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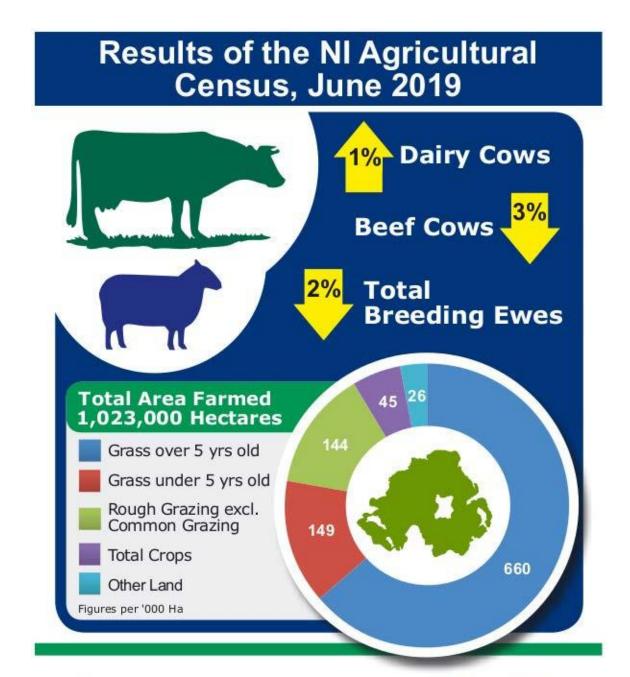
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### **Key Points**

#### The main changes between June 2018 and June 2019 are:

**Farms:** In June 2019 there were 24,827 farms in Northern Ireland with approximately one million hectares (1,023,163 hectares) of land farmed

**Farm Structure:** Almost three quarters of farms in Northern Ireland are very small (19,177 in 2019). 80 per cent of farms in Northern Ireland have some cattle, 40 per cent have some sheep and 3 per cent have some poultry.

**Farmers and workers:** In June 2019 the were a total of 49,423 farm workers, of which 62 per cent were farmers, 14 per cent spouses and 24 per cent of all other farm workers. This has remained relatively stable since 2004.

**Cattle:** Total cattle numbers have fallen by 1 per cent from June 2018 to 1.61 million. The number of beef cows decreased by 3 per cent to 247,009 and dairy cow numbers increased by 1 per cent to 313,549.

**Sheep:** The total number of sheep recorded was approximately 2 million which is a 1 per cent decrease from June 2018.

**Poultry:** There was a 5 per cent decrease in total poultry on farms at June 2019 to 24.8 million birds. Broiler poultry account for three fifths of all birds.

**Pigs:** There has been an increase in Northern Ireland total pig numbers recorded in June 2019 of 6 per cent to 674,428. The increase in pig numbers was a result of a higher number of fattening pigs.

**Crop areas:** The area of crops remained similar to last year. Grass accounted for almost 80 per cent of all area farmed.

**Cereals:** The total area of cereals grown in 2019 remained similar to 2018 at 29,820 hectares with oat and spring barley crops both decreasing while wheat and winter barley crops increasing over the same period.

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# **1** Introduction

The data in this statistical publication are sourced from the Agricultural Census which is conducted in June each year. Data is collected on crop areas, livestock numbers and farm labour. Outputs include time series data and frequency distributions. Results are presented at Northern Ireland and sub-regional level.

The statistics are compiled from a survey of farm businesses augmented by administrative data. Administrative data is used from the APHIS cattle tracing system, the Northern Ireland Bird Register Update and the Annual Inventory of Pigs

The statistics provide robust estimates of crop areas, numbers of livestock and of farmers and workers on active farm businesses on the survey date of 1st June 2019.

The population of farms to which these 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.

Farm numbers in 2019 remained stable at around the same number as in 2018. However, the overall trend is downward with farm numbers having decreased by 10 per cent over the 15 year period from 2004.

Table 1.1 Number of farms Northern Ireland 2015-2019

Year	No. Farms
2015	24,907
2016	24,528
2017	24,956
2018	24,895
2019	24,825

Further information on the background, quality and methodology of the Agricultural Census are available at: <u>https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/agricultural-census-northern-ireland</u>

**Farms:** In June 2019 there were 24,825 farms in Northern Ireland with approximately one million hectares (1,023,163 hectares) of land farmed.

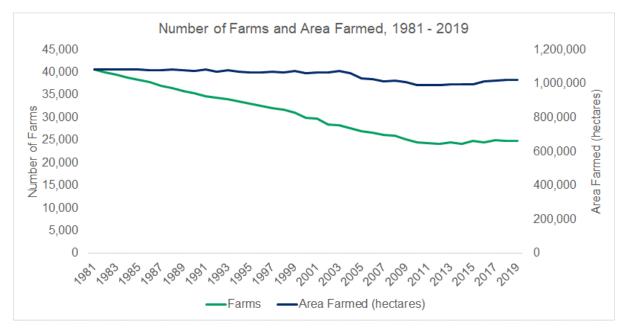


Figure 2.1 Number of farms and area farmed Northern Ireland 1981-2019<sup>1</sup>

The area farmed (excluding common land) has remained relatively steady since 1981 whilst the number of farms has dropped.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pre-1997 figures are estimates (based on combining overlapping series)

**Farm Structure:** Almost three quarters of farms in Northern Ireland are very small (19,177 in 2019).

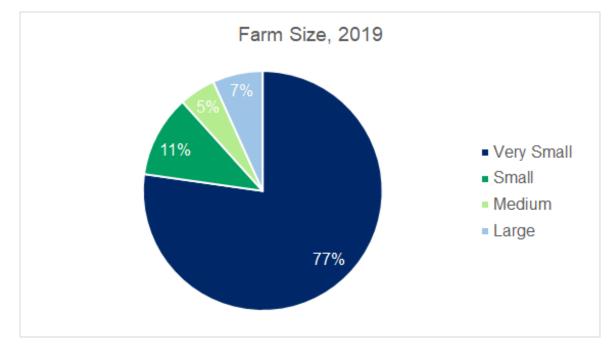


Figure 2.2 Farm Size, 2019

The predominant activity on Northern Ireland farms is Cattle & sheep. 80 per cent of farms in Northern Ireland have some cattle, 40 per cent have some sheep, 3 per cent have some poultry and 1.5 per cent have some pigs.

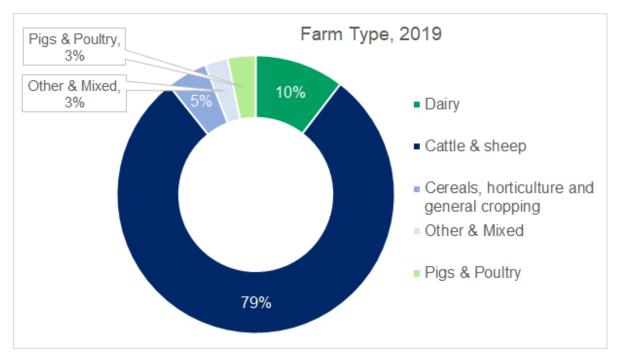


Figure 2.3 Number of farms by farm type, 2019

**Farmers and workers:** In June 2019 the were a total of 49,423 farm workers, of which 62 per cent were farmers, 14 per cent spouses and 24 per cent of all other farm workers. This has remained relatively stable since 2004.

