

Section

Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Departments included in this chapter:

- Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
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Introduction

MAFF is concerned with the formulation and administration of UK policy on agriculture, fisheries and food and the implementation of the EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) measures. The role of MAFF is essentially to aid the improvement of economic performance of the agriculture, fisheries and food industries. The Ministry's aim is to ensure that consumers benefit from competitively priced food, produced to high standards of safety, environmental care and animal welfare and from a sustainable, efficient food chain; and to contribute to the well being of rural and coastal communities.

MAFF is responsible for six executive agencies. In total they employ 39% of the Ministry's staff and have a turnover of £217 million. Each has its own business plan and the chief executives report direct to the Minister who is advised on each Agency's performance by its Ownership Board.

The Centre for Environment, Aquaculture and Fisheries Science (CEFAS), Central Science Laboratory (CSL), and the Veterinary Laboratories Agency (VLA) are concerned with research, development and surveillance in support of MAFF and EU policies. They are key to MAFF's efforts to control and manage animal and plant diseases and in monitoring changes in the terrestrial and marine environments due to agricultural, horticultural, fishing or waste management practice. The impact of chemicals and pathogens from all sources on agriculture and fisheries are prime areas for study. They carry out detailed surveillance and monitoring programmes on behalf of MAFF, providing data for policy development and to aid MAFF in attaining its primary aim.

The Pesticides Safety Directorate (PSD) and the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD) are responsible for regulatory activities. The PSD is responsible for the authorisation of all the agricultural and horticultural pesticides that come forward for registration in the UK. Equally important is its role in removing authorisation when a pesticide is found to be unsafe or to have unforeseen side-effects. The VMD is responsible for licensing veterinary medicines in the UK. For veterinary medicines there is additionally a fully integrated EU system and VMD plays an important part in the European dimension.

The Farming, Rural and Countryside Agency (FRCA) supports MAFF and EU scheme delivery to farmers and other rural dwellers throughout England and Wales and carries out dairy hygiene inspection. The Agency helps deliver MAFF's rural policies, particularly under the EU Rural Development Regulation. This includes agri-environment schemes, rural bids for EU structural funds and implementation of a wide range of other statutory obligations concerned with environmental policies and the countryside.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food's contribution to the National Asset Register covers the core-department, its six agencies and six Non Departmental Public Bodies. Set out below is a list of these bodies, along with the total value of their assets and investments as per their 1999-00 accounts.

	£000's
Core Department	173,452
Agencies:	
Central Science Laboratory	107,464
Veterinary Laboratories Agency	119,455
Centre for Environment, Fisheries & Aquaculture Science	35,120
Farming & Rural Conservation Agency	766
Veterinary Medicine Directorate	5,027
Pesticides Safety Directorate	626
NDPBs:	
Covent Garden Market Authority	2,396
Food From Britain	108
Horticulture Research International	79,734
Meat & Livestock Commission	5,784
Sea Fish Industry Authority	3,192
Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew	2,319

Basis for the National Asset Register

The National Asset Register has been drawn up in accordance with the 1999-2000 Resource Accounts. The categories used to classify the different type of assets are consistent with those in the published accounts and the valuations included follows that adopted for the published accounts, which are fully audited by the National Audit Office. Over 80% by value of MAFF's asset base constitutes land and buildings. The Ministry's Building and Estates Management Division (BEMD) manages all MAFF property.

The accounting policies for the recording of MAFF and its Agencies assets are as follows: Freehold Land and Buildings have been included on the basis of professional valuations. Plant, equipment, fixtures, fittings, IT equipment, vehicles and vessels have been restated using the appropriate indices. The minimum level for capitalisation in the core-department accounts and agencies is as follows:

	£
Core Department	2,000
CSL	2,000
CEFAS	2,000
FRCA	3,000
PSD	2,000
VLA	3,000
VMD	500

The Ministry owns a number of software licenses which are included in the accounts as intangible assets. It also owns a number of investments that are included in the accounts. Both these items are relatively small in value, but they have been included in this National Asset Register for completeness.

Freehold land is not depreciated. All other fixed assets are depreciated by the straight line method over the estimated useful life of the asset.

Further Information

Further Information on MAFF and its Agencies can be obtained from:

MAFF Helpline
Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food
3-8 Whitehall Place
London SW1A 2HH

A description of the Ministry Aims and its main activities can be found in its Departmental Report detailing Government expenditure plans. Copies can be obtained from the Stationary Office at the address below.

Copies of the Agencies published accounts can be obtained from:

The Stationary Office
PO Box 29
Norwich NR3 1GN

Non-Departmental Public Bodies

The National Asset Register contains a summary of the asset data found in the major NDPBs sponsored by MAFF. All NDPBs are subject to Quinquennial Prior Options Reviews which examine the need for the body, whether the function of the body could be carried out in the private sector and if it continues in the public sector whether its form and structure are appropriate. The Quinquennial Review includes a Financial Management Review when amongst many issues, control of the bodies asset base is reviewed. In addition all the bodies produce Corporate and Business Plans which allow the Ministry to examine each organisations asset plans.

Further information on the bodies can be obtained from the Ministry's helpline. Copies of the Annual Accounts can be obtained from the Stationary Office.

