

**Department for the Economy**



**Rural Economy**

**Agricultural Statistics for 2020, 2021, 2022**

## AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS 2020,2021 and 2022

As a result of Government restructuring and resource limitations brought about during the Covid pandemic, methodology for the collection of agricultural statistics changed in 2020 to ensure the primary focus was on data collection from commercial rural businesses only, rather than all registered land users.

This document summarises selected information collected from the agricultural returns received only from businesses enrolled on the Rural Support Scheme in 2020, 2021 and 2022. This grouping included most users (over 80%) of the agricultural land base.

Data is filtered to exclude items of commercial sensitivity which could be used to identify activity of specific businesses.

### Holdings claiming Rural Support Scheme (RSS) payments.

The RSS was introduced in January 2017 as a mechanism to replace the Single Area Payment (SAP). A better understanding of the level of commercial agricultural activity in the island can be gauged by examining the number of holdings in each size band, the total land area for which claims were made and the number of claimants (table 3).

Table 3: Number of holdings claiming RSS payments and areas occupied

Size (vergees)	2018 RSS Claims	2019 RSS Claims	2020 RSS Claims	2021 RSS Claims	2022 RSS Claims
1 - 10	1	1	-	-	1
10 - 25	-	-	1	1	2
25 - 50	5	2	4	6	5
50 - 75	2	4	2	1	0
75 - 100	1	2	1	4	2
100 - 250	10	8	9	9	10
250 - 500	9	6	6	4	5
500 - 1000	7	7	7	8	9
>1000	6	6	6	6	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Land LEAF Accredited (v)</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>24,018</b>	<b>23,590</b>	<b>24,291</b>
<b>Land ORGANIC (v)</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>1,420</b>	<b>1,691</b>	<b>1,489</b>
Total agricultural area (vg)	<b>32,748</b>	<b>31,704</b>	<b>31,704</b>	<b>31,704</b>	<b>31,704</b>
Area of RSS claims (vg)	<b>24,084</b>	<b>25,704</b>	<b>25,438</b>	<b>25,281</b>	<b>25,680</b>
Area subject to RSS	<b>73.5%</b>	<b>81.1%</b>	<b>80.2%</b>	<b>79.7%</b>	<b>81.0%</b>

Land eligible for RSS payments included all land used for commercial agriculture, including livestock grazing, fields in a recognised arable rotation and fields used by commercial livery stables, provided the land user was either a *bona fide* agriculturalist or recognised as a smallholder.

**Compliance**

Receipt of RSS financial support is conditional on applicants’ subscription and compliance with Red Tractor and Linking Environment and Farming (LEAF) schemes. Compared with the compliance criteria of the previous Single Area Payment scheme, compliance with Red Tractor and LEAF involves enhanced levels of good agricultural and environmental practices (such as stringent animal welfare codes) but still includes the provision of basic financial data to the States of Jersey and adherence to local environmental legislation such as the Water Pollution (Code of Good Agricultural Practice) (Jersey) Order 2015 (the ‘Water Code’).

**Farm Labour**

**Farm labour – Number of employees during peak season months (figure 5).**

<b>Jersey Royals</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Full Time	421	198	179	163
Part Time	112	47	24	25
Seasonal	612	542	500	481
Total	1,145	787	703	669

Figure 5. Farm labour – averages of staff numbers during peak season months  
 \*2019 all agricultural returns  
 2020 to 2022 staff only from businesses on RSS

**Jersey Royal Potatoes**

The areas under Jersey Royal potato cultivation for the period 2018 to 2022 are presented below.

<b>Jersey Royals</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Total Area	15,076	14,312	14,382	13,594	13,555

**Livestock**



**Cattle (including the dairy industry) – Tables 14 and 15.**

Table 14: Cattle (Numbers).

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Total cows and heifers in milk</b>	<b>2,631</b>	<b>2,372</b>	<b>2,158</b>	<b>2,090</b>	<b>2,193</b>
Heifers over 24 months	158	158	105	169	151
Heifers 12 to 24 months	597	512	541	544	586
Heifers under 12 months	626	521	648	673	603
Bulls over 24 months	17	16	15	6	16
Bulls under 24 months	38	38	31	19	34
Beef animals over 12 months	168	155	107	106	222
Beef animals under 12 months	170	100	129	184	254
Other	21	7	42	7	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,426</b>	<b>3,852</b>	<b>3,776</b>	<b>3,798</b>	<b>4,059</b>

Note: \* Figures are 12 months to end of the accounting year at 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Table 15: Herd Numbers and Size – Registered producers.

Classification of Herd (cows and heifers in milk)	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022	
	Herds	Cows	Herds	Cows	Herds	Cows	Herds	Cows	Herds	Cows
1-19	3	29	2	2473	2	25	1	15	1	17
20-49	3	107	2	68	3	115	2	77	2	66
50-69	3	200	2	112	1	66	1	64	0	0
70-99	2	175	4	332	1	80	2	181	3	248
100-149	0	0	0	0	1	107	1	149	1	144
150-199	3	514	4	728	1	153	0	0	0	0
>200	7	1,606	5	1,103	6	1,612	6	1,603	6	1,537
<b>Total milking animals</b>										
Herds and animals	21	2631	19	2,372	15	2,158	13	2,090	13	2,193
Average number cows and heifers per herd		125		125		144		161		169