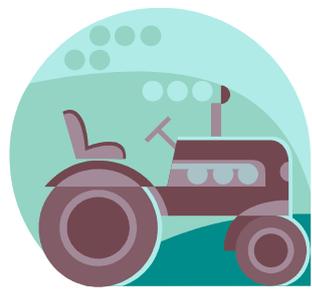


NFU SOMERSET:

FARMING FIGURES



With an area of **4289 km²**, **Somerset** is the **2nd** largest county in the South West covering **18%** of the SW's land area.



314,727.8 Ha of Somerset's land area is **farmed** under a commercial farm holding (**73.4%** of Somerset's land area). This is on par with the national average.

Around 3/5

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

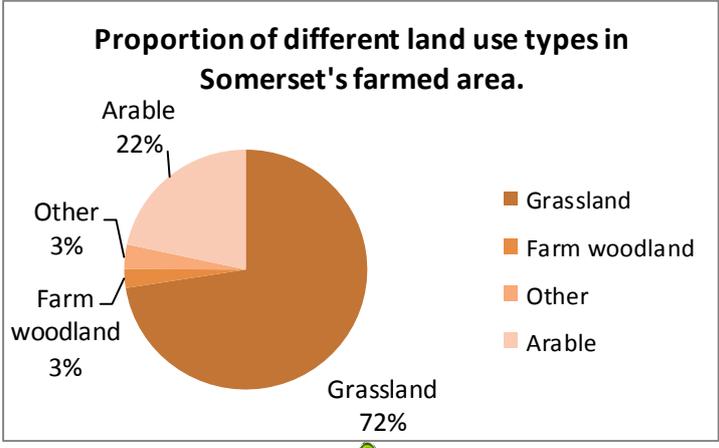


Gross Output = £564 million

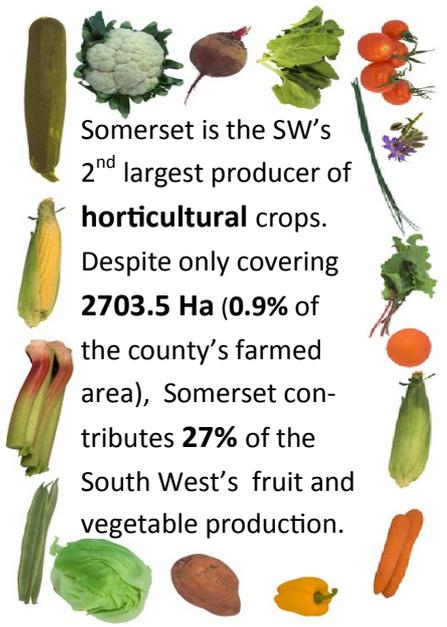
GVA = £217 million

There are **5,097** commercial farm holdings in Somerset (20.1% of those found in the South West).

12,307 directly employed in agriculture in Somerset...
That's 20.2% of the SW's farm workers.



Of the 68,062.7 Hectares of arable farmland, **58.1%** (39,538.3 Ha) is **cereal crops**.
That's 12.6% of Somerset's farmed area and 13.2% of all the South West's cereal production.



Somerset is the SW's 2nd largest producer of **horticultural** crops. Despite only covering **2703.5 Ha (0.9%** of the county's farmed area), Somerset contributes **27%** of the South West's fruit and vegetable production.

Did you know...



Somerset is the largest producer of: Peas and beans; top fruit; small fruit and is home to the largest number of pigs in the South West.

Total expenditure on environmental stewardship schemes in Somerset in 2011/2012 amounted to around 9.3 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 roughly **£13.2 million** contribution to the local economies in Somerset.

366,468 cows
20.4% of SW total cows

488,157 sheep
16.9% of SW total sheep

99,061 pigs
25.6% of SW total pigs

4,405,888 poultry
22.7% of SW total poultry



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