LAND AND BUILDINGS

Core Department

Location	Use and size	Value (£000s)
Polwhele Workshop, Truro	Laboratory, Office & Workshop 1.21 ha	47
Castle House, Stafford	Office, 873 sq.m	255
Uplands, Epsom Road, Guildford	HQ Out-Station & Computer Centre 13,169 sq.m	5,503
Crown House, Maidstone	Office, 1202 sq.m	452
Building A – Coley Park, Reading	Regional Service Centre Office, 5,216 sq.m	2,203
Middlecott House Llh, Kirkton	Offices & Laboratories, 1420 sq.m	49
Lion House, Alnwick	HQ Out-Station Office, 1,604 sq.m	261
3-8 Whitehall Place, London	HQ Offices, 6,389 sq.m	5,755
10 Whitehall Place, London	HQ Offices, 7,190 sq.m	2,992
55 Whitehall, London	HQ Offices, 1,936 sq.m	3,128
46 Fore St, Newlyn	Office, 71 sq.m	33
Longacre House, Trowbridge	Office, 359 sq.m	177
Whitehouse Lane, Cambridge	Office, 766 sq.m	457
Olantigh Rd, Wye	Office & Laboratories, 2.43 ha	318
Foss House/Mallard House, York Fit Out	Offices, 12,339 sq.m	4,984
Bemd Property, Weybridge	Offices, 507 sq.m	251
Crewe/Rsc , Crewe	Rsc Offices, 3494 sq.m	5,801
British Steel Site, Workington	Bcms Offices, 4034 sq.m	3,604
Government Buildings, Westbury On Trym	Regional Service Centre Offices, 12,361 sq.m	3,684
Government Buildings, Dorchester	Offices, 1655 sq.m	217
Quantock House, Taunton	Offices, 4517 sq.m	2,169
Pydar House, Truro	Offices, 3562 sq.m	1,913
100 Southgate Street, Bury St Edmunds	Offices, 2599 sq.m	1,134
Government Offices, Cambridge	Regional Service Centre Office, 24,063 sq.m	4,871
Ceres House, Lincoln	District Office, 2485 sq.m	818
Crosskill House, Beverley	Offices, 2698 sq.m	1,334

Location	Use and size	Value (£000s)
Eden Bridge House, Carlisle	Regional Service Centre Office, 2800 sq.m	1,552
Hook Rise Sob, Tolworth	Hq Office, 9,998 sq.m	3,937
Custom House, Hull	Offices, 399 sq.m	59
Arthur Rickwood Ehf, Ely	Experimental Husbandry Farm, 76 Ha	644
Arthur Rickwood Bse, Ely	Experimental Husbandry Farm, 76 Ha	2,948
Boxworth Ehf, Cambridge	Experimental Husbandry Farm, 347 Ha	2,795
Bridgets Ehf, Winchester	Experimental Husbandry Farm, 422 Ha	3,025
Bridgets, Winchester	Experimental Husbandry Farm, 392 Ha	91
Forest Field Bridgets, Winchester	Experimental Husbandry Farm, 392 Ha	25
Drayton Ehf & Feu, Stratford	Experimental Husbandry Farm & Feed Evaluation Unit 12 Ha	14,710
Gleadthorpe Ehf, Mansfield	Experimental Husbandry Farm, 200 Ha	1,610
Gleadthorpe Irrigation Reservoir, Mansfield	Farm, 200 Ha	2,527
High Mowthorpe Ehf, Malton	Experimental Husbandry Farm, 437 Ha	2,870
Redesdale Ehf, Rochester	Experimental Husbandry Farm, 1350 Ha	178
Rosemaunde Ehf, Hereford	Experimental Husbandry Farm, 176 Ha	1,618
Terrington Ehf, Kings Lynn	Experimental Husbandry Farm, 117 Ha	1,170
Hri Wellesbourne, Ely	Horticultural & Agricultural Site, 106.4 Ha	3,250
Hri Stockbridge House, Selby	Experimental Horticultural Station, 64.75 Ha	1,000
Ditton Laborarory, East Malling	Horticulture Research International, 1 Ha	50
Rocks Farm, East Malling	Horticulture Research International, 29 Ha	4
Hri Kirton, Kirton	Experimental Horticulture Station, 42 Ha	775
Land, Barnhall, Wickford	Land, 39 Ha	1300
Page Street Fit Out, London	Hq Offices, 11.193 sq.m	7,375
Clyst House Fit Out, Exeter	Rsc Offices, 5876 Sq.M	2,279
Northallerton Rsc Fit Out, Northallerton	New Rsc Offices – Leasehold	2,000
Ansty Farm	Farm	949
Tigers Road, Leicester	Offices, 510 sq.m	137
Claughton Bd , Lancaster	Buffer Depot – Closed, 1.53 Ha	650

Location	Use and size	Value (£000s)
Earl Shilton Bd, Leicester	Buffer Depot – Closed, 1.37 Ha	450
Gunthorpe Lock Bd, Nottingham	Buffer Depot – Closed , 1.0 Ha	200
Harlescott Bd, Shrewsbury	Buffer Depot – Closed , 3.72 Ha	770
Tattenhall Bd, Chester	Buffer Depot – Closed, 1.34 Ha	125
Sowerby Bd, Thirsk	Buffer Depot – Closed, 1.09 Ha	245
Carmarthen Bd Ll, Carmarthen	Buffer Depot – Closed, 1.17 Ha	120
Almond Bank 4 Bd, Perth	Buffer Depot – Closed, 8.9 Ha	765
Almond Bank 5 Bd, Perth	Buffer Depot – Closed, 5.6 Ha	175
Government Buildings, Northallerton	Regional Service Centre Office, 2537 sq.m	30
141 High Street , Northallerton	Regional Service Centre Annex, 238 sq.m	120
Hatching Green Ll, Harpenden	Office & Laboratories, 1.98 Ha	1,450
Torry Research Station Aberdeen	Laboratories, 4998 sq.m	1,000
Total Land & Buildings For Core Department		117,388