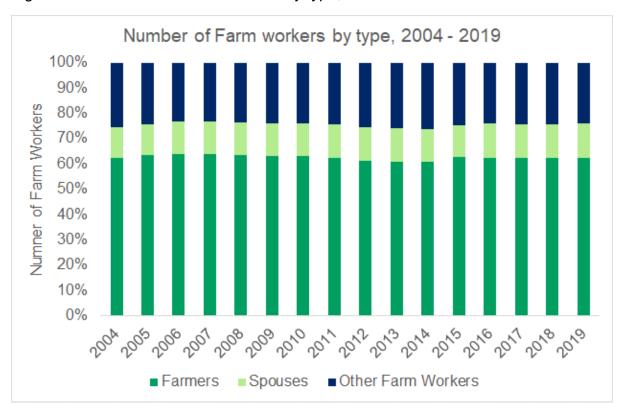
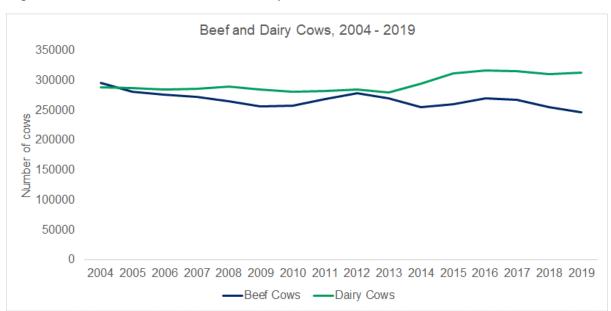
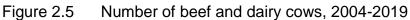


Figure 2.4 Number of farm workers by type, Northern Ireland 2004-2019

**Cattle:** Total cattle numbers have fallen by 1 per cent from June 2018 to 1.61 million. The number of beef cows decreased by 3 per cent to 247,009 and dairy cow numbers increased by 1 per cent to 313,549.





Two thirds of cattle are in herds of 100 or more.

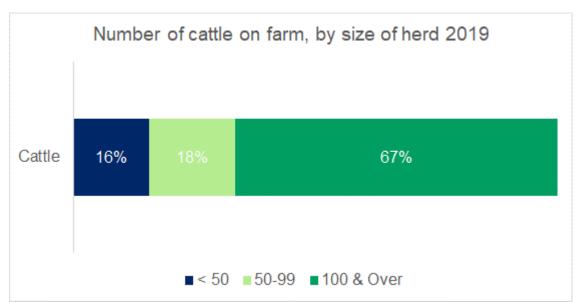
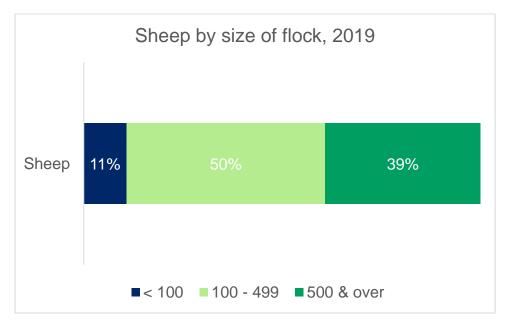


Figure 2.6 Number of cattle on farm by size of herd, 2019

**Sheep:** The total number of sheep recorded was approximately 2 million which is a 1 per cent decrease from June 2018. There was a 2 per cent decrease in the number of breeding ewes compared with 2018 with numbers falling to 938,457.

Farms with more than 500 sheep on 1st June account for 39 per cent of the total sheep population.



#### Figure 2.7 Number of sheep on farm by size of flock, 2019

**Poultry:** There was a 5 per cent decrease in total poultry on farms at June 2019 to 24.8 million birds. Broiler poultry account for three fifths of all birds.

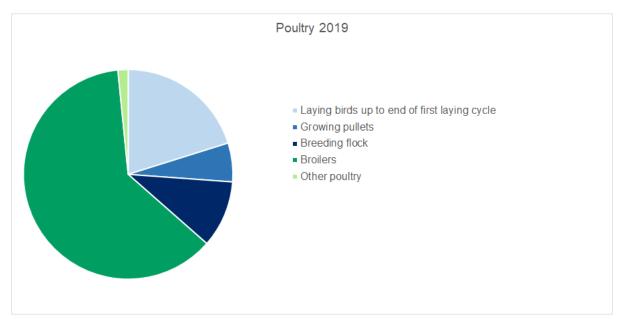


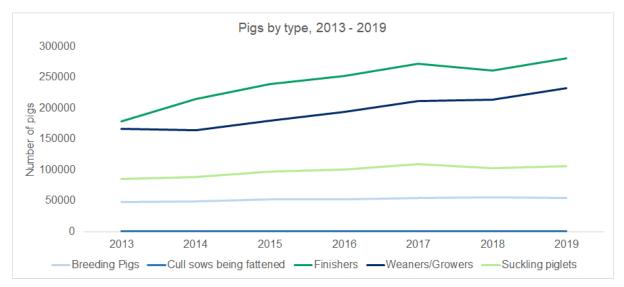
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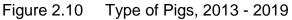
Figure 2.9 Change in Poultry numbers, 2018 – 2019

Laying birds up to end of first laying cycle		15%
Growing pullets		32%
Breeding flock	$\mathbf{\uparrow}$	2%
Broilers	Ţ	-13%
Other poultry	Ţ	-2%
Total Poultry	Ţ	-5%

**Pigs:** There has been an increase in Northern Ireland total pig numbers recorded in June 2019 of 6 per cent to 674,428. The increase in pig numbers was a result of a higher number of fattening pigs.

In comparison to 2018, the total female breeding herd decreased by 4 per cent to 47,529.





Most pigs are concentrated in relatively few farms, with units of more than 200 sows on 1st June accounting for almost 20 per cent of herds but over three-quarters of total breeding sows. **Crop areas:** The area of crops remained similar to last year. Grass accounted for almost 80 per cent of all area farmed.



### Figure 2.11 Land use by agricultural production type, 2019

**Cereals:** The total area of cereals grown in 2019 remained similar to 2018 at 29,820 hectares (29,662 in 2018) with oat and spring barley crops both decreasing while wheat and winter barley crops increasing over the same period.

The area of winter barley grown in June 2019 showed the largest increase with an increase of 33 per cent from 2018 while the area grown of wheat increased by 18 per cent. This was due to good planting conditions for the crops.

Oat crops decreased by 7 per cent from 2018 to 2019. From June 2018 to June 2019 the area of spring barley grown fell by 20 per cent to 11,948 hectares but it still remains the most popular crop grown in Northern Ireland.

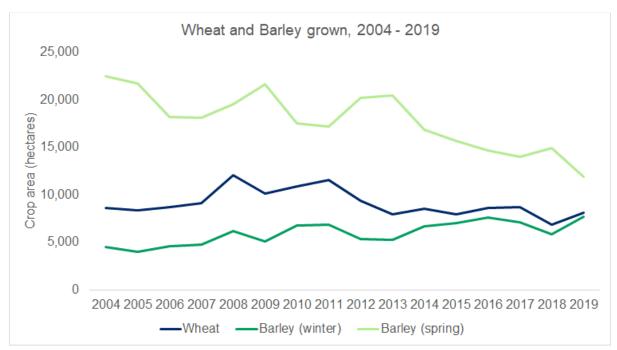


Figure 2.12 Wheat and Barley grown, 2004 – 2019

**Other crops:** The area of other field crops remained similar to last year. The area of arable crop silage decreased by 8 per cent to 3,900 hectares but this was partially offset by an increase in the area of potatoes by 5 per cent to 3,777 hectares. Forage maize remained broadly similar in 2019 at 1,618 hectares.

