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1. INTRODUCTION

Reader Information

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Background

This is an annual snapshot that provides analysis of Section 75 survey returns for the Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme (NIRDP) applications at both programme level and scheme level.

Methodology

The programme level analysis is based on the total number of Section 75 forms issued up to the end of July 2021 for all the programme schemes with the exceptions of the Environmental Farming Scheme and the Areas of Natural Constraint Scheme. For these schemes, all beneficiaries are asked to complete the survey annually when they re-apply for funding. Therefore, analysis is only provided on survey forms returned in the most recent year of the scheme.

Different survey response rates are achieved for each scheme. The overall programme analysis figures are calculated by weighting each scheme's survey returns based on the number of applications they received (N.B. in the case of EFS and ANC this means annual payment applications). For analysis purposes, this means the Section 75 results are representative of all 50,746 programme applications.

The analysis provided at scheme level is based on the actual number of returns where the survey question have been answered by the respondents. For example, where 500 surveys have been returned for a scheme but only 490 have answered a particular question, the breakdown for each category will be calculated based on the 490 responses. Where appropriate, a breakdown will be provided by successful applicants. For the purpose of this report, successful applicants are those who have completed their project or have accepted their letter of offer.

Annex B provides the source and links to the comparative context indicators used in analysis. These indicators provide context for scheme performance for each Section 75 category at the farming, rural and Northern Ireland population levels. For each scheme the most relevant population comparator or comparators are lightly shaded in the snapshot table.

Annex C provides a full list of questions and Section 75 categories. For the purposes of reporting a number of the categories are excluded from the report to avoid individual statistical disclosure for categories with a low number of responses.

Next Updates

Finalised data for 2022 is scheduled for reporting in September 2022.

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2. NIRDP OVERALL SECTION 75 SNAPSHOT

		RDP	Farming Context	Rural Area	NI Context
Gender	Male	85%	96% ¹	50%	48%
	Female	15%	4%	50%	52%
Marital Status	Married / Civil Partnership	75%	74%	55%	48%
Disability	Yes	6%	30%	26%	31%
Dependants	A child or children	49%	39%	37%	33%
	Adult with disability	4%	14%	12%	10%
	Dependent Elderly	10%	32%	10%	9%
	None	43%	60%	61%	-
Racial Group	White	100%	-	99%	98%
Country of Birth	Northern Ireland	97%	-	91%	89%
Sexual Orientation	Heterosexual	99%	-	-	94%
Religion	Catholic	43%	42%	47%	44%
	Protestant	55%	51%	45%	45%
Political Opinion	Nationalist	31%	26% ²	27% ²	19%
	Unionist	44%	44% ³	39% ³	35%
Age	16-24	4%	1%	15%	16%
	25-44	36%	18%	35%	35%
	45-64	46%	48%	32%	31%
	65 & over	14%	33%	18%	18%
	16-40	31%	8%	42%	43%
	Over 40	69%	92%	58%	57%

Notes

1 This refers to the number of farmers who are male. Meanwhile, in the farm family labour force 76% are male

2 This refers to those farmers who see themselves as Irish only in the census.

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- No information available.

Response Rate

35%

In total, 50,137 Section 75 survey forms have been issued to NIRDP 2014-2020 scheme applicants¹. 17,697 have been completed or partially completed, giving a total programme response rate of 35 per cent.

Weighting is applied to each scheme based on their proportion of the total programme applications. For analysis purposes, this means the Section 75 results are representative of all 50,764² applicants who have applied to the programme.

Gender



15 per cent of the applicants are female. This is low in comparison to 50 per cent of the rural population reported as female and 24 per cent of the farm labour force.

Disability



6 per cent of the RDP applicants are disabled, which is low compared to 26 per cent of the rural population and 30 per cent of farmers.

Racial Group



Almost 100 per cent of the RDP applicants are white, which compares with 99 per cent of the rural population in the Census.

Sexual Orientation



Almost 99 per cent of the RDP applicants are recorded as heterosexual. This figure is slightly higher than 94 per cent of the population recorded as heterosexual in the Northern Ireland Life and Times survey.

Religion



43 per cent of RDP applicants are from the Catholic community, which is slightly low, compared to a rural population figure of 47 per cent but in line with a farming context figure of 42 per cent.

Age



31 per cent of the applicants are aged between 16 and 40 years old which is low compared to 42 per cent of the rural population but high compared with 8 per cent of Northern Ireland farmers. 4 per cent of applicants are aged 16-24 years old, which is slightly over-representative of the farming community but under-representative of the rural population. 14 per cent of applicants are aged 65 and over, which is under-representative of both farmers and the rural population. At 36 per cent, the 25-44 age group is over-representative of farmers for applications but representative of the rural population. Applications from the 45-64 age group are representative of the farming population but over-representative of the rural population.

¹ Area based schemes responses are calculated on an annual bases from claims made via SAF.

² Not all applicants were issued with a Section 75 Equality Survey to complete.