Central Science Laboratory

Sand Hutton	Laboratories, Offices, Woodland	101,256
Total Land & Buildings For Csl		101,256

Veterinary Laboratories Agency

Freehold:

Woodham Lane, Surrey	Hq Laboratory, Animal Accommodation, Offices & Storage 15.1ha	62,688
Staplake Mount, Starcross	Veterinary Investigation Centre, Office & Laboratory (Shared With Frca) 13.14ha	1,027
Polwhele, Truro	Veterinary Investigation Centre, Office, Laboratory & Wildlife Unit 1.21ha	144
Itchen Abbas, Winchester	Veterinary Investigation Centre, Office & Laboratory (Shared With Frca) 0.61ha	1,051
Barton Hill, Preston	Veterinary Investigation Centre, Office & Laboratory (Shared With Frca) 1.42ha	3,419
Kendal Road, Shrewsbury	Veterinary Investigation Centre, Office & Laboratory 0.77ha	468

Location	Use and size	Value (£000s)
Rougham Hill, Bury St Edmunds	Veterinary Investigation Centre, Office & Laboratory 2.59ha	3,244
West House, Thirsk	Veterinary Investigation Centre, Office & Laboratory 1.02ha	2,481
Jobs Well Lane, Carmarthen	Veterinary Investigation Centre	182
Buarth Road, Aberystwyth	Veterinary Investigation Centre	99
Luddington, Stratford Upon Avon	Veterinary Investigation Centre, Office & Laboratory 2.19ha	3,947
Long Benton, Newcastle	Veterinary Investigation Centre	359
Coombelands Farm, Surrey	Pasture Farm 40.4ha	7,681
Manor Farm, Surrey	Farm 0.21ha	12
Grange Farm, Surrey	Specialist Farm 23.8ha	1,434
Halls Farm, Surrey	Modern Farm 20.31ha	377
Appstree Farm, Surrey	Stock Farm 20.0ha	98
Old Rectory Farm, Surrey	Stock Farm 29.0ha	174
Holme Farm, Surrey	Pig Farm 5.60ha	48
Langford House, Bristol	Veterinary Investigation Centre (Within Bristol University Veterinary School) 0.18Ha	44
Leasehold:		
Pentlands Science Park, Lasswade	Veterinary Investigation Centre	0
Langford House, Bristol	Veterinary Investigation Centre (Within Bristol University Veterinary School) 0.18 Ha	100
The Elms, Sutton Bonnington	Veterinary Investigation Centre, Office & Laboratory 0.33 Ha	1,207
The Elms, Sutton Bonnington	Quality Assurance Unit, Office & Laboratory 1.16 Ha	0
Merrythought, Penrith	Veterinary Investigation Centre, Office & Laboratory (Shared With Frca) 1.38Ha	3,360
Total Land & Buildings For Vla		93,644

Location	Use and size	Value (£000s)	
Centre For Environment, Fisheries & Aquaculture			
Conway	2,707.2 sq.m	250	
Whitehaven	95.8 sq.m	5	
Maff Quay	136.6 sq.m	3	
Lowestoft	9,556.4 sq.m	10,965	
Weymouth	2,609 sq.m	12,418	
Burnham	1,707.2 sq.m	1,734	
Total Land & Buildings For Cefas		25,375	
Total Land & Buildings For Farming & Rural Conservation Agency		0	
Veterinary Medicines Directorate			
Weybrigde	Office Block	4,290	
Total Land & Buildings For Vmd		4,290	
Total Land & Buildings For Pesticides Safety Directorate		0	
Total Land & Buildings		341,953	
PLANT AND MACHINERY			
Items	No. of Units	Use	Value (£000's)
Core Department			
IT Equipment:			
Hardware	1280	Printers, PC's Servers etc	12,660
Software	53	Computer Software Systems	35,709
Scientific Equipment	17	Equipment used in Laboratories for scientific and research work	43
Furniture & Fittings	13	Shelving & Racking	84
	7	Other	18
Vehicles	376	Cars, vans etc	2,917
Office Equipment	58	Switchboards, Telephone Systems	1,048
	153	Other – fax machines, photocopiers etc	1,626
Total Plant & Machinery for Core Department			54,105

Items	No. of Units	Use	Value (£000's)
Central Science Laboratory			
IT Equipment	508	Printers, PC's Servers etc	656
Scientific Equipment	1098	Equipment used in Laboratories for scientific and research work	4,427
Furniture	N/A	Furniture	595
Vehicles	75	Cars, vans etc	530
Total Plant & Machinery for CSL			6,208
Veterinary Laboratories Agency			
IT Equipment		Printers, PC's Servers etc	1,170
Laboratory Equipment		Equipment used in Laboratories for scientific and research work	5,688
Vehicles, plant & machinery			330
CIP		Assets under construction	18,623
Total Plant & Machinery for VLA			25,811
Centre for Environment, Fisheries & Aquaculture Science			
IT Equipment	1167	Printers, PC's Servers etc	792
Scientific Equipment	960		3,025
General Equipment	46	Shelving & Racking	265
Vehicles	53	Cars, vans etc	154
Vessels	5		4,542
CIP	5	Assets under construction	967
Total Plant & Machinery for CEFAS			9,745