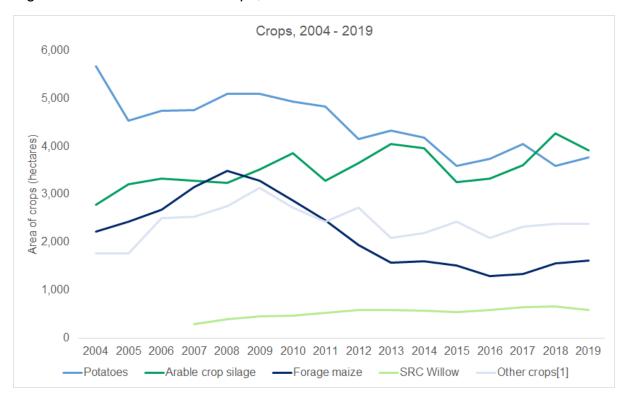


Figure 2.13 Area of other crops, 2004 - 2019

The tables in this section show the crop areas, livestock numbers and numbers of farmers and other workers for the 5 year period 2015 to 2019 at 1st June each year.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Grass					
Under 5 yrs old	149,932	148,200	144,354	144,454	148,818
Over 5 yrs old	650,414	652,613	660,598	663,166	659,927
Total grass	800,346	800,780	804,952	807,620	808,745
Total Hill or rough land	131,143	137,191	140,400	143,156	143,609
Cereals					
Oats	2,076	2,257	2,252	2,013	1,868
Wheat	7,976	8,616	8,730	6,845	8,104
Barley (winter)	7,021	7,628	7,114	5,809	7,739
Barley (spring)	15,687	14,708	14,031	14,894	11,948
Mixed corn	165	230	170	101	161
Total cereals	32,924	33,439	32,298	29,662	29,820
Other field crops					
Potatoes	3,593	3,737	4,053	3,601	3,777
Arable crop silage	3,253	3,324	3,605	4,272	3,924
Forage maize	1,514	1,294	1,334	1,558	1,618
SRC Willow	544	593	644	655	586
Other crops <sup>2</sup>	2,431	2,086	2,321	2,391	2,392
Total other field crops	11,335	11,033	11,957	12,477	12,296
Horticultural crops					
Fruit	1,516	1,501	1,522	1,474	1,441
Vegetables	1,367	1,234	1,262	1,125	1,163
Ornamentals	178	182	188	199	179
Total horticultural crops	3,061	2,917	2,973	2,798	2,782
Total crops	47,320	47,388	47,227	44,937	44,898
Other land					
Woods and plantations	11,065	16,133	15,786	16,307	15,669
Other land <sup>3</sup>	7,875	11,757	11,371	10,376	10,243
Total other land	18,940	27,890	27,156	26,683	25,912
Total Area Farmed	997,748	1,013,248	1,019,736	1,022,395	1,023,163

#### Table 3.1 Crop areas in Northern Ireland 2015-2019 (hectares)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Other Crops - Oilseed rape, Turnip/beet, Kale/Cabbage, other stock feed crops, Triticale, Linseed, Flax

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Other land - fallow land, roads, buildings, bogs, wasteland, gardens etc.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Dairy cows Total	311,520	317,146	315,782	310,718	313,549
Dairy heifers-in-calf					
2 years old	26,625	25,293	25,126	24,134	24,309
1-2 years	34,129	33,554	34,936	34,908	36,001
Total	60,754	58,847	60,062	59,042	60,310
Beef cows Total	260,325	269,746	267,102	255,904	247,009
Beef heifers-in-calf					
2 years old	19,120	18,757	18,317	18,079	17,930
1-2 years	12,619	12,352	12,103	11,612	11,209
Total	31,739	31,109	30,420	29,691	29,139
Breeding bulls					
2 years old and over	14,190	13,713	13,587	13,288	12,985
1-2 years	3,528	3,681	3,652	3,572	3,473
Total	17,718	17,394	17,239	16,860	16,458
Other cattle					
2 years old					
Male	46,873	43,688	44,439	48,423	51,595
Females for	64,216	49,494	52,981	59,955	61,682
slaughter	04,210	43,434	52,501	59,955	01,002
Females for	10,027	8,530	8,779	9,302	9,378
breeding		0,000	0,113	3,302	3,570
Total	121,116	101,712	106,199	117,680	122,655
1-2 years					
Male	153,396	166,636	177,494	172,094	164,285
Females for slaughter	104,439	115,991	122,244	116,341	113,679
Females for breeding	70,426	75,516	78,943	75,948	75,575
Total	328,261	358,143	378,681	364,383	353,539
6-12 months					
Male	90,445	97,698	90,341	89,000	84,268
Female	111,394	115,636	109,206	109,287	106,223
Total	201,839	213,334	199,547	198,287	190,491
Under 6 months	·	*	٣	*	•
Male	131,315	141,990	140,611	131,243	132,012
Female	144,264	155,171	150,803	145,260	146,614
Total	275,579	297,161	291,414	276,503	278,626
Total Cattle	1,608,851	1,664,592	1,666,446	1,629,068	1,611,776

### Table 3.2 Cattle and calves in Northern Ireland 2015-2019<sup>4</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Data derived from the Animal and Public Health Information System, (APHIS).

### Table 3.3Sheep in Northern Ireland 2015-2019

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Ewes					
Ewes which lambed	814,332	833,610	846,268	829,636	813,964
Others for breeding	124,312	121,588	127,073	126,912	124,493
Total	938,644	955,198	973,341	956,548	938,457
Other sheep					
Rams for service	27,440	28,267	28,567	28,229	28,334
Not for breeding	17,792	18,140	15,248	15,944	17,716
Total	45,232	46,407	43,815	44,173	46,050
Lambs < 1 year old Total	1,005,798	1,021,368	1,035,399	1,005,277	1,002,425
Total Sheep	1,989,674	2,022,973	2,052,555	2,005,998	1,986,932

### Table 3.4Horses and Ponies in Northern Ireland 2015-2019

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Horses/Ponies owned by occupier	9,135	8,434	7,853	7,316	7,000
Horses/Ponies not owned by occupier	1,913	1,860	1,782	1,654	1,707
Total Horses & Ponies	11,048	10,294	9,635	8,970	8,707

#### Table 3.5Goats in Northern Ireland 2015-2019

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Female goats which have kidded	1,834	1,564	1,837	1,673	1,676
All other goats and kids	1,950	2,251	2,329	2,087	1,741
Total Goats	3,784	3,815	4,166	3,760	3,417

#### Pigs in Northern Ireland 2015-2019<sup>5</sup> Table 3.6

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Female breeding herd					
Sows in pig	30,161	31,707	33,106	34,775	34,447
Gilts in pig	7,209	6,268	7,032	8,499	7,535
Others sows for breeding	8,241	8,468	7,767	6,361	5,547
Other breeding pigs					
Boars being used for service	824	824	912	843	753
Maiden gilts	5,556	5,463	5,812	4,909	6,184
Total breeding pigs	51,991	52,730	54,629	55,387	54,466
Other pigs					
Cull sows being fattened	560	491	462	603	534
Finishers	239,347	252,856	272,786	261,250	280,631
Weaners/Growers	180,426	193,822	211,739	213,770	233,082
Suckling piglets	97,414	101,177	109,504	102,634	105,715
Total Other pigs	517,747	548,346	594,491	578,257	619,962
Total Pigs	569,738	601,101	649,120	633,644	674,428