3. NIRDP SECTION 75 SNAPSHOTS BY SCHEME

Measure 1.1 – Business Development Groups

		BDG	Farming Context	Rural Area	NI Context
Gender	Male	95%	96% ¹	50%	48%
	Female	5%	4%	50%	52%
Marital Status	Married / Civil Partnership	73%	74%	55%	48%
Disability	Yes	3%	30%	26%	31%
Dependants	A child or children	53%	39%	37%	33%
	Adult with disability	3%	14%	12%	10%
	Dependent Elderly	6%	32%	10%	9%
	None	42%	60%	61%	-
Racial Group	White	100%	-	99%	98%
Country of Birth	Northern Ireland	98%	-	91%	89%
Sexual Orientation	Heterosexual	99%	-	-	94%
Religion	Catholic	36%	42%	47%	44%
	Protestant	60%	51%	45%	45%
Political Opinion	Nationalist	25%	26% ²	27% ²	19%
	Unionist	47%	44% ³	39% ³	35%
Age	16-24	7%	1%	15%	16%
	25-44	46%	18%	35%	35%
	45-64	41%	48%	32%	31%
	65 & over	6%	33%	18%	18%
	16-40	44%	8%	42%	43%
	Over 40	56%	92%	58%	57%

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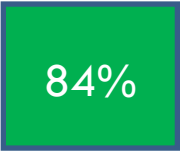
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- No information available.

Response Rate



84%

There was 5,206 online applications made for Tranches 1-5³ of BDGs and 4,392 of the applicants completed or partially completed a Section 75 survey as part of the process. This gives a response rate of 84 per cent. All applicants are required to be farm managers and are successfully accepted into the scheme if they meet this criterion.

Gender



5 per cent of the beneficiaries are female. This is comparable with the results of the farm structure survey, which indicates that around 4 per cent of farmers are female.

Disability



3 per cent of the beneficiaries are disabled which is low compared to the farming context figure of 30 per cent.

Racial Group



100 per cent of the beneficiaries are white which compares with 99 per cent of the rural population in the Census.

Sexual Orientation



Just over 99 per cent of the BDG beneficiaries are recorded as heterosexual. This figure is slightly higher than 94 per cent of the population recorded as heterosexual in the Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey.

Religion



60 per cent of the beneficiaries are from the Protestant community. This is high compared to a farming context figure of 51 per cent.

Age



44 per cent are aged between 16 and 40 and 53 per cent are aged 16-44. These figures are high compared with the farming context figure of 8 per cent aged 16-40 and 19 per cent aged 16-44.

³ There were 5,222 applications in total but 16 clerical applicants did not receive a survey form.

Measure 1.1 – Farm Family Key Skills

		FFKS	Farming Context	Rural Area	NI Context
Gender	Male	75%	96% ¹	50%	48%
	Female	25%	4%	50%	52%
Marital Status	Married / Civil Partnership	73%	74%	55%	48%
Disability	Yes	8%	30%	26%	31%
Dependants	A child or children	45%	39%	37%	33%
	Adult with disability	6%	14%	12%	10%
	Dependent Elderly	15%	32%	10%	9%
	None	42%	60%	61%	-
Racial Group	White	99%	-	99%	98%
Country of Birth	Northern Ireland	97%	-	91%	89%
Sexual Orientation	Heterosexual	98%	-	-	94%
Religion	Catholic	35%	42%	47%	44%
	Protestant	*	51%	45%	45%
Political Opinion	Nationalist	26%	26% ²	27% ²	19%
	Unionist	53%	44% ³	39% ³	35%
Age	16-24	4%	1%	15%	16%
	25-44	29%	18%	35%	35%
	45-64	53%	48%	32%	31%
	65 & over	13%	33%	18%	18%
	16-40	25%	8%	42%	43%
	Over 40	75%	92%	58%	57%

Notes

1 This refers to the numbers in the farm family labour force who are male. Meanwhile, 96% of farmers are male.

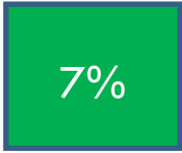
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- No information available.

Response Rate



In total, 18,032 people have attended Farm Family Key Skills training to date with 1,325 Section 75 forms completed and returned by post or online giving a response rate of 7 per cent. The scheme is open to farmers, their families and the farm labour force.

Gender



25 per cent of the beneficiaries are female. This is comparable with the results of the Farm Structure Survey, which suggests that around 24 per cent of the farm labour force are female but low compared to the rural population figure of 50%.



Disability

8 per cent of the beneficiaries are disabled which is low compared to 26 per cent of the rural population reported as disabled.



Racial Group

99 per cent of the beneficiaries are white which compares with 99 per cent of the rural population in the Census.



Sexual Orientation

98 per cent of the beneficiaries are heterosexual. This figure compares with 94 per cent of the population recorded as heterosexual in the Northern Ireland Life and Times survey.



Religion

35 per cent of the beneficiaries are from the Catholic community. This is much lower than the rural context figure of 47 per cent and low compared to the farming context figure of 42 per cent.

Age



25 per cent of the beneficiaries are aged 16-40. This is low, compared to 42 per cent of the rural population aged 16-40, but high compared to 8 per cent of farmers in this age bracket. 53 per cent of training participants are in the 45-64 age group; this rate is over-representative of both the rural and farming populations.