Items	No. of Units	Use	Value (£000's)
Farming & Rural Conservation Agency			
IT Equipment			
Hardware	79	Printers, PC's Servers etc	222
Software	18	Computer Software Systems	324
Furniture & Fittings	N/A	Office furniture etc	38
	1	Portacabin	10
	1	Storage	8
Vehicles	9	Cars	70
Office Equipment	6	Switchboards, Telephone Systems	19
	15	Other – fax machines, photocopiers etc	42
Technical Equipment	2	Field Work	13
	6	Cartographic/ Technical	20
Total Plant & Machinery for FRCA			766
Veterinary Medicines Directorate			
IT Equipment	419		301
Furniture & Fittings	N/A		194
Office Equipment	N/A		22
Total Plant & Machinery for VMD			517
Pesticides Safety Directorate			
IT Equipment			
Hardware	306	Printers, PC's Servers etc	169.7
Software	1	Computer Software Systems	342
Fixture & Fittings		Desks, Chairs etc	71
Office Equipment	10	TV, Video, Fax & Franking Machines etc	0.3
Total Plant & Machinery for PSD			583
Total Plant & Machinery			97,735
Total Land and Buildings			341,953
Total Plant and Machinery			97,735
Total Tangible Fixed Assets			439,688

INTANGIBLE ASSETS

List of items	Extra Description	Value
Core Department	Software Licenses	662
CSL		0
VLA		0
CEFAS		0
FRCA		0
VMD	Software Licenses	220
PSD	Software Licenses	43
Total		925

INVESTMENTS

List of Investments	Value
Core Department	
Genus plc	4
Dairy Crest plc	19
National Milk Records plc	1
Permanent Milk Quota	1,269
TOTAL	1,297

Total Tangible Fixed Assets	439,688
Total Intangible Fixed Assets	925
Total Investments	1,297
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	441,910

Changes since the last National Asset Register**CORE DEPARTMENT**

Acquisitions (000's)		Disposals (000's)
1997/98	6,248	147
1998/99	21,958	6,117
1999/00	44,666	210,246

AGENCIES

	Acquisitions (000's)	Disposals (000's)
Central Science Laboratory		
1997/98	2,027	247
1998/99	98,282	23
1999/00	3,370	47
Veterinary Laboratories Agency		
1997/98	1,908	1,615
1998/99	12,837*	1,306
1999/00	12,366**	1,429
Centre for Environment, Fisheries & Aquaculture Science		
1997/98	960	15
1998/99	1,730	93
1999/00	1,527	201
Farming & Rural Conservation Agency		
1997/98	729	0
1998/99	689	9
1999/00	167	26
Veterinary Medicines Directorate		
1997/98	285	65
1998/99	4,370	0
1999/00	454	84
Pesticides Safety Directorate		
1997/98	141	0
1998/99	582	5
1999/00	276	0

* Of which £10,503,000 relates to transfers

** Of which £7,255,000 relates to transfers

SIGNIFICANT ACQUISITIONS

	000's
Core Department	
Exeter Clyst House (Fit Out)	1,515
British Steel Site	3,059
Electra Way, Crewe	4,755
Cattle Tracing System	8,212
Fit Out Costs For Northallerton	1,633
Fprs V3 Software	1,298
Ramis V10.7 Upgrade	3,970
Aesis System	653
1A Page Street (Fitout)	5,817
Radx	1,166
Cattle Tracing System	3,593
Nurad	3,792
Server Cts1 To Replace Brc1	1,257
Page St, London	1,309
Adas Drayton Farm – Improvements	12,658
Arthur Rickwood Farm	1,502
Central Science Laboratory	
1 new Building	98,259
Veterinary Laboratories Agency	
Building, Weybridge	1,456
BSE Building, Coombelands Farm.	6,957
Roads and Site Infrastructure	2,602
Grange Farm Buildings	3,356
Buildings 268, 269, 270 + EC	3,900
Veterinary Medicines Directorate	
Land and Building	3,885

SIGNIFICANT DISPOSALS

Core Department	000'S
1997/98 Transfers To Agencies	0
1997/98 Sales	0
1998/99 Transfers To Agencies	
Csl	1,245
1998/99 Sales	
Tangley Place	863
1999/00 Transfers To Agencies	
Vic Langford House LlH	106
Vic Itchen Abbas, Improvements	113
Vic The Elms LlH	120
Vic West House, Improvements	125
Whitley Road, Longbenton	135
Fish Lab Benarth	165
The Nothe	185
Vic Kendal Road, Harlescott	190
Vic Barton Hall	200
Vic Itchen Abbas	200
Vic Rougham Mill	200
Whitley Road, Longbenton	217
The Nothe, Improvements	243
Vic Kendal Road, Harlescott	253
Staplake Mount	260
Quality Assurance Unit, LlH (Op)	289
Pakefield Road	300
Shellfish Laboratory	310
Vic Luddington	384
Vmd Property	400
Pakefield Road, Improvements	457
The Nothe, Improvements	574
Cvl, Brucella Building, Improvements	584
The Nothe, Improvements	623
Vic Merrythought House, LlH, Improvements	631
Vic Itchen Abbas	669
Vmd Property	673
Vic West House, Improvements	852
Shellfish Laboratory	1,228
Cvl Woodham Lane	1,364
Vic The Elms, LlH	1,383
Fish Lab Benarth	1,479
Vic West House, Improvements	1,555
Cvl Woodham Lane	1,591
Vmd, New Office Block, Improvements	2,140

Core Department	000'S
Vic Merrythought House, Llh, Improvements	2,570
Vic Barton Hall	2,825
Vic Rougham Mill	2,895
Vic Luddington	3,335
Staplake Mount	3,682
Cvl Woodham Lane, Improvements	4,744
Csl Sand Hutton	7,300
Pakefield Road	9,243
The Nothe	9,729
Cvl Woodham Lane	12,100
Cvl Woodham Lane	37,190
Csl Sand Hutton	77,905
1999/00 Sales	
Land At Hustbourne	180
Hoddesdon Bd	550
Glen Parva	488
Strubby Bd	350
Berkeley Towers, Crewe	875
Hri Efford	751
Hurworth House	10,400
Colney Lane, Norwich	2,850

Asset Management/Disposal Strategy

The Ministry has been actively pursuing a programme to dispose of land and buildings no longer required in the production of its outputs. The table below provides an overview of disposals we are planning to achieve in the immediate future.