#### Poultry in Northern Ireland 2015-2019<sup>6</sup> Table 3.7

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Laying birds up to end of first laying cycle	3,174,081	3,550,012	3,962,799	4,331,920	4,998,723
Growing pullets	908,039	961,861	1,201,972	1,121,315	1,481,216
Breeding flock	2,404,924	2,282,720	2,526,871	2,515,873	2,558,685
Table birds					
Broilers	14,273,090	14,459,168	16,766,630	17,663,015	15,351,573
Other poultry	485,602	530,019	452,304	398,460	390,184
Total Poultry	21,245,736	21,783,780	24,910,576	26,030,583	24,780,381

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Data derived from the Northern Ireland Annual Inventory of Pigs.
 <sup>6</sup> Data derived from the Northern Ireland Bird Register Update.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Farmers, partners &					
directors:					
Full-time	16,637	16,233	16,760	16,964	16,954
Part-time	13,431	13,571	13,586	13,721	13,859
Total farmers	30,068	29,804	30,346	30,685	30,813
Total spouses	6,084	6,410	6,449	6,542	6,700
Other workers:					
Full-time	3,463	3,209	3,441	3,411	3,430
Part-time	3,971	4,215	4,319	4,340	4,453
Casual/Seasonal	4,393	4,100	4,149	4,270	4,027
Total other workers	11,827	11,498	11,909	12,021	11,910
Total agricultural labour force	47,979	47,712	48,704	49,248	49,423

Table 3.8Farmers and other workers in Northern Ireland 2015-2019

# 4 Farm Structure

The tables in this section focus on the farm business type. Farms are classified according to the type of farming found on the holding. Further information on these classifications are available in our methodology and quality report which is available at: <u>https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/agricultural-census-northern-ireland</u>

Crops & grass farmed (hectares)	No. Farms	Area Farmed
Under 10	5,709	31,562
10 - 19.9	5,768	83,673
20.0 - 29.9	3,957	96,640
30.0 - 49.9	4,287	164,836
50.0 - 99.9	3,653	250,337
100 & over	1,453	226,596
Total	24,827	853,643

## Table 4.1Number and area of farms by crop & grass area farmed in<br/>Northern Ireland, June 2019

## Table 4.2Number and area of farms by total area farmed in Northern<br/>Ireland, June 2019

Total area farmed (hectares)	No. Farms	Area Farmed
Under 10	4,760	27,559
10 - 19.9	5,402	78,836
20.0 - 29.9	4,000	97,922
30.0 - 49.9	4,453	172,202
50.0 - 99.9	4,176	288,639
100 & over	2,036	358,005
Total	24,827	1,023,163

		Farm	n Business	Size	
	Very Small	Small	Medium	Large	Total
<b>Owner-occupied land</b>					
(% area farmed)					
All	11,395	798	274	288	12,755
50-99%	4,503	1,248	631	848	7,230
1-49%	2,261	619	301	519	3,700
None	1,018	81	18	25	1,142
Total	19,177	2,746	1,224	1,680	24,827
Average % Owner Occupied	79.2%	68.7%	69.4%	61.0%	72.2%

## Table 4.3Number of farms by farm business size and by percentage of area<br/>farmed which is owner-occupied, June 2019

## Table 4.4Number of farmers and workers by farm business size in Northern<br/>Ireland, June 2019

		Farm	n Business	Size	
	Very Small	Small	Medium	Large	Total
Farmers, partners &					
directors:					
Full-time	9,735	3,029	1,604	2,586	16,954
Part-time	12,266	893	281	419	13,859
Total farmers	22,001	3,922	1,885	3,005	30,813
Total spouses	4,776	946	458	520	6,700
Other workers:					
Full-time	823	385	319	1,903	3,430
Part-time	2,506	760	401	786	4,453
Casual/Seasonal	1,853	693	431	1,050	4,027
Total other workers	5,182	1,838	1,151	3,739	11,910
Total agricultural labour force	31,959	6,706	3,494	7,264	49,423

		Far	m Busines	s Size	
	Very Small	Small	Medium	Large	Total
(a) Farm Type					
Cereals	198	38	10	7	253
General cropping	589	35	15	40	679
Horticulture	80	41	26	102	249
Pigs	49	20	27	65	161
Poultry	169	236	127	115	647
Dairy	265	695	609	1,017	2,586
Cattle & sheep: LFA <sup>7</sup>	13,152	1,100	216	148	14,616
Cattle & sheep: lowland	4,310	458	129	74	4,971
Mixed	256	97	49	97	499
Other type	109	26	16	15	166
(b) Area of crops & grass (hectares)	farmed				
Under 10	5,422	138	55	94	5,709
10 - 19.9	5,543	149	42	34	5,768
20.0 - 29.9	3,622	238	52	45	3,957
30.0 - 49.9	3,172	836	178	101	4,287
50.0 - 99.9	1,325	1,108	647	573	3,653
100 & over	93	277	250	833	1,453
(c) Total area farmed (hec	tares)				
Únder 10	4,510	114	52	84	4,760
10 - 19.9	5,200	123	40	39	5,402
20.0 - 29.9	3,725	189	44	42	4,000
30.0 - 49.9	3,478	722	154	99	4,453
50.0 - 99.9	1,931	1,077	629	539	4,176
100 & over	333	521	305	877	2,036
Total	19,177	2,746	1,224	1,680	24,827

## Table 4.5Number of farms by (a) type of farm; (b) crops and grass area and<br/>(c) total area by farm business size in Northern Ireland, June 2019

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> LFA = Less Favoured Area

# **5 Farm Activities**

The tables in this section refer to all farming activities conducted on a holding, regardless of the farm business type classification in the previous chapter.

Table 5.1	Distribution of farms and cereals by area of cereals in Northern
	Ireland, June 2019

Area of cereals on farms (hectares)	No. Farms	Area Farmed
Under 5	695	1,978
5 - 9.9	483	3,410
10 - 19.9	385	5,329
20 - 29.9	147	3,481
30-49.9	125	4,733
50 & over	121	10,889
Total	1,956	29,820

Note: Data is displayed for farms with cereals only.

## Table 5.2Distribution of farms and crops by area of barley in Northern<br/>Ireland, June 2019

Area of barley on farms	No.	Area	
(hectares)	Farms	Farmed	
Under 5	601	1,730	
5 - 9.9	440	3,093	
10 - 19.9	327	4,515	
20 - 29.9	107	2,517	
50 & over	148	7,833	
Total	1,623	19,687	

Note: Data is displayed for farms with crops only.

	Winter	Barley	Spring	Barley	Oa	ts	Wh	eat
Area of crop on farms (hectares)	Farms	Area	Farms	Area	Farms	Area	Farms	Area
under 5	202	631	594	1,673	168	422	198	568
5 - 9.9	181	1,267	358	2,493	47	340	168	1,227
10 - 19.9	157	2,118	234	3,156	38	544	140	1,841
20 - 29.9	52	1,230	64	1,508	8	183	46	1,108
30 - 39.9	27	902	27	923	*	167	27	909
40 and over	30	1,592	38	2,196	*	212	36	2,451
Total	649	7,739	1,315	11,948	269	1,868	615	8,104

Table 5.3Distribution of farms and crops by area in Northern Ireland, June2019

\*Figures supressed due to data confidentiality constraints.

Note: Data is displayed for farms with crops only.

