

Digital Vision for Farming

United Kingdom

500,000

people employed in agriculture.¹

70%

of land use in the UK is accounted for by agriculture.²

£13.6bn

is contributed a year to UK exports by the agri-tech sector.³

73

protected regional and traditional British foods and drinks in the UK, including Kentish ale, Cumberland sausage, Yorkshire forced rhubarb, Shetland lamb and Scottish wild salmon.⁴

35 million

sheep and lambs in the UK, and more than 90 different breeds of sheep.⁵

Northern Ireland

250

commercial growers of Bramley apples in County Armagh, supplying the cider, bakery and fresh markets.⁶

North West

19.2 million

tourists a year visit England's largest national park, The Lake District.⁷

Wales

23

vineyards in Wales, which produce both still and sparkling wine.⁸

80%

of Welsh land cared for by farmers, providing the backdrop for a tourism industry worth £2.8bn.⁹

South West

over **25.5 million livestock**

1.8 million cows, 3.2 million sheep, over 500,000 pigs and nearly 20 million poultry in the South West of England.¹⁰

£300m

worth of trade is generated for the Cornish economy through Cornish pasty production.¹¹

Jersey

1,500 tonnes

of Jersey Royal potatoes are exported daily (at peak production) from Jersey.¹²

Scotland

30%

of the UK herd of breeding cattle found in Scotland.¹³

£4.3bn

brought in a year by Scottish whisky, representing more than 20% of the UK food and drink exports.¹⁴

North East

Kielder Forest Park

is the largest forest in England and one of the largest man-made forests in Europe.¹⁵

Yorkshire and Humber

Arable crops

Thanks to its varied soils and topography, Yorkshire and the Humber grows a wide variety of arable crops.¹⁶

Midlands

over **1 million**

Stilton cheeses are produced each year; more than 10% of them are exported to about 40 countries worldwide.¹⁷

East Anglia

Wheat and barley

Farmers in East Anglia grow enough wheat to produce 5,774 million loaves of bread, and enough barley to produce 2.5 million pints of beer a year.¹⁸

South East

90%

of the cherries and 50% of the plums in England are grown in Kent.¹⁹



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