Measure 1.2 – Innovation Technology Evaluation Demonstration Scheme

		ITEDS	Farming Context	Rural Area	NI Context
Gender	Male	*	96% ¹	50%	48%
	Female	*	4%	50%	52%
Marital Status	Married / Civil Partnership	87%	74%	55%	48%
Disability	Yes	*	30%	26%	31%
Dependants	A child or children	63%	39%	37%	33%
	Adult with disability	*	14%	12%	10%
	Dependent Elderly	8%	32%	10%	9%
	None	34%	60%	61%	-
Racial Group	White	100%	-	99%	98%
Country of Birth	Northern Ireland	97%	-	91%	89%
Sexual Orientation	Heterosexual	100%	-	-	94%
Religion	Catholic	34%	42%	47%	44%
	Protestant	66%	51%	45%	45%
Political Opinion	Nationalist	23%	26% ²	27% ²	19%
	Unionist	51%	44% ³	39% ³	35%
Age*	16-24	*	1%	15%	16%
	25-44	*	18%	35%	35%
	45-64	41%	48%	32%	31%
	65 & over	8%	33%	18%	18%
	16-40	42%	8%	42%	43%
	Over 40	58%	92%	58%	57%

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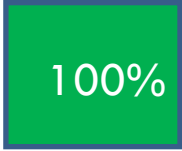
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- No information available.



Response Rate

In total, 71 demonstration farms have been appointed to date with 71 Section 75 forms completed by farmers online, giving a response rate of 100 per cent.



Gender

Cannot be reported to avoid statistical disclosure in categories with less than 5 responses.



Disability

Cannot be reported to avoid statistical disclosure in categories with less than 5 responses.



Racial Group

100 per cent of the beneficiaries are white compared with 99 per cent of the rural population in the Census.



Sexual Orientation

100 per cent of the beneficiaries are heterosexual. This figure is higher than 94 per cent of the population recorded as heterosexual in the Northern Ireland Life and Times survey.



Religion

34 per cent of the beneficiaries are from the Catholic community. This is low compared to a farming context figure of 42 per cent.



Age

42 per cent of the beneficiaries are age 16-40, which is much higher than the farming context figure of 8 per cent for this age group. Over half the beneficiaries are aged 16-44, which again is much higher than the farming context figure of 19 per cent.

Measure 1.3 – Farm Innovation Visits

		FIVs	Farming Context	Rural Area	NI Context
Gender	Male	96%	96% ¹	50%	48%
	Female	4%	4%	50%	52%
Marital Status	Married / Civil Partnership	72%	74%	55%	48%
Disability	Yes	*	30%	26%	31%
Dependants	A child or children	50%	39%	37%	33%
	Adult with disability	*	14%	12%	10%
	Dependent Elderly	5%	32%	10%	9%
	None	47%	60%	61%	-
Racial Group	White	100%	-	99%	98%
Country of Birth	Northern Ireland	100%	-	91%	89%
Sexual Orientation	Heterosexual	99%	-	-	94%
Religion	Catholic	34%	42%	47%	44%
	Protestant	66%	51%	45%	45%
Political Opinion	Nationalist	23%	26% ²	27% ²	19%
	Unionist	48%	44% ³	39% ³	35%
Age	16-24	12%	1%	15%	16%
	25-44	47%	18%	35%	35%
	45-64	35%	48%	32%	31%
	65 & over	6%	33%	18%	18%
	16-40	47%	8%	42%	43%
	Over 40	53%	92%	58%	57%

Notes

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- No information available.

Response Rate

30%

In total there are 520 people have applied for Farm Innovation Visits to date with 155 Section 75 forms completed and returned by post or online giving a response rate of 30 per cent. The scheme is open to applications from farmers and the farm labour force.

Gender



4 per cent of the beneficiaries are female. This is comparable to the results of the farm structure survey which indicates that around 4 per cent of farmers are female but low compared to the farm labour force figure of 24 per cent.



Disability

Cannot be reported to avoid statistical disclosure in categories with less than 5 responses.



Racial Group

100 per cent of the applicants are white compared with 99 per cent of the rural population in the Census.



Sexual Orientation

99 per cent of the beneficiaries are heterosexual. This figure is slightly higher than 94 per cent of the population recorded as heterosexual in the Northern Ireland Life and Times survey.



Religion

34 per cent of the applicants are from the Catholic community. This is much lower than the rural context figure of 47 per cent and lower than the farming context figure of 42 per cent.

Age



47 per cent of the applicants are aged 16-40. This is age group is comparable to 42 per cent of the rural population aged 16-40 but high compared to the farming context figure of 8 per cent. 6 per cent of beneficiaries are aged 65 and over which is under-representative of both the farming and rural populations.

Measure 4.1 – Farm Business Investment Scheme

		Tier 1 Tranche 1		Tier 1 Tranche 2		Farming Context
		Total Applicants	Successful ¹	Total Applicants	Successful ¹	
Gender	Male	95%	95%	95%	95%	96% ²
	Female	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%
Marital Status	Married / Civil Partnership	68%	69%	68%	65%	74%
Disability	Yes	2%	2%	2%	2%	30%
Dependants	A child or children	51%	53%	54%	53%	39%
	Adult with disability	2%	1%	2%	1%	14%
	Dependent Elderly	6%	6%	7%	6%	32%
	None	45%	44%	43%	45%	60%
Racial Group	White	100%	100%	100%	100%	99% ³
Country of Birth	Northern Ireland	99%	99%	99%	99%	91% ³
Sexual Orientation	Heterosexual	100%	100%	99%	100%	94% ⁴
Religion	Catholic	40%	37%	36%	34%	42%
	Protestant	57%	61%	61%	64%	51%
Political Opinion	Nationalist	27%	26%	26%	26%	26% ⁵
	Unionist	44%	47%	47%	49%	44% ⁶
Age*	16-24	8%	8%	7%	10%	1%
	25-44	46%	48%	52%	57%	18%
	45-64	36%	34%	34%	28%	48%
	65 & over	10%	10%	7%	5%	33%
	16-40	46%	48%	50%	60%	8%
	Over 40	54%	52%	50%	40%	92%