EXPECTED SALES OF LAND AND BUILDINGS

Year	Sites to be Sold	Expected Income
2000/01	12	£13.0 million
2001/02	14	£13.0 million

Beyond 2001-02, we expect to dispose of further land and building assets that will become surplus to requirements following the creation of the new Common Agricultural Policy Paying Agency (CAPPA) and the restructuring of Horticultural Research International.

MAFF determines its capital spending programme through a central body, the Capital Expenditure Committee (CEC). The CEC, which is chaired by the Principal Finance Officer, has the responsibility to:

“advise the Management Board on the planning and management of the department’s capital budget, particularly in terms of setting priorities, choosing between major areas of investment and managing key risks and variances, including those resulting from changing costs, technology or policy priorities”.

Responsibility for implementing the capital programme rests with the individual operating areas under the aegis of the CEC. The CEC ensures that the procedures and systems for developing a capital programme, implementing capital projects and reviewing the outcome are satisfactory and that Treasury and National Audit Office standards are maintained.

The CEC maintains a strategic overview of MAFF’s capital budget and considers in the light of the Ministry’s policy and operational priorities how it should be allocated between different areas. It recommends to the Management Board projects which it considers should be approved on the basis of bids from Groups and Agencies.

Bids are expected to provide a business case for each project and how they will contribute to the department’s objectives and targets. Detailed management of approved projects is the responsibility of the budget holder or management committee as appropriate. However, the CEC monitors progress and expenditure and reviews any projects that are in danger of exceeding their budget or not meeting the targets that formed the basis of the initial approval. The CEC also ensures that the systems for appraising, managing and evaluating projects are operating satisfactorily.

Non Departmental Public Bodies

Covent Garden Market Authority

The CGMA was established in 1961 by Act of Parliament. The function and responsibility of the CGMA is to operate an efficient wholesale market at Nine Elms whilst ensuring that its revenues are sufficient at least to break even one year with another. Property assets are shown at professional valuation at 1 April 1977 plus additions at cost less disposals and depreciation. Current replacement costs are calculated to be £17.9 million. Other assets are shown at original cost less depreciation. Depreciation is on a straight line method. Plant and Equipment also includes Vehicles. Details extracted from the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2000. The authority would require the consent of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for the disposal of any part of their land assets.

Annual report and accounts available from:

Covent Garden Market Authority

Covent House

New Covent Garden Market

London

SW8 5NX

Or from website – www.cgma.gov.uk

Asset	Net Book Value – £000
Land and Buildings	2,073
Plant and Equipment	323
IT Equipment	0
Office Equipment	0
Total	2,396

Food From Britain (FFB)

FFB was formed under the Agricultural Marketing Act 1983. The principal activities are the improvement of the marketing and promotion of British food overseas and the promotion and development of speciality foods. Assets are shown at cost less depreciation. Assets are depreciated on a straight line method. Details are extracted from the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2000.

Annual report and accounts available from:

Food From Britain
123 Buckingham Palace Road
London, SW1W 9SA

Asset	Net Book Value – £000
Land and Buildings	0
Plant and Equipment	26
Office Equipment	22
Furniture and Fittings	52
Vehicles	8
Total	108

Horticulture Research International (HRI)

A company Limited by Guarantee and has charitable status. HRI's purpose is to carry out research and development in support of horticulture and related industries and to exploit the results commercially. Land and buildings professionally valued in 1992 and since enhanced by 2%. Other assets were either included in the 1992 valuation or revalued during 1994 and have since been revalued by 3.5%. Assets acquired since 1994 are included at cost. Assets are depreciated on a straight line method. Land and Buildings includes additions/improvements to leaseholds. Plant and Equipment also includes Fixtures and Fittings. Details extracted from the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2000.

Annual report and accounts available from:

Mr D Temperley
Director of Finance
Horticulture Research International
Wellesbourne
Warwick, CV35 9EF

Asset	Net Book Value – £000
Land and Buildings	77,607
Plant and Equipment	2,127
IT Equipment	0
Office Equipment	0
TOTAL	79,734

Meat and Livestock Commission (MLC)

The MLC was set up under the Agriculture Act 1967. The MLC took over activities and assets of the Pig Industry Development Authority (PIDA) and the Beef Recording Association (BRA) and has subsequently developed these organisations in pig and cattle production together with similar activities for sheep production. The MLC's objectives are to maintain red meat at the core of meal solutions; to exploit the natural advantages of British meat in export markets; to strengthen the industry's competitive capability and to encourage the industry to develop new products suitable for any meal. Assets are stated at cost except freehold properties which are stated at valuation. Depreciation is on straight line method. Details are extracted from the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2000. MLC entered into a sale and leaseback arrangement on approximately 80 cars as at 31 March 2000 which raised £700,000 for the organisation.