## Table 5.4Distribution of farms and potatoes by area of potatoes in Northern<br/>Ireland, June 2019

Area of potatoes on farms (hectares)	Farms	Area
under 1	93	43
1 - 2.9	118	196
3 - 4.9	63	243
5 - 9.9	57	401
10 - 14.9	28	323
15 and over	68	2,571
Total	427	3,777

Note: Data is displayed for farms with potatoes only.

	Dairy	cows	Beef o	ows
Number of cows on farm	Farms	Cows	Farms	Cows
< 10	206	1,354	6,142	27,085
10 - 14	85	1,015	2,272	26,951
15 - 19	91	1,537	1,610	27,187
20 - 29	199	4,915	1,877	44,923
30 - 39	222	7,733	920	31,171
40 - 49	230	10,306	452	20,043
50 - 59	245	13,297	300	16,250
60 - 69	254	16,401	173	11,057
70 - 99	566	47,407	268	21,933
100 & over	1,198	209,584	142	20,409
Total	3,296	313,549	14,156	247,009

Table 5.5	Distribution of farms and dairy/beef cows by number of dairy/beef
	cows in Northern Ireland, June 2019

Note: Data is displayed for farms with beef or dairy cows only.

Table 5.6	Distribution of farms and cattle over one year old, intended for
	slaughter, by number of cattle in Northern Ireland, June 2019

Number of cattle on farm	Farms	Cattle
< 10	8,350	34,126
10 - 14	2,104	24,913
15 - 19	1,438	24,257
20 - 29	1,852	44,419
30 - 39	1,106	37,542
40 - 49	674	29,854
50 - 59	457	24,751
60 - 69	354	22,750
70 - 99	547	44,945
100 & over	578	103,684
Total	17,460	391,241

Note: Data is displayed for farms with cattle only.

Number of cattle on farm	Farms	Cattle
< 10	2,132	12,174
10 - 19	3,080	44,078
20 - 29	2,554	62,004
30 - 39	2,001	68,647
40 - 49	1,507	66,755
50 - 69	2,105	124,018
70 - 99	1,923	160,551
100 - 149	1,695	206,392
150 - 199	952	164,176
200 & over	1,970	702,981
Total	19,919	1,611,776

## Table 5.7Distribution of farms and total cattle by number of cattle in<br/>Northern Ireland, June 2019

Note: Data is displayed for farms with cattle only.

	Ewe	es	Total sheep			
Number of ewes/sheep on farm	Farms	Ewes				
1 - 24	2,177	29,185	1,121	14,720		
25 - 49	2,142	76,606	1,363	49,695		
50 - 99	2,369	166,343	2,072	149,743		
100 - 199	1,830	250,947	2,253	321,648		
200 - 299	631	150,936	1,186	289,051		
300 - 399	267	90,067	634	218,514		
400 - 499	118	51,502	373	166,444		
500 - 999	136	90,008	730	485,438		
1,000 & over	24	32,863	189	291,679		
Total	9,694	938,457	9,921	1,986,932		

## Table 5.8Distribution of farms and ewes/total sheep by number of<br/>ewes/total sheep in Northern Ireland, June 2019

Note: Data is displayed for farms with sheep only.

Number of sows on farm	Farms	Sows
1 - 9	84	282
10 - 49	58	1,680
50 - 99	37	2,721
100 - 199	42	6,007
200 & over	52	36,839
Total	273	47,529

Table 5.9Distribution of farms and sows by number of sows in Northern<br/>Ireland, June 2019

Note: Data is displayed for farms with sows only.

## Table 5.10Distribution of farms and finisher/weaner and total pigs by<br/>number of pigs in Northern Ireland, June 2019

	/Finisher pig		Total	pigs	
Number of pigs on farm	Farms	Pigs	Farms	Pigs	
1 - 9	86	260	103	307	
10 - 49	42	1,018	51	1,238	
50 - 99	15	1,085	15	1,039	
100 - 399	44	9,267	52	12,086	
400 - 999	42	27,225	38	25,801	
1,000 - 1,999	44	61,427	47	71,602	
2,000 & over	47	47 413,965		562,355	
Total	320	514,247	366	674,428	

Note: Data is displayed for farms with pigs only.

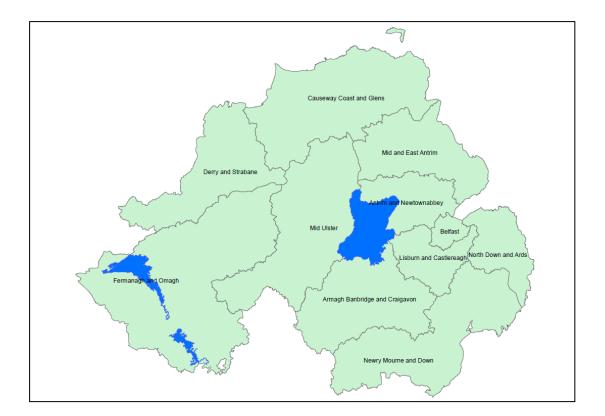
Size of flock on farm	Farms	Total Poultry
under 1,000	38	13,144
1,000 - 4,999	26	79,621
5,000 - 9,999	110	819,458
10,000 - 19,999	246	3,744,021
20,000 - 29,999	107	2,635,498
30,000 - 49,999	133	4,801,446
50,000 and over	131	12,687,193
Total	791	24,780,381

Table 5.11Distribution of farms by size of poultry flock in Northern Ireland,<br/>June 2019

Note: Data is displayed for farms with poultry only.

# 6 County & District Council Area

The tables in this section show data for Northern Ireland counties and for local district council area. Farms are allocated based on the postcode of the farmer's main dwelling (i.e. where he/she resides). Where the farmer has deceased the farm may be allocated a temporary location based on a relative's address or a solicitor's office if the estate is subject to probate at the time of the survey.



		Nu	mber of farm	າຣ		Ave
	0-9.9 ha	10-19.9 ha	20-29.9 ha	30+ ha	Total	hectare /farm
County						
Antrim <sup>1</sup>	961	894	612	1,861	4,326	40
Armagh	1,005	891	567	952	3,415	27
Down	1,294	1,107	721	1,727	4,849	33
Fermanagh	514	698	541	1,218	2,971	36
Londonderry	662	747	508	1,376	3,293	37
Tyrone	1,273	1,432	1,008	2,260	5,973	33
District Council						
Antrim and Newtownabbey	176	163	132	402	873	44
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	886	769	507	1,083	3,245	31
Belfast	8	*	*	11	30	57
Causeway Coast and Glens	471	476	344	1,211	2,502	43
Derry City and Strabane	319	368	300	780	1,767	40
Fermanagh and Omagh	900	1,225	906	2,063	5,094	35
Lisburn and Castlereagh	182	179	124	356	841	40
Mid and East Antrim	444	393	248	688	1,773	36
Mid Ulster	1,017	1,048	676	1,403	4,144	30
Newry, Mourne and Down	1,158	1,008	637	1,069	3,872	26
Ards and North Down	148	*	*	326	686	45
Total	5,708	5,769	3,958	9,392	27,827	34

Table 6.1Number of farms by crops & grass area by County & District Council in Northern Ireland, June 2019

\*Figures supressed due to data confidentiality constraints.