Notes

1 Successful applicants are those who have financially completed or have accepted their letter of offer.

2 This refers to the number of farmers who are male. Meanwhile, in the farm family labour force 76% are male.

3 No context indicator available and rural population indicator used as a proxy.

4 No context indicator available and Northern Ireland population indicator used as a proxy.

5 This refers to those farmers who see themselves as Irish only in the census.

6 This refers to those farmers who see themselves as British only in the census.

		Tier 1 Tranche 3		Tier 2 Tranche 1		Farming Context
		Total Applicants	Successful ¹	Total Applicants	Successful ¹	
Gender	Male	94%	95%	95%	95%	96% ²
	Female	6%	5%	5%	5%	4%
Marital Status	Married / Civil Partnership	70%	70%	69%	71%	74%
Disability	Yes	2%	2%	*	*	30%
Dependants	A child or children	52%	54%	58%	60%	39%
	Adult with disability	2%	2%	*	*	14%
	Dependent Elderly	7%	7%	3%	*	32%
	None	44%	43%	41%	39%	60%
Racial Group	White	100%	100%	100%	100%	99% ³
Country of Birth	Northern Ireland	99%	99%	98%	99%	91% ³
Sexual Orientation	Heterosexual	99%	99%	*	*	94% ⁴
Religion	Catholic	36%	30%	33%	*	42%
	Protestant	59%	65%	63%	66%	51%
Political Opinion	Nationalist	23%	20%	23%	21%	26% ⁵
	Unionist	44%	49%	46%	54%	44% ⁶
Age*	16-24	6%	6%	7%	10%	1%
	25-44	53%	56%	52%	57%	18%
	45-64	34%	32%	34%	28%	48%
	65 & over	7%	6%	7%	5%	33%
	16-40	48%	52%	62%	62%	8%
	Over 40	52%	48%	38%	38%	92%

Notes

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3 No farm context indicator is available and rural population context indicator used as a proxy.

4 No context indicator available and Northern Ireland population indicator used as a proxy.

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Response Rate

89%

For **Tier 1 Tranche 1** there were 3,550 valid applications from farmers and 3,152 completed or partially completed S75 forms.

82%

For **Tier 1 Tranche 2** there were 2,996 valid applications from farmers and 2,458 completed or partially completed S75 forms.

76%

For **Tier 1 Tranche 3** there were 4,067 valid applications from farmers and 3,084 completed or partially completed S75 forms.

98%

For **Tier 2 Tranche 1** there were 188 valid applications from farmers and 185 completed or partially completed S75 forms.

82%

The overall response rate for FBIS is 82 per cent with the highest response rate for Tier 2 Tranche 1. Tier 1 response rates decreased with each tranche. To apply for FBIS you were required to be a farmer with a valid Farm Business ID. A scoring panel selected successful candidates.

Gender



Across both Tiers and Tranches, around 5 per cent of S75 responses were female. These figures are comparable with the Farm Structure Survey which suggests around 4 per cent of farmers are female.

Disability



When compared to disability reported in the farming community (30 per cent), figures across all Tiers and Tranches for FBIS are low. There is little variation between Tiers and Tranches and figures for disability among applicants is around 2 per cent.

Racial Group



99 per cent of the rural population in the Census are white which compares with the breakdown for all the BIS Tiers and Tranches.

Sexual Orientation



94 per cent of the population recorded as heterosexual in the Northern Ireland Life and Times survey. Applicants across BIS Tiers and Tranches are slightly higher in comparison at over 98 per cent.

Religion



In the farming context, 51 per cent are from a Protestant background. Based on survey responses, applications for both Tiers and Tranches are over-representative of Protestant farmers with figures ranging from 57 per cent to 63 per cent Protestant. There is a small but consistent increase in the success rate of Protestant applicants compared to total applicants.

Age



The rate for young farmer applicants (16-40) is around 48 per cent for Tier 1 and 62 per cent for Tier 2, which is much higher than 8 per cent figure in the DAERA equality indicator report. There is a consistent increase in the success rate of the 16-40 age group for all Tranches of Tier 1, which is consistent with the scoring system.

Measure 8 – Forestry

		Forestry	Farming Context	Rural Area	NI Context
Gender	Male	90%	96% ¹	50%	48%
	Female	10%	4%	50%	52%
Marital Status	Married / Civil Partnership	81%	74%	55%	48%
Disability	Yes	11%	30%	26%	31%
Dependants	A child or children	34%	39%	37%	33%
	Adult with disability	*	14%	12%	10%
	Dependent Elderly	10%	32%	10%	9%
	None	55%	60%	61%	-
Racial Group	White	99%	-	99%	98%
Country of Birth	Northern Ireland	90%	-	91%	89%
Sexual Orientation	Heterosexual	99%	-	-	94%
Religion	Catholic	33%	42%	47%	44%
	Protestant	52%	51%	45%	45%
Political Opinion	Nationalist	27%	26% ²	27% ²	19%
	Unionist	30%	44% ³	39% ³	35%
Age	16-24	0%	1%	15%	16%
	25-44	20%	18%	35%	35%
	45-64	42%	48%	32%	31%
	65 & over	38%	33%	18%	18%
	16-40	14%	8%	42%	43%
	Over 40	86%	92%	58%	57%

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- No information available.