Annual report and accounts available from:

Meat and Livestock Commission
 PO Box 44
 Winterhill House
 Snowdon Drive
 Milton Keynes, MK6 1AX

Asset	Net Book Value – £000
Land and Buildings	4,782
Equipment	612
Vehicles	390
Total	5,784

Sea Fish Industry Authority (SIFA)

The SIFA was established under the Fisheries Act 1981. Under the provisions of the Act all rights, obligations and property of the White Fish Authority (WFA) and the Herring Industry Board (HIB) became rights, obligations and property of the SIFA. The WFA and HIB no longer exist. The SIFA main activities are to carry out and give advice on research and development in respect of any matters relating to the sea fish industry; to provide or assist in the provision of training; to promote the marketing and consumption of sea fish and sea fish products in the UK; to give financial assistance by way of grant, loan or guarantee to persons incurring expenditure in forming, carrying on or extending the activities of co-operatives for the sale of sea fish or for the purchase of fishing gear, fuel, stores or other materials requisite to the industry. The facility to make loan arrangements does not presently exist. Land and Buildings are at open market value and other assets at current replacement cost. Depreciation is on a straight line method. Details extracted from the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2000.

Annual report and accounts available from:

Corporate Services and Communications Manager
Sea Fish Industry Authority
18 Lodge Mill
Logie Green Road
Edinburgh, EH7 4HG

Asset	Net Book Value – £000
Land and Buildings	2,516
IT Equipment	306
Other Equipment	370
Total	3,192

Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (RBG)

The Board of Trustees of RBG was established under the National Heritage Act 1983 when responsibility was transferred from MAFF to the board. RBG also includes Wakehurst Palace, Ardingly, Sussex which together with Kew Gardens illustrate over 400 years of landscape history and contain 39 buildings and structures which are listed as architecturally and historically significant and form part of the UK's national heritage. RBG has charitable status. RBG's functions are to carry out investigations and research into the science of plants and related subjects and disseminate the results; provide advice, Instruction and education in relation to those aspects of the science of plants with which the Board is in fact concerned; provide other services, e.g. quarantine in relation to plants; care for its collections of plants, preserved plant material etc.; keep the collections as national reference collections and ensure that they are available to persons for the purpose of study, and add to and adapt them as scientific needs and resources allow; afford members of the public opportunities to enter any land occupied or managed by the Board for the purpose of gaining knowledge and enjoyment of the collections. The Board holds title to the Wellcome Trust Millennium Building and the land on which

it is situated, otherwise it does not hold title to any other land and buildings used by RBG but is liable for maintenance. Expenditure on new buildings is written off in the year of acquisition. Assets are depreciated on a straight line method. The consolidated accounts show £13,000 of assets with RBG Kew Enterprises Ltd., RBG's trading subsidiary. Details extracted from the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2000.

Annual report and accounts available from:

Head of Finance
Royal Botanic Gardens
Kew
Richmond
Surrey, TW9 3AB

Asset	Net Book Value – £000
Land and Buildings	0
Plant and Equipment	797
Office Equipment	31
Scientific & Laboratory Equip	1,357
Vehicles	134
Total	2,319

SUMMARY OF NDPBS

Asset	Net Book Value – £000
Land and Buildings	86,978
Plant and Equipment	4,229
IT Equipment	332
Office Equipment	53
Scientific & Laboratory Equip	1,357
Furniture and Fittings	52
Vehicles	532
Total	93,533

Intervention Board

Introduction

This register details the assets of the Intervention Board Executive Agency (IB). The IB was established as a Government department by the European Communities Act 1972, reporting through the Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce to the UK Agriculture Ministers. It was created an executive agency by Agriculture Ministers on 1 April 1990 whilst retaining its status as a Government department.

IB is both an executive agency and a non-ministerial Government department. IB has no policy responsibility for any non-departmental public body.

The 1999-2000 Resource Account included detailed tables of fixed assets (Note 16a/b) which are summarised below:

Fixed Assets as at 31 March 2000	£000
Tangible Fixed Assets	24,787
Intangible Fixed Assets	295
Total Fixed Assets	25,082

Tangible Fixed Assets are revalued annually using indices published by the Office for National Statistics. In addition land and buildings will be subject to professional, external revaluation at intervals of not more than five years.

Further information can be obtained from the Intervention Board 1999-2000 Annual Report and Accounts presented to Parliament on 27 July 2000.

LAND AND BUILDINGS

Name	Use and size	Value (£000)
Clifton Grain Store Water Lane, Clifton, York YO30 6GP	EC Intervention Grain store 23,844 sq m of floor space, 6.75 hectare site	1,700
Driffield Grain Store Driffield, Yorkshire YO25 9PF	EC Intervention Grain store 20,912 sq m of floor space, 6.5 hectare site	1,054
Hartlebury Grain Store Hartlebury, Kidderminster Worcestershire DY10 4DU	EC Intervention Grain store 23,222 sq m of floor space 7.97 hectare site	1,473
Hemswell Grain Store Hemswell, Gainsborough Lincolnshire DN21 5TH	EC Intervention Grain & Cold Store 21,169 sq m of floor space 8.71 hectare site	3,471

Name	Use and size	Value (£000)
Locharbriggs Grain Store Locharbriggs, Dumfries DG1 3PQ	EC Intervention Grain and Cold Store 17,947 sq m of floor space, 5.75 hectare site	1,806
Manby Grain Store Manby, Lincolnshire LN10 8HA	EC Intervention Grain store 20,429 sq m of floor space, 8.25 hectare site	987
Prees Heath Grain Store Tilstock, Whitchurch Shropshire SY13 3JX	EC Intervention Grain store 13,731 sq m of floor space 9.97 hectare site	1,040
Tangmere Grain Store Tangmere, Chichester Sussex PO20 6FX	EC Intervention Grain store 8,725 sq m of floor space 4.25 hectare site	647
Kings House 33 Kings Road, Reading RG1 3BU	Leased office accommodation Internal works	1,443
Paddock Road Reading RG4 5BY	Storage space Internal works	21
Northgate House Valpy Street, Reading RG1 1AF	Leased office accommodation Internal works	519
Total Land & Buildings		14,161

The IB leases buildings in Reading and Newcastle in which the internal works noted above and office equipment and furniture are located. These buildings are:

Name	Use and size
Kings House 33 Kings Road Reading, RG1 3BU	IB offices
Northgate House Valpy Street Reading , RG1 1AF	IB offices
40 Caversham Road Reading, RG1 7BP	IB offices
Lancaster House Hampshire Court Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7YH	IB offices
Kenton Bar Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 2YA	Storage accommodation
Paddock Road Reading , RG4 5BY	Storage accommodation

and are not included in the asset register.