		Nu	mber of farm	IS	
	Very Small	Small	Medium	Large	Total
County					
Antrim <sup>1</sup>	3,072	592	260	402	4,326
Armagh	2,727	320	138	230	3,415
Down	3,698	514	231	406	4,849
Fermanagh	2,512	270	108	81	2,971
Londonderry	2,515	391	184	203	3,293
Tyrone	4,653	659	303	358	5,973
District Council					
Antrim and Newtownabbey	623	108	53	89	873
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	2,418	362	178	287	3,245
Belfast	23	*	*	*	30
Causeway Coast and Glens	1,750	346	161	245	2,502
Derry City and Strabane	1,318	222	101	126	1,767
Fermanagh and Omagh	4,227	488	197	182	5,094
Lisburn and Castlereagh	607	98	47	89	841
Mid and East Antrim	1,293	242	98	140	1,773
Mid Ulster	3,235	454	221	234	4,144
Newry, Mourne and Down	3,236	342	124	170	3,872
Ards and North Down	447	*	*	*	686
Total	19,177	2,746	1,224	1,680	24,827

Table 6.2Number of farms by farm business size by County & District Council in Northern Ireland, June 2019

\*Figures supressed due to data confidentiality constraints.

	Cereal	General cropping	Hortic- ulture	Pigs	Pou- Itry	Dairy	Cattle/ Sheep LFA	Cattle/ Sheep lowland	Mixed	Others	Total
County											
Antrim <sup>1</sup>	25	107	27	25	160	540	2,410	905	93	34	4,326
Armagh	18	88	146	*	87	294	1,932	743	*	15	3,415
Down	136	200	42	42	55	523	1,822	1,793	163	73	4,849
Fermanagh	*	48	*	*	40	260	2,580	24	*	9	2,971
Londonderry	52	113	*	30	35	319	1,863	758	93	*	3,293
Tyrone	*	123	20	40	270	650	4,009	748	75	*	5,973
District Council											
Antrim and Newtownabbey	8	*	6	6	31	*	371	288	18	13	873
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	48	106	147	25	90	353	1,073	1,267	118	18	3,245
Belfast	0	*	*	0	0	*	20	8	0	0	30
Causeway Coast and Glens	32	68	7	8	54	320	1,345	576	77	15	2,502
Derry City and Strabane	20	52	*	9	15	186	1,266	177	28	10	1,767
Fermanagh and Omagh	5	90	6	13	99	501	4,258	94	13	15	5,094
Lisburn and Castlereagh	32	47	22	9	17	101	230	333	29	21	841
Mid and East Antrim	0	35	10	11	73	211	1,137	261	22	13	1,773
Mid Ulster	25	99	18	46	218	416	2,297	926	91	8	4,144
Newry, Mourne and Down	41	96	15	29	44	266	2,572	703	69	37	3,872
Ards and North Down	42	59	14	5	6	125	47	338	34	16	686
Total	253	679	249	161	647	2,586	14,616	4,971	499	166	24,827

### Table 6.3Number of farms by farm type by County & District Council in Northern Ireland, June 2019

\*Figures supressed due to data confidentiality constraints.

	Mainly SDA	Mainly DA	Mainly LFA	Mainly non-LFA	Total
County					
Antrim <sup>1</sup>	1,366	1,574	2,940	1,386	4,326
Armagh	655	1,674	2,329	1,086	3,415
Down	908	1,204	2,112	2,737	4,849
Fermanagh	2,799	145	2,944	27	2,971
Londonderry	1,299	814	2,113	1,180	3,293
Tyrone	2,707	2,164	4,871	1,102	5,973
District Council					
Antrim and Newtownabbey	147	316	463	410	873
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	297	1,095	1,392	1,853	3,245
Belfast	17	*	21	*	30
Causeway Coast and Glens	959	591	1,550	952	2,502
Derry City and Strabane	1,049	401	1,450	317	1,767
Fermanagh and Omagh	4,122	*	4,958	*	5,094
Lisburn and Castlereagh	76	216	292	549	841
Mid and East Antrim	683	702	1,385	388	1,773
Mid Ulster	1,131	1,692	2,823	1,321	4,144
Newry, Mourne and Down	1,244	1,663	2,907	965	3,872
Ards and North Down	*	*	68	618	686
Total	9,735	7,574	17,309	7,518	24,827

Table 6.4Number of farms by LFA designation by County & District Council in Northern Ireland, June 2019

\*Figures supressed due to data confidentiality constraints.

	Cereals	Pota- toes	Other farm crops	Hortic ulture crops	Total crops	Grass	Rough grazing	Other land	Total area farmed
County									
Antrim <sup>1</sup>	4,458	663	1,369	130	6,619	166,085	40,435	3,168	216,307
Armagh	2,666	103	1,046	1,566	5,381	86,173	2,698	1,255	95,507
Down	13,421	1,849	3,122	948	19,340	141,972	14,736	10,869	186,917
Fermanagh	37	5	120	7	168	107,080	11,947	2,069	121,265
Londonderry	7,012	928	1,720	44	9,703	113,758	33,588	2,406	159,456
Tyrone	2,227	229	1,142	87	3,686	193,676	40,205	6,145	243,712
District Council									
Antrim and Newtownabbey	1,144	39	318	16	1,516	37,175	2,852	815	42,358
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	5,068	253	2,093	1,579	8,993	91,677	4,809	1,376	106,854
Belfast	22	18	15	10	65	1,636	488	63	2,252
Causeway Coast and Glens	5,858	905	1,429	39	8,231	100,563	32,982	2,230	144,006
Derry City and Strabane	2,646	420	965	26	4,057	66,048	24,555	2,929	97,589
Fermanagh and Omagh	190	7	338	17	551	177,743	26,771	4,067	209,131
Lisburn and Castlereagh	3,105	302	475	169	4,050	29,313	1,413	471	35,247
Mid and East Antrim	544	127	372	23	1,066	62,808	18,858	959	83,691
Mid Ulster	2,308	286	782	77	3,453	121,502	18,921	2,556	146,433
Newry, Mourne and Down	4,609	849	1,049	24	6,531	95,969	11,707	9,077	123,284
Ards and North Down	4,327	569	685	804	6,385	24,312	253	1,370	32,320
Total	29,820	3,777	8,519	2,782	44,898	808,745	143,609	25,912	1,023,163

### Table 6.5 Crop and grass areas by County & District Council in Northern Ireland, June 2019 (hectares)

	Dairy cows	Beef cows	Total cattle	Breeding ewes	Total sheep	Sows & gilts	Total pigs	Total poultry
County	00113	00113	Julic	01103	ысср	a giits	P'95	peakiy
Antrim <sup>1</sup>	70,218	46,588	320,876	265,985	567,565	5,220	67,315	6,341,560
Armagh	36,448	29,277	223,363	45,327	95,433	12,342	202,806	3,352,531
Down	70,749	41,042	330,730	173,409	359,008	7,833	86,124	2,133,416
Fermanagh	21,789	42,180	156,567	57,208	122,190	201	3,952	1,229,200
Londonderry	40,069	30,181	204,574	192,989	406,381	7,071	76,089	1,138,601
Tyrone	74,276	57,741	375,666	203,539	436,355	14,862	238,142	10,585,073
District Council	,	· · ·			•		,	
Antrim and Newtownabbey	15,188	12,540	77,955	35,056	78,599	1,400	16,944	1,174,231
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	47,247	24,866	242,520	55,583	117,824	13,160	208,872	3,742,811
Belfast	393	826	3,244	825	1,850	123	1,194	0
Causeway Coast and Glens	43,262	22,328	184,020	188,413	396,514	2,018	23,319	2,445,242
Derry City and Strabane	26,633	14,926	111,167	133,072	283,268	2,400	31,757	512,563
Fermanagh and Omagh	46,691	63,439	275,821	130,308	279,911	2,978	39,400	2,732,270
Lisburn and Castlereagh	14,508	7,022	63,531	17,378	38,106	1,640	26,300	720,622
Mid and East Antrim	25,377	18,307	117,667	121,235	259,488	1,282	16,932	2,757,430
Mid Ulster	45,293	39,963	262,547	105,670	221,704	15,915	239,566	9,156,830
Newry, Mourne and Down	28,888	37,278	208,471	133,346	270,760	5,530	60,403	1,379,032
Ards and North Down	20,069	5,514	64,833	17,571	38,908	1,083	9,741	159,350
Total	313,549	247,009	1,611,776	938,457	1,986,932	47,529	674,428	24,780,381