38%

Response Rate

In total, there are 365 people who have applied for Forestry schemes to date with 137 Section 75 forms completed and returned by post giving a response rate of 38 per cent.

Gender



10 per cent of the beneficiaries are female. This is high compared to the results of the farm structure survey, which indicates that around 4 per cent of farmers are female.

Disability



11 per cent of the applicants are disabled which is low compared to 30 per cent of the farming community reported as disabled.

Racial Group



99 per cent of the applicants are white compared with 99 per cent of the rural population in the Census.

Sexual Orientation



99 per cent of the applicants are heterosexual compared with 94 per cent of the rural population in the NI Life and Times Survey.

Religion



52 per cent of the applicants are from the Protestant community. This is comparable to the farming context figure of 51 per cent.

Age



The 65 and over age group is slightly over-represented and the 45-64 age group is slightly under-represented compared to the farming context figures. The 16-40 age group is slightly over-representative of the farming community.

Measure 10.1 – Environmental Farming Scheme

		Higher 2021	Wider 2021	Farming Context	Rural Area	NI Context
Gender	Male	89%	89%	96% ¹	50%	48%
	Female	11%	11%	4%	50%	52%
Marital Status	Married / Civil Partnership	93%	94%	74%	55%	48%
Disability	Yes	11%	10%	30%	26%	31%
Dependants	A child or children	57%	56%	39%	37%	33%
	Adult with disability	*	5%	14%	12%	10%
	Dependent Elderly	16%	15%	32%	10%	9%
	None	37%	34%	60%	61%	-
Racial Group	White	100%	99%	-	99%	98%
Country of Birth	Northern Ireland	98%	97%	-	91%	89%
Sexual Orientation	Heterosexual	97%	99%	-	-	94%
Religion	Catholic	64%	43%	42%	47%	44%
	Protestant	*	56%	51%	45%	45%
Political Opinion	Nationalist	52%	35%	26% ²	27% ²	19%
	Unionist	29%	43%	44% ³	39% ³	35%
Age*	16-24	*	*	1%	15%	16%
	25-44	*	*	18%	35%	35%
	45-64	44%	47%	48%	32%	31%
	65 & over	21%	16%	33%	18%	18%
	16-40	23%	26%	8%	42%	43%
	Over 40	77%	74%	92%	58%	57%

Notes

1 This refers to the number of farmers who are male. Meanwhile, in the farm family labour force 76% are male.

2 This refers to those farmers who see themselves as Irish only in the census.

3 This refers to those farmers who see themselves as British only in the census.

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- No information available.

Response Rate

8%

There were 803⁴ Section 75 equality survey issued to farmers who applied for EFS Higher payments in 2021 and 64 Section 75 forms were completed resulting a response rate of 8 per cent. This lower than the response rate of 14 per cent in 2020.

9%

3,526⁵ people who applied for EFS Wider payments in 2021 had equality surveys issued to them and 303 were completed, giving a response rate of 9%.

Gender



11 per cent of both EFS scheme beneficiaries are female. This is high compared to the results of the farm structure survey, which indicates that around 4 per cent of farmers are female.

Disability



11 per cent of EFS Higher and 10 per cent of EFS Wider beneficiaries have indicated they are disabled this is low compared to the farming context figure of 30 per cent.

Racial Group



100 per cent of EFS Higher beneficiaries and 99 per cent of EFS Wider beneficiaries who completed the survey are white which compares with 99 per cent of the rural population in the Census.

Sexual Orientation



97 per cent of EFS Higher beneficiaries and 99 per cent of EFS Wider beneficiaries indicated they are heterosexual. These figures are slightly higher than 94 per cent of the population recorded as heterosexual in the Northern Ireland Life and Times survey.

Religion



64 per cent of EFS Higher beneficiaries and 43 per cent of EFS Wider beneficiaries indicated they are members of the Catholic community. The EFS Higher figure is much larger than the farming context figure of 42 per cent.

Age



The 65 and over age group is under-representative of farmers when compared to the farming context figure for both EFS schemes. The 16-40 age group is over-representative when compared to the farming context figure for both schemes.

⁴ There were 907 farmers who applied for EFS Higher payments but survey platform not included in the SAF until 19/4/2021.

⁵ There were 4,036 farmers who applied for EFS Wider payments but survey platform not included in the SAF until 19/4/2021.