PLANT AND MACHINERY

Items	No. of Units	Use	Value (£000)
Fixtures and Fittings			
Grain store equipment	27	Storage of grain at sites listed above	46
Office equipment	84		269
Office furniture	284		934
ICT			
Hardware	251	Servers, PCs, Printers & associated networks	3,108
Software	929	IB operational and financial systems	6,258
Vehicles			
Vauxhall Zafira	1	Transport of staff and documents	11
Total Plant & Machinery			10,626
Total Land and Buildings			14,161
Total Plant and Machinery			10,626
Total Tangible Fixed Assets			24,787

INTANGIBLE ASSETS

List of items	Extra Description	Value (£000)
Software licences		295
Total		295
Total Tangible Fixed Assets		24,787
Total Intangible Fixed Assets		295
Total Investments		0
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		25,082

Changes since the last National Asset Register

The main changes since the NAR published in November 1997 are:

Acquisitions @ 31.3.00 valuation	£000	Disposals	£000
1997/98	6,007	1997/98	2,772
1998/99	13,837	1998/99	812
1999/00	5,081	1999/00	306

Acquisitions include grain stores which were transferred from PACE at 1 April 1998 and are marked for future sale. The valuation of land and buildings transferred for £1million or more per location is:

Location	£000
Clifton	1,248
Driffield	1,053
Hartlebury	1,216
Hemswell	1,095

No individual items were sold for £100,000 or more in the above years. The bulk of disposals are IT hardware/software and office furniture.

The IB's disposals strategy is set out below:

The combined grain storage capacity of the eight GO stores represents around 4% of the known grain storage total and has provided the ability to quickly intake grain (and other commodities) at times of peak offers. The timely removal of grain from the market has been key to the success of intervention as a market support measure. Against the backdrop of Agenda 2000 it has been concluded that this can be provided by the use of commercial storage. The continued ownership of these stores has therefore been reviewed, and the planned disposal of the stores is underway. The sale of the first 3 stores is in hand, and the outcome will inform the timetable and disposal route for the remaining 5 stores. It may be necessary to phase their sale as stocks reduce and the opportunity arises to rationalise storage contracts and optimise the use of contracted commercial space. It is at present planned that all the stores will be sold by March 2004. It is difficult at this time to attach any realistic value to their sale. Implementation of this strategy is kept under review in response to policy developments over the period.

For Further Information

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Forestry Commission

Introduction

This section covers the fixed assets of the Forestry Commission and its agency Forest Research, which is within the departmental resource accounts boundary, and the Forest Enterprise agency, which is treated for national accounts purposes as a public corporation and is outside the departmental boundary.

The Forestry Commission is a cross-border public authority which is separately funded by, and accountable to, the UK Parliament and the devolved administrations in respect of its activities in England (including GB core activities), Scotland and Wales. Accordingly, the assets held in each country, including those held by the Commission's executive agencies, are vested in the forestry ministers of the UK and Scottish Parliaments and the National Assembly for Wales as appropriate. Separate tables of asset inventories and values are provided for each country.

The Register is compiled from computerised asset registers maintained by the Forestry Commission and the agencies in respect of land, buildings, vehicles, machinery, office and other equipment. Each register forms part of a comprehensive management system for each category of assets providing, where appropriate, capital cost, revaluation, depreciation, rates, repair and maintenance, rental and internal charging data.

The Register has been compiled from the records of assets held at 31 March 2000.

Categories of Assets and Accounting Policies

Forests, other woodlands and plantable land, described collectively as the forest estate, constitute the largest single category of assets. These are managed on behalf of the Forestry Commission by the Forest Enterprise agency and are recorded on the agency's balance sheets at open market value.

Other land comprises agricultural land, land used for recreation facilities and various classes of unplanted key habitat land which is integral to the forest estate. Again, this land is managed by Forest Enterprise and recorded on its balance sheets at open market value.

Exceptionally, there are 2 minor areas of land whose values are recorded on Forestry Commission balance sheets. The Gravetye Estate in Kent, incorporating both land and buildings, is a donated asset and is recorded on the Forestry Commission, England/GB balance sheet (having previously been recorded on the Forest Enterprise balance sheet). Areas of land in Perthshire and Grampian, having been acquired through court action in part settlement of an outstanding debt is recorded on the Forestry Commission, Scotland balance sheet (pending resale as soon as possible).

Buildings are grouped into a variety of categories for management purposes but are broadly categorised as agricultural, residential, office and industrial, commercial recreation and non-commercial recreation buildings.

The only buildings used by the Forestry Commission and Forest Research and recorded on their balance sheets are (apart from the Gravetye Estate buildings) in the Office and Industrial category. Buildings in all other categories are used and managed solely by Forest Enterprise.

Buildings are valued at open market value whenever possible and at depreciated replacement cost when no market exists for specialised buildings.

