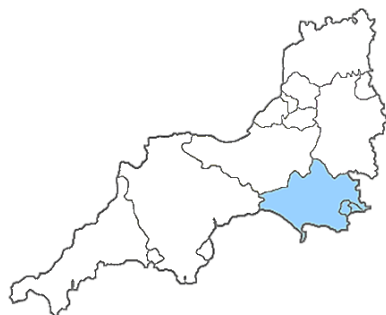


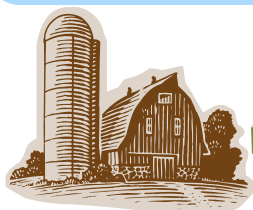
NFU DORSET: FARMING FIGURES



With an area of **2,653km²**, Dorset is the smallest county in the South West covering **11.1%** of the SW's land area.

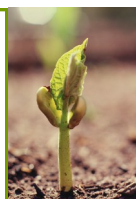


197,008.6 Ha of Dorset's land area is **farmed** under a commercial farm holding (**74%** of Dorset's land area). This is on par with the national average.



Gross Output = £306 million

GVA = £112 million



61.4%

...of Dorset's farmed land is owned by the farmers managing it.

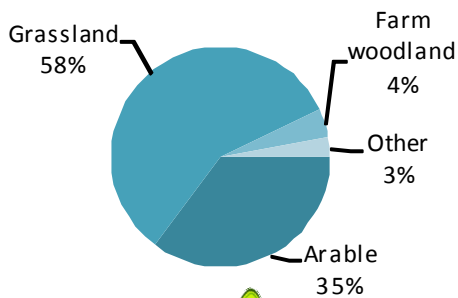
There are **2,241** commercial farm holdings in Dorset (8.8% of those found in the South West).

5,974 directly employed in agriculture in Dorset...

That's 9.8% of the SW's farm workers.



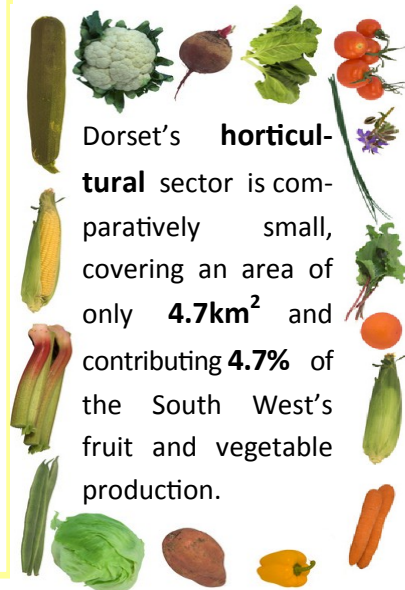
Proportion of different land use types in Dorset's farmed area.



Of the 69,310 Hectares of arable farmland, **60.4%** (41,846.4Ha) is **cereal crops**.



That's 21.2% of Dorset's farmed area and 13.9% of all the South West's cereal production.



Dorset's **horticultural** sector is comparatively small, covering an area of only **4.7km²** and contributing **4.7%** of the South West's fruit and vegetable production.

Did you know...



Dorset is home to the largest number of goats in the South West (50%).

Total expenditure on environmental stewardship schemes in Dorset in 2011/2012 amounted to £7.2 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 **£10.2 million** contribution to the local economies in Dorset.



178,895 cows
10% of SW total cows



176,238 sheep
6% of SW total sheep



67,697 pigs
17.5% of SW total pigs



1,829,027 poultry
9.4% of SW total poultry