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

5,974 directly employed in agriculture in Dorset…

That’s 9.8% of the SW’s farm workers.

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.

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

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