

NFU :: GLOUCESTERSHIRE: FARMING FIGURES



With an area of 3,150km², **Gloucestershire** is the 5th largest county in the South West covering 13.2% of the SW's land area.



224,262 Ha of Gloucestershire's land area is farmed under a commercial farm holding (74% of Gloucestershire's land area).



... of Gloucestershire's farmed land is owned by the farmers managing it. There are **3,058**

commercial farm holdings in Gloucestershire (12% of those found in the SW).



GVA = £128 million

7,419 directly employed in agriculture in Gloucestershire...

That's 12.1% of the SW's farm workers.



Of the 224,262 Ha farmed land in Gloucestershire, **60%** (134,613.6 Ha) is managed as grassland. That's 10.8% **more** than the *national average of*

49.2% grassland, but 6.5% less than the average for the South West region.

Gloucestershire has the **second largest** proportion of arable crops in the South West, with at least 17% of the region's arable cropland being farmed in this county.

Of the 85,397.1 Hectares of arable farmland, 63.2% (53,965.1Ha) is **cereal crops**.



That's 24.1% of Gloucestershire's farmed area and 18% of all the South West's cereal production.







Gloucestershire is the largest producer of field beans in the South West (around 30%)!

Total expenditure on environmental stewardship schemes in Gloucestershire in 2011/2012 amounted to around £6.4 million.

According to the Countryside and Community Research Institute, for every £1 spent on stewardship activities, the total output in the local economy (within 40 minutes of the farm) is £1.42.

That's a £9.1 million contribution to the local economies in Gloucestershire.



159,368 cows 8.9% of SW total cows



305,225 sheep 10.5% of SW total sheep



25,303 pigs 6.5% of SW total pigs



2,789,265 poultry 14.4% of SW total poultry





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