### Table 6.6 Livestock numbers by County & District Council in Northern Ireland, June 2019 (hectares)

	Farme	rs and par	tners	Other workers			
	Full-time	Part- time	Spouses	Full-time	Part- time	Casual	Total
County							
Antrim <sup>1</sup>	3,263	2,200	1,287	566	892	770	8,978
Armagh	2,082	2,053	822	704	555	809	7,025
Down	3,390	2,809	1,432	908	1,001	794	10,334
Fermanagh	1,900	1,656	822	193	345	335	5,251
Londonderry	2,310	1,839	878	362	658	526	6,573
Tyrone	4,009	3,302	1,459	697	1,002	793	11,262
District Council	·	· · ·	·		· · ·		· · ·
Antrim and Newtownabbey	665	436	262	162	204	141	1,870
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	2,223	1,841	882	753	636	870	7,205
Belfast <sup>1</sup>	20	15	7	14	*	*	61
Causeway Coast and Glens	1,983	1,275	749	294	472	473	5,246
Derry City and Strabane	1,295	917	470	230	338	328	3,578
Fermanagh and Omagh	3,327	2,785	1,349	386	649	602	9,098
Lisburn and Castlereagh	601	471	270	155	190	185	1,872
Mid and East Antrim	1,274	923	551	191	360	313	3,612
Mid Ulster	2,661	2,442	950	483	782	491	7,809
Newry, Mourne and Down	2,352	2,380	991	542	628	466	7,359
Ards and North Down	553	374	219	220	*	*	1,713
Total	16,954	13,859	6,700	3,430	4,453	4,027	49,423

### Table 6.7Labour force by County & District Council in Northern Ireland, June 2019

## 7 Less Favoured Area

The tables in this section show 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.

Less Favoured Areas (LFA) is used to describe those parts of the country which, because of their relatively poor agricultural conditions, have been so designated under EU legislation. The LFA consists of Severely Disadvantaged Area (SDA) which is the original LFA as designated in 1975 and the Disadvantaged Area (DA) which was designated following reviews in 1984 and 1990.

	Mainly SDA	Mainly DA	Mainly LFA	Mainly non-LFA	LFA % of total	Northern Ireland Total
Farm Type						
Cereals	9	33	42	211	16.6	253
General cropping	139	187	326	353	48.0	679
Horticulture	13	67	80	169	32.1	249
Pigs	32	57	89	72	55.3	161
Poultry	200	225	425	222	65.7	647
Dairy	540	913	1,453	1,133	56.2	2,586
Cattle & LFA	8,709	5,907	14,616	0	100.0	14,616
Sheep Lowland	0	0	0	4,971	0.0	4,971
Mixed	55	141	196	303	39.3	499
Other type	38	44	82	84	49.4	166
Farm business size						
Very small	8,167	5,852	14,019	5,158	73.1	19,177
Small	973	842	1,815	931	66.1	2,746
Medium	310	370	680	544	55.6	1,224
Large	285	510	795	885	47.3	1,680
Total	9,735	7,574	17,309	7,518	69.7	24,827

## Table 7.1Numbers of farms by type of farm and farm business size by LFA<br/>category in Northern Ireland, June 2019

	Mainly SDA	Mainly DA	Mainly LFA	Mainly non-LFA	LFA % of total	Northern Ireland Total
Cereal Crops						
Oats	109	355	464	1,404	24.8	1,868
Wheat	265	1,022	1,287	6,817	15.9	8,104
Winter barley	124	975	1,099	6,640	14.2	7,739
Spring barley	483	1,824	2,307	9,641	19.3	11,948
Mixed corn	29	35	64	97	39.8	161
Total cereals	1,009	4,212	5,221	24,599	17.5	29,820
Other Crops						
Potatoes	223	598	821	2,956	21.7	3,777
Other field crops	782	1,397	2,179	6,340	25.6	8,519
Total other crops	1,005	1,995	3,000	9,296	24.4	12,296
Fruit, vegetables & fl	owers:					
Fruit	4	253	258	1,183	17.9	1,441
Vegetables	4	79	83	1,080	7.1	1,163
Ornamentals	28	33	62	117	34.6	179
Total fruit, veg & flowers	36	366	402	2,380	14.4	2,782
Total crops	2,050	6,573	8,623	36,275	19.2	44,898
Grass						
Grass < 5 years	47,528	42,601	90,130	58,688	60.6	148,818
Grass 5 years +	267,269	193,526	460,795	199,132	69.8	659,927
Total grass	314,797	236,128	550,925	257,820	68.1	808,745
Total crops and gras	S					
Rough grazing	128,088	9,509	137,597	6,012	95.8	143,609
Woods & plantations	3,407	8,165	11,571	4,097	73.8	15,669
Other land	2,519	5,279	7,797	2,446	76.1	10,243
Total	450,860	265,653	716,513	306,650	70.0	1,023,163

Table 7.2Areas of crops, grass, rough grazing & other land by LFA<br/>category in Northern Ireland, June 2019 (hectares)

	Mainly SDA	Mainly DA	Mainly LFA	Mainly non- LFA	LFA % of total	Northern Ireland Total
Dairy cows Total	50,261	104,436	154,697	158,852	49.3	313,549
Dairy heifers-in-						
calf						
2 years old	3,744	8,235	11,979	12,330	49.3	24,309
1-2 years	5,180	11,348	16,528	19,473	45.9	36,001
Total	8,924	19,583	28,507	31,803	47.3	60,310
Beef cows Total	114,255	72,968	187,223	59,786	75.8	247,009
Beef heifers-in-calf						
2 years old	7,472	5,674	13,146	4,784	73.3	17,930
1-2 years	5,083	3,327	8,410	2,799	75.0	11,209
Total	12,555	9,001	21,556	7,583	74.0	29,139
Breeding bulls						
2 years old and	4,772	4,059	8,831	4,154	68.0	12,985
over	,					
1-2 years	957	1,124	2,081	1,392	59.9	3,473
Total	5,729	5,183	10,912	5,546	66.3	16,458
Other cattle						
2 years old	0.007	47 550	0E 04E		50.2	<b>E4 E0E</b>
Male Females for	8,387	17,558	25,945	25,650	50.3	51,595
slaughter	15,882	21,109	36,991	24,691	60.0	61,682
Females for						
breeding	2,079	3,092	5,171	4,207	55.1	9,378
Total	26,348	41,759	68,107	54,548	55.5	122,655
1-2 years	20,040	41,100	00,101	04,040	00.0	122,000
Male	35,065	57,138	92,203	72,082	56.1	164,285
Females for	·			·		·
slaughter	28,204	38,576	66,780	46,899	58.7	113,679
Females for	10.000	04 004	44 407	24 400	E0 /	76 676
breeding	19,226	24,881	44,107	31,468	58.4	75,575
Total	82,495	120,595	203,090	150,449	57.4	353,539
6-12 months						
Male	22,281	28,426	50,707	33,561	60.2	84,268
Female	26,564	34,138	60,702	45,521	57.1	106,223
Total	48,845	62,564	111,409	79,082	58.5	190,491
Under 6 months						
Male	43,467	42,228	85,695	46,317	64.9	132,012
Female	45,597	46,720	92,317	54,297	63.0	146,614
Total	89,064	88,948	178,012	100,614	63.9	278,626
Total Cattle	438,476	525,037	963,513	648,263	59.8	1,611,776