Measure 13.1 – Areas of Natural Constraint

		ANC 2018	Farming Context	Rural Area	NI Context
Gender	Male	91%	96% ¹	50%	48%
	Female	9%	4%	50%	52%
Marital Status	Married / Civil Partnership	73%	74%	55%	48%
Disability	Yes	8%	30%	26%	31%
Dependants	A child or children	44%	39%	37%	33%
	Adult with disability	4%	14%	12%	10%
	Dependent Elderly	6%	32%	10%	9%
	None	49%	60%	61%	-
Racial Group	White	100%	-	99%	98%
Country of Birth	Northern Ireland	96%	-	91%	89%
Sexual Orientation	Heterosexual	99%	-	-	94%
Religion	Catholic	64%	42%	47%	44%
	Protestant	35%	51%	45%	45%
Political Opinion	Nationalist	50%	26% ²	27% ²	19%
	Unionist	28%	44% ³	39% ³	35%
Age	16-24	2%	1%	15%	16%
	25-44	30%	18%	35%	35%
	45-64	45%	48%	32%	31%
	65 & over	23%	33%	18%	18%
	16-40	23%	8%	42%	43%
	Over 40	77%	92%	58%	57%

Notes

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3 This refers to those farmers who see themselves as British only in the census.

- No information available.

Response Rate

12%

There were 8,798 people who received Areas of Natural Constraint payments in 2018 and 1,012 equality survey forms completed resulting in a response rate of 12 per cent.

Gender



9 per cent of the beneficiaries are female. This is higher in comparison to the results of the Farm Structure Survey that suggest around 4 per cent of farmers are female.



Disability

8 per cent of the beneficiaries are disabled which is low compared to disability in the farming community recorded at 30 per cent.



Racial Group

Based on the survey responses, almost all the beneficiaries are white compared with 99 per cent of the rural population in the Census.



Sexual Orientation

99 per cent of the beneficiaries are heterosexual. This figure is slightly higher than 94 per cent of the population recorded as heterosexual in the Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey.



Religion

64 per cent of the beneficiaries are from the Catholic community. This is high compared to the farming context figure of 42 per cent, but the proportion of Catholic farmers in LFA areas is higher



Age

23 per cent of the beneficiaries are aged 16-40. This figure is high when compared with 8 per cent of Northern Ireland farmers are aged 16-40. Based on the survey responses, the scheme is over-representative of farmers aged 25-44 and under-representative of farmers aged 65 and over.

Measure 16.1-16.2 – European Innovation Partnership (EIP) Operational Groups

		EIP	Farming Context	Rural Area	NI Context
Gender	Male	*	96% ¹	50%	48%
	Female	*	4%	50%	52%
Marital Status	Married / Civil Partnership	79%	74%	55%	48%
Disability	Yes	*	30%	26%	31%
Dependants	A child or children	64%	39%	37%	33%
	Adult with disability	0%	14%	12%	10%
	Dependent Elderly	9%	32%	10%	9%
	None	35%	60%	61%	-
Racial Group	White	100%	-	99%	98%
Country of Birth	Northern Ireland	96%	-	91%	89%
Sexual Orientation	Heterosexual	95%	-	-	94%
Religion	Catholic	21%	42%	47%	44%
	Protestant	79%	51%	45%	45%
Political Opinion	Nationalist	13%	26% ²	27% ²	19%
	Unionist	41%	44% ³	39% ³	35%
Age	16-24	0%	1%	15%	16%
	25-44	45%	18%	35%	35%
	45-64	34%	48%	32%	31%
	65 & over	21%	33%	18%	18%
	16-40	30%	8%	42%	43%
	Over 40	70%	92%	58%	57%

Notes

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- No information available.

Response Rate

28%

In total, there are 202 EIP operational group applicants who have been asked to complete a Section 75 survey and 56 Section 75 forms have been completed resulting in a response rate of 28 per cent. At least two people from different organisations based in Northern Ireland must form groups. The lead applicant must be a farmer with a DAERA business ID.

Gender



Cannot be reported to avoid statistical disclosure in categories with less than 5 responses.

Disability



Cannot be reported to avoid statistical disclosure in categories with less than 5 responses.

Racial Group



Based on the survey responses, 100 per cent of the applicants are white which is comparable with 99 per cent of the rural population in the Census.

Sexual Orientation



95 per cent of the applicants indicated they are heterosexual. This figure is comparable with 94 per cent of the population recorded as heterosexual in the Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey.

Religion



21 per cent of the applicants are from the Catholic community. This is much lower than the rural population figure of 47 per cent and farming context figure of 42 per cent.

Age



There are no applicants aged under 25, which is lower than 15 per cent of the rural population aged under 25 but comparable to 1 per cent of farmers aged under 25. Around 70 per cent of the applicants are aged over 40, which is over-representative of the rural population but is under-representative of farmers.

Measure 16.2-16.4 – Agri Food Co-operation Scheme

		AFCS	Farming Context	Rural Area	NI Context
Gender	Male	79%	96% ¹	50%	48%
	Female	21%	4%	50%	52%
Marital Status	Married / Civil Partnership	79%	74%	55%	48%
Disability	Yes	*	30%	26%	31%
Dependants	A child or children	66%	39%	37%	33%
	Adult with disability	4%	14%	12%	10%
	Dependent Elderly	4%	32%	10%	9%
	None	31%	60%	61%	-
Racial Group	White	100%	-	99%	98%
Country of Birth	Northern Ireland	90%	-	91%	89%
Sexual Orientation	Heterosexual	98%	-	-	94%
Religion	Catholic	42%	42%	47%	44%
	Protestant	52%	51%	45%	45%
Political Opinion	Nationalist	27%	26% ²	27% ²	19%
	Unionist	31%	44% ³	39% ³	35%
Age*	16-24	*	1%	15%	16%
	25-44	*	18%	35%	35%
	45-64	41%	48%	32%	31%
	65 & over	13%	33%	18%	18%
	16-40	34%	8%	42%	43%
	Over 40	66%	92%	58%	57%

Notes

1 This refers to the number of farmers who are male. Meanwhile, in the farm family labour force 76% are male.

2 This refers to those farmers who see themselves as Irish only in the census.

3 This refers to those farmers who see themselves as British only in the census.

* Categories have been suppressed to avoid statistical disclosure of categories with less than 5 responses.

