0	72.3	40.6	39.3	42.9
Total pigs	757.0	690.7	385.6	387.7	433.7
Poultry					
Laying flock	3,915.3	3,232.1	2,142.6	2,099.4	2,203.2
Broilers	5,203.1	8,062.7	8,863.6	11,273.3	12,811.4
Crops ('000 hectares)					
Cereals	51.5	48.5	39.5	38.1	37.8
Potatoes	12.6	9.2	6.7	6.7	6.0
Horticultural crops	3.6	3.4	3.1	3.2	3.2

Source: June Agricultural Census

Table 12: Estimates of average household food and drink consumption, Northern Ireland 2001/02.

Expenditure and Food Survey^(a)		April 2001 to March 2002	
HOUSEHOLD FOOD AND DRINK CONSUMPTION AND EXPENDITURE		Grams per person per week, except where otherwise specified.	Pence per person per week
Milk and cream	(ml or eq.ml)	2,173	151
Cheese		76	40
Fats		201	39
Eggs	(number)	1.73	17
Carcase meat		253	130
of which,	beef and veal	184	96
	mutton and lamb	21	12
	pork	48	22
Other meat and meat products		777	378
of which,	poultry (primary)	230	99
Fish		120	72
Fresh potatoes		1,073	46
Fresh green vegetables		128	22
of which,	cabbages	33	3
	cauliflowers	39	5
	leafy salads	39	10
Other fresh vegetables		360	55
of which,	carrots	81	6
	onions, leeks, shallots	89	11
	tomatoes	75	14
Processed vegetables		640	139
of which,	processed potatoes	302	91
Fresh fruit		542	79
of which,	apples	151	21
	bananas	150	18
Processed fruit and nuts		301	34
Sugar and preserves		130	15
Bread		999	112
Cakes and biscuits		360	122
Flour		33	1
Other cereals or cereal products		489	164
Beverages	(ml)	51	36
Ice cream and ice cream products		172	21
Other food		na	89
Soft drinks^(b)	(ml)	1,834	94
Alcoholic drinks	(ml)	487	176
Confectionery		137	83
TOTAL HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE			
Expenditure on food and beverages			£17.64
Expenditure on soft and alcoholic drinks and confectionery			£3.52

(a) Consumption includes purchases plus 'free' supplies.

Source: Expenditure and Food Survey, DARD

(b) Quantity converted to unconcentrated equivalent.