

Annex

Comparison of Farm Incomes between Northern Ireland and GB (LFA cattle and Sheep farms)

Income (£,000)

	1996/97(Prov)		1997/98 (forecast)	
	Net Farm Incomes	Cash Income	Net Farm Incomes	Cash income
England	18.6	31.3	15.3	28.0
Wales	14.3	27.6	10.4	23.9
Scotland	16.7	n/a	9.2	n/a
NI	6.6	17.9	4.0	14.9

NB. These differences partly reflect farm size differences ie Northern Ireland has a higher proportion of very small and small holdings.

Cash income excludes "notional" deductions for depreciation, imputed rent for owner-occupied farms etc. and is probably closer to what farmers perceive their income.