- No information available.

Response Rate

55%

In total, applicants for the Agri Food Co-operation Scheme have been issued with 246 Section 75 surveys and 136 surveys have been completed, resulting in a response rate of 55 per cent. This scheme is open to co-operative groups of agriculture producers (farmers) and food processors.

Gender



21 per cent of the applicants are female, which is low compared to the rural population figure of 50 per cent but high compared to the farming context figure of 4 per cent.



Disability

Cannot be reported to avoid statistical disclosure in categories with less than 5 responses.



Racial Group

Based on the survey responses, 100 per cent of the applicants are white compared with 99 per cent of the rural population in the Census.



Sexual Orientation

98 per cent of the applicants indicated they are heterosexual. This figure is slightly higher than 94 per cent of the population recorded as heterosexual in the Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey.



Religion

42 per cent of the applicants are from the Catholic community. This is comparable to the farming context figure of 42 per cent but slightly lower than the rural context figure of 47 per cent.

Age



34 per cent of the applicants are aged under 40, which is much higher than the farming context figure but low when compared to the rural context figure. The number of applications from the 65 and over age group is under-representative of both the farmer and rural populations. The number of applications from 45-64 year olds is under-representative of the farm population but over-representative of the rural population.

Measure 19.2 Leader – Schemes

		Total Applicants	Successful	Farming Context	Rural Area	NI Context
Gender	Male	73%	79%	96% ¹	50%	48%
	Female	27%	21%	4%	50%	52%
Marital Status	Married / Civil Partnership	72%	78%	74%	55%	48%
Disability	Yes	4%	1%	30%	26%	31%
Dependants	A child or children	64%	63%	39%	37%	33%
	Adult with disability	3%	1%	14%	12%	10%
	Dependent Elderly	3%	3%	32%	10%	9%
	None	33%	33%	60%	61%	-
Racial Group	White	100%	100%	-	99%	98%
Country of Birth	Northern Ireland	94%	95%	-	91%	89%
Sexual Orientation	Heterosexual	99%	99%	-	-	94%
Religion	Catholic	53%	52%	42%	47%	44%
	Protestant	38%	39%	51%	45%	45%
Political Opinion	Nationalist	31%	29%	26% ²	27% ²	19%
	Unionist	24%	20%	44% ³	39% ³	35%
Age*	16-24	1%	*	1%	15%	16%
	25-44	49%	*	18%	35%	35%
	45-64	44%	43%	48%	32%	31%
	65 & over	7%	3%	33%	18%	18%
	16-40	37%	43%	8%	42%	43%
	Over 40	63%	57%	92%	58%	57%

Notes

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3 This refers to those farmers who see themselves as British only in the census.

- No information available.

Response Rate

74%

1,514 valid applications have been made with 1,567 Section 75 forms issued in total as some applications have multiple applicants. To date, 1,167 completed or partially completed Section 75 forms have been returned giving a valid response rate of 74 per cent.

Gender



27 per cent of the applicants are female and 21 per cent of the successful applicants are female. These figures are low when compared to the rural population context figure of 50 per cent.

Disability



4 per cent of the applicants and 1 per cent of the successful applicants are disabled. This is low compared to 26 per cent of the rural population recorded as disabled.

Racial Group



100 per cent of the applicants and successful applicants are white which compares with 99 per cent of the rural population in the Census.

Sexual Orientation



99 per cent of the applicants and successful applicants are recorded as heterosexual. This figure is slightly high compared with 94 per cent of the population recorded as heterosexual in the Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey.

Religion



38 per cent of applicants are from the Protestant community with a slightly higher success rate of 39%. Both figures are lower than the rural context figure of 45 per cent.

Age



The over 40 age group is over-representative of the rural population at the application stage but the success rate of the 16-40 and over 40 age groups mirrors the rural population figures in the census. The applications are over-representative of the 25-44 age group and 45-64 age group when compared to the rural context figures.

