

The Agri-environment Monitoring and Evaluation Programme for England

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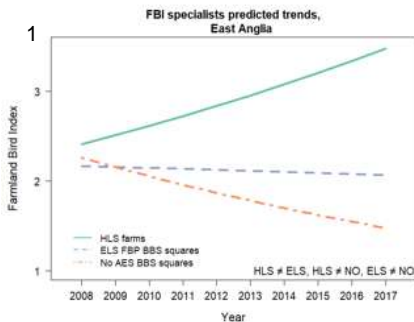


The programme provides robust monitoring data to evaluate the effectiveness of Land Management Schemes in achieving intended policy objective. This informs both current and future operational delivery and scheme design, and fulfils domestic and European reporting requirements.

Our delivery since 2011:

- Approximately £20 million spend
- 130 projects completed
- 25 projects running during 2019/20

Our projects employ a range of techniques to gather and analyse data:

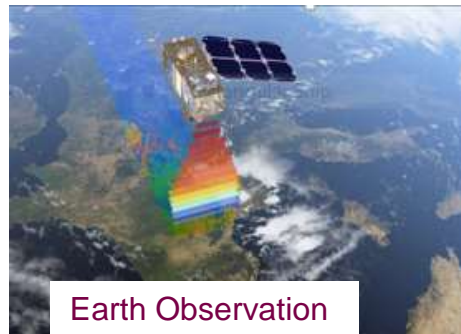


Modelling



Field survey

Find out more about our project findings in our recent annual report:



Earth Observation

Recent projects have included:

- National assessments of the effectiveness of Higher Level Stewardship, across 170 farm agreements.
- Modelling the air quality impacts of Agri-Environment schemes, in particular the benefits of ammonia reductions on designated sites.
- The benefit of legume and herb rich swards on plant communities and soil properties.



Case Study: Upland Hay Meadow Priority Habitat