### Table 7.3Numbers of cattle by LFA category, June 2019

	Mainly SDA	Mainly DA	Mainly LFA	Mainly non- LFA	LFA % of total	Northern Ireland Total
Ewes						
Ewes which lambed	463,761	185,171	648,932	165,032	79.7	813,964
Others for breeding	77,325	24,182	101,507	22,986	81.5	124,493
Total	541,086	209,353	750,439	188,018	80.0	938,457
Other sheep						
Rams for service	15,590	6,671	22,261	6,073	78.6	28,334
Lambs 1 year old +	7,157	4,621	11,778	5,938	66.5	17,716
Lambs Under 1 year	555,389	239,805	795,194	207,231	79.3	1,002,425
Total Sheep	1,119,222	460,450	1,579,672	407,260	79.5	1,986,932

 Table 7.4
 Numbers of sheep, horses & goats by LFA category, June 2019

### Table 7.5 Numbers of horses by LFA category, June 2019

	Mainly SDA	Mainly DA	Mainly LFA	Mainly non- LFA	LFA % of total	Northern Ireland Total
Horses/Ponies owned by occupier	1,662	1,945	3,607	3,393	51.5	7,000
Horses/Ponies not owned by occupier	258	368	626	1,081	36.7	1,707
Total Horses & Ponies	1,920	2,313	4,233	4,474	48.6	8,707

#### Table 7.6 Numbers of goats by LFA category, June 2019

	Mainly SDA	Mainly DA	Mainly LFA	Mainly non- LFA	LFA % of total	Northern Ireland Total
Total Goats	1,649	757	2,406	1,011	70.4	3,417

	Mainly SDA	Mainly DA	Mainly LFA	Mainly non- LFA	LFA % of total	Northern Ireland Total
Female breeding						
herd						
Sows in pig	4,141	9,770	13,911	20,536	40.4	34,447
Gilts in pig	806	1,341	2,147	5,388	28.5	7,535
Others sows for breeding	875	1,701	2,576	2,971	46.4	5,547
Other breeding pigs	5,822	12,812	18,634	28,895	39.2	47,529
Boars being used for service	75	185	260	493	34.5	753
Maiden gilts	737	1,249	1,986	4,198	32.1	6,184
Total breeding pigs	6,634	14,246	20,880	33,586	38.3	54,466
Other pigs						
Cull sows being fattened	61	188	249	285	46.6	534
Finishers	23,534	61,801	85,335	195,296	30.4	280,631
Weaners/Growers	25,519	55,261	80,780	152,302	34.7	233,082
Suckling piglets	12,695	27,442	40,137	65,578	38.0	105,715
Total Other pigs	61,809	144,692	206,501	413,461	33.3	619,962
Total Pigs	68,443	158,938	227,381	447,047	33.7	674,428

### Table 7.7Numbers of pigs by LFA category, June 2019

### Table 7.8Numbers of poultry by LFA category, June 2019

	Mainly SDA	Mainly DA	Mainly LFA	Mainly non-LFA	LFA % of total	Northern Ireland Total
Laying birds up to end of first laying cycle	1,889,603	1,557,028	3,446,631	1,552,092	69.0	4,998,723
Growing pullets	150,338	673,889	824,227	656,989	55.6	1,481,216
Breeding flock	1,074,434	793,824	1,868,258	690,427	73.0	2,558,685
<b>Table birds</b> Broilers Other poultry	2,755,244 256,930	6,177,672 93,201	8,932,916 350,131	6,418,657 40,053	58.2 89.7	15,351,573 390,184
Total Poultry	6,126,549	9,295,614	15,422,163	9,358,218	62.2	24,780,381

	Mainly SDA	Mainly DA	Mainly LFA	Mainly non- LFA	LFA % of total	Northern Ireland Total
Farmers, partners						
& directors:						
Full-time	6,162	5,130	11,292	5,662	66.6	16,954
Part-time	5,587	4,240	9,827	4,032	70.9	13,859
Total farmers	11,749	9,370	21,119	9,694	68.5	30,813
Total spouses	2,503	1,977	4,480	2,220	66.9	6,700
Other workers:						
Full-time	764	1,030	1,794	1,636	52.3	3,430
Part-time	1,448	1,404	2,852	1,601	64.0	4,453
Casual/Seasonal	1,193	1,101	2,294	1,733	57.0	4,027
Total other workers	3,405	3,535	6,940	4,970	58.3	11,910
Total agricultural labour force	17,657	14,882	32,539	16,884	65.8	49,423

### Table 7.9Farm labour force on farms by LFA category, June 2019

# 8 Notes for Readers

1. The UK Statistics Authority has designated these statistics as National Statistics, in accordance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 and signifying compliance with the Code of Practice for Statistics.

This designation means that the statistics:

- meet identified user needs;
- are well explained and readily accessible;
- are produced according to sound methods; and
- are managed impartially and objectively in the public interest.

Once statistics have been designated as National Statistics it is a statutory requirement that the Code of Practice shall be observed regarding them.

In March 2019, the Northern Ireland June Agricultural Census statistics were assessed by the Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR) to ensure compliance with National Statistics standards and are considered by OSR to meet the standards required for designation as National Statistics. A copy of the compliance check letter can be found here:

https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/correspondence/compliance-check-ofstatistics-from-the-northern-ireland-june-agricultural-census/

We have reviewed the publications and publication schedule and made the following improvements to the statistical outputs:

- creation of infographics to accompany the report and tables.
- creation of an interactive dashboard to accompany the report

Further information on National Statistics can be accessed at: www.statistics.gov.uk; and from the UK Statistics Authority at https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/

- 2. These results were prepared by statisticians from the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) working within DAERA. Further information about NISRA can be found: <u>https://www.nisra.gov.uk/</u>
- 3. The Agricultural Census is mainly a postal survey supplemented with administrative data. In June 2019 all small, medium and large farms were surveyed along with half of very small farms. The survey was issued to approximately 23,100 farms. Further detail on the methodology is available in the Agricultural Census Methodology and Quality report which can be found: <u>https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/agricultural-census-northern-ireland</u>

- 4. In an effort to reduce the compliance burden on farmers, the survey form sent to farmers omitted most of the cattle and all of the poultry and pig questions. Survey information was then augmented with data from APHIS for missing cattle variables, the Update of the Northern Ireland Bird Register for poultry and the Annual Inventory of Pigs.
- 5. These statistics are released according to the Statement of Compliance with the Pre-release access to Official Statistics Order (NI) 2009.
- 6. Enquiries about this Agricultural Census publication should be addressed to:

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7. All recent DAERA statistical releases can be found at: <u>www.daera-ni.gov.uk/landing-pages/statistics</u> Policy, Economics and Statistics Division Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Dundonald House Upper Newtownards Road Ballymiscaw BELFAST BT4 3SB



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