ANNEX A – RESPONSE RATES PER SCHEME AND COLLECTION METHOD

Scheme	Collection Method	No. S75 Forms Issued	No. Returned	Response Rate
M1.1 BDG	Online – included in application on ESIF.	5,206	4,392	84%
M1.1 FKS	Online – survey link sent to beneficiaries after training event.	18,032	1,325	7%
M1.2 ITEDS	Online – survey link sent to demonstration farmers.	71	71	100%
M1.3 FIVs	Online – survey link sent to all applicants.	520	155	30%
M4.1 FBIS	Online – included in application on ESIF.	10,801	8,879	82%
M8 Forestry	Paper survey form completed and returned by applicants.	365	137	38%
M10.1 EFS Higher	Online – external survey link option provided for beneficiaries after their annual SAF submission.	803	64	8%
M10.1 EFS Wider	Online – external survey link option provided for beneficiaries after their annual SAF submission.	3,526	303	9%
M13.1 ANC	Online – external survey link option provided for beneficiaries after their annual SAF submission.	8,798	1,012	12%
M16.1-16.2 EIP	Online – survey link sent to applicants.	202	56	28%
M16.2-16.4 AFCS	Paper survey form completed and returned by applicants.	246	136	55%
M 19 Leader	Online – included in application on ESIF. Paper survey form completed and returned by applicants until ESIF went live.	1,567	1,167	74%
Total		50,137	17,697	35%

ANNEX B – CONTEXTUAL INDICATOR SOURCES AND WEBLINKS

Contextual Indicator Sources

	Farming Context	Rural Area	NI Context
Gender	EU farm structure survey(2016)	Census 2011 Total Rural Population Age 16 and over	Census 2011 Total Population Age 16 and over
Marital Status	DAERA Farmer Equality Indicators Report (2018)	Census 2011 Total Rural Population Age 16 and over	Census 2011 Total Population Age 16 and over
Disability	DAERA Farmer Equality Indicators Report (2018)	Continuous Household Survey 2018/2019	Continuous Household Survey 2018/2019
Dependants	Farm families survey (2001-02)	Continuous Household Survey 2018/2019	Continuous Household Survey 2018/2019
No Dependents	DAERA Farmer Equality Indicators Report (2018)	Continuous Household Survey 2018/2019	
Racial Group	No info available	Census 2011 Total Rural Population	Census 2011 Total Population
Country of Birth	No info available	Census 2011 Total Rural Population	Census 2011 Total Population
Sexual Orientation	No info available	No info available	Life and Times Survey 2020
Religion	DAERA Farmer Equality Indicators Report (2018)	Census 2011 Total Rural Population - Non respondents excluded from calculation	Census 2011 Total Population - Non respondents excluded from calculation
Political Opinion	DAERA Farmer Equality Indicators Report (2018)	Census 2011 Total Rural Population	Life and Times Survey 2020
Age Groups	EU farm structure survey(2016)	Census 2011 Total Rural Population	Census 2011
Young Farmer 16-40	DAERA Farmer Equality Indicators Report (2018)		

Web Links to Sources

EU Farm Structure Survey 2016

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/european-union-farm-structure-survey-2016>

Census 2011

<http://www.ninis2.nisra.gov.uk/public/Theme.aspx>

Farm families survey (2001-02)

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/farmers-and-farm-families-northern-ireland-social-survey>

Life and Times Survey 2020

<https://www.ark.ac.uk/nilt/2020/>

Continuous Household Survey 2018/2019

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/continuous-household-survey>

Farmer equality indicators: Report 2018 (data source 2011 Population Census)

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/farmer-equality-indicators-report>

ANNEX C – EQUALITY AND MONITORING QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of Scheme

To be completed by all
applicants

1. AGE

What is your age, in years?

2. GENDER

What is your gender?

Male

Female

3. STATUS

Are you ...? (Please tick one box)

- | | | |
|---|--------------------------|---|
| 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Single, that is, never married or never in a civil partnership |
| 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Married or in a civil partnership |
| 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Separated but still legally married or still legally in a civil partnership |
| 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Divorced or legally dissolved civil partnership |
| 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Widowed or surviving partner from a same sex civil partnership |
| 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Cohabiting |
| 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (please specify) _____ |

4. DISABILITY

The Disability Discrimination Act defines disability as “a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on a person’s ability to carry out normal day to day activities.”

With regards to the above definition, do you consider that you have a long-term illness, health problem or disability which limits your daily activities or the work you can do? By long-term we mean has lasted, or is likely to last, at least 12 months. This definition includes disabilities related to old age.

1 Yes

2 No

5. RACIAL GROUP

(a) To which of these racial groups do you consider you belong?

- 1 White
- 2 Chinese
- 3 Irish Traveller
- 4 Indian
- 5 Pakistani
- 6 Bangladeshi
- 7 Black Caribbean
- 8 Black African
- 9 Black Other
- 10 Mixed racial group (please specify)

- 11 Any other racial group (please specify)

6. DEPENDANTS

Do you have personal responsibility for the care of ...?

(Tick each box that applies to your circumstances)

- 1 A child (or children)
- 2 A person with a disability
- 3 A dependent elderly person (or persons)
- 4 No dependants
- 5 Other dependants (please specify)

(b) Where were you born?

- 1 Northern Ireland
- 2 Republic of Ireland
- 3 Great Britain (England, Scotland, Wales)
- 4 Eastern Europe
- 5 Elsewhere (please specify)

7. COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

Please indicate your community background by ticking the appropriate box below.

I am a member of:

- 1 the Protestant community
- 2 the Catholic community
- 3 other (please specify) _____

8. SEXUAL ORIENTATION

Which best describes you:

- 1 Heterosexual/Straight
- 2 Gay/Lesbian
- 3 Bisexual
- 4 Other

9. POLITICAL OPINION

What is your political preference?

Please tick one box

- 1 Nationalist
- 2 Unionist
- 3 No political preference
- 4 Other (please specify) _____

Thank you for your co-operation in completing this survey