Vehicles and forestry machinery are provided and serviced by Forest Enterprise's Mechanical Engineering Services business unit with appropriate internal charges being made (in the case of vehicles and communications equipment, to both the Forestry Commission and Forest Research as well as within Forest Enterprise itself). They are recorded on the Forest Enterprise balance sheet at depreciated current replacement cost.

Computers and other office equipment are recorded according to location in either the Forestry Commission or the agencies at depreciated current replacement cost. Computer equipment comprises both the central computer systems and network, which are owned and managed by the Commission to provide data to both itself and the agencies, as well as local PCs, with associated networking and peripheral hardware, which are used both to access the central systems and to run local software applications. Other office equipment comprises such items as telephone exchanges, photocopiers, faxes, cameras, laboratory equipment.

Items of office furniture, and equipment costing less than the asset capitalisation threshold of £1,500, are not recorded individually as fixed assets and are managed by local inventory control. No central summary data is held. In accordance with Resource Accounting requirements, a "pooled asset" value of such items is estimated for the Forestry Commission and the agencies in each country and recorded in the appropriate Balance Sheets. These pooled assets are recorded as single assets in the tables at the values included in the Balance Sheets.

Basis of Construction of Tables and Aggregation Levels

The forest estate and other land are not recorded as individual properties but as total areas (hectares), by category, within each forest district.

Forestry Commission and Forest Research buildings, being few in number, are listed individually. It would not be practicable to list the many Forest Enterprise buildings individually and these are shown by numbers of properties in each forest district within the five categories of agricultural, residential, office and industrial, commercial recreation and non-commercial recreation.

England/GB Core – Forestry Commission And Forest Research

LAND AND BUILDINGS

Property	Value £000
Gravetye Estate, Kent	979
Training Centre, Coleford	82
Training Centre, Ae	248
Linmere Office	100
Rothbury Office	131
Willingham Office	48
Wheldrake Office	66
Lakes Office	95
Whitecliffe Office	9
Hamsterley Office	26
Aldewood Centre	71
Research Complex, Farnham	5,008
Research Complex, Roslin	1,948
Research Office and Stores, North York Moors	20
Research Office and Store, Newton	26
Research Stores, Shobden	87
Research Office, Mabie	13
Technical Development Workshop, Ae	75
Total	9,032

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Computer Equipment (No.)	Other Office Equipment (No.)	Total	Value £000
860	443	1,303	2,456

Scotland – Forestry Commission

LAND AND BUILDINGS

Property	Value £000
Land at Mill Buie, Bishophill and Wetherlairs	75
Dumfries and Galloway Conservancy Office	24
Total	101

Note: Apart from the building listed above, all office accommodation used by Forestry Commission Scotland is either rented or jointly occupied with Forest Enterprise. Since Forest Enterprise is the major occupier in every instance, the buildings are all recorded on the Forest Enterprise Balance Sheet. The Forestry Commission pays Forest Enterprise a rental according to the proportion of each building which it occupies.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Computer Equipment (No.)	Other Office Equipment (No.)	Total	Value £000
92	18	110	191

Wales – Forestry Commission**LAND AND BUILDINGS**

Property	Value £000
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Note: All office accommodation used by Forestry Commission Wales is either rented or jointly occupied with Forest Enterprise. Since Forest Enterprise is the major occupier in every instance, the buildings are all recorded on the Forest Enterprise Balance Sheet. The Forestry Commission pays Forest Enterprise a rental according to the proportion of each building which it occupies.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Computer Equipment (No.)	Other Office Equipment (No.)	Total	Value £000
35	9	44	135

Forest Enterprise – England**LAND**

Forest District	Forest Estate (Hectares)	Other Land (Hectares)	Total (Hectares)	Value £000
Sherwood and Lincs	11,500	1,462	12,962	21,894
East Anglia	23,617	1,110	24,727	58,778
Northants	7,362	242	7,604	13,537
Kielder	59,145	15,546	74,691	98,760
Lakes	11,642	3,633	15,275	19,597
North York Moors	18,973	2,518	21,491	32,522
Downs and Chilterns	21,502	1,093	22,595	41,839
New Forest	20,145	15,085	35,230	53,558
Midlands	12,681	732	13,413	30,010
Peninsula	15,145	898	16,043	30,176
Forest of Dean	14,759	1,351	16,110	36,107
Total	216,471	43,670	260,141	436,778

BUILDINGS

	(No of Properties)					Total	Value £000
	Agricultural	Residential	Office and Industrial	Commercial Recreation	Non-Commercial Recreation		
Sherwood and Lincs	-	11	10	1	5	27	864
East Anglia	-	27	17	-	1	45	1,535
Northants	-	12	10	-	-	22	760
Kielder	7	54	23	4	9	97	3,022
Lakes	3	24	31	5	7	70	3,050
North York Moors	9	25	35	-	5	74	3,017
Downs and Chilterns	-	25	36	-	4	65	3,858
New Forest	6	65	42	-	-	113	8,350
Midlands	-	10	39	-	1	50	2,361
Peninsula	3	6	32	-	1	42	2,062
Forest of Dean	-	-	21	2	1	24	1,915
Westonbirt (Arboretum)	-	5	11	2	1	19	1,164
Total	28	264	307	14	35	648	31,958

VEHICLES, MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT

Vehicles (No of Items)	Operating Machinery (No of Items)	Other Equipment (No of Items)	Total	Value £000
501	305	1,678	2,484	2,412

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Computer Equipment (No.)	Other Office Equipment (No.)	Total	Value £000
106	30	136	324

Forest Enterprise – Scotland

LAND

Forest District	Forest Estate (Hectares)	Other Land (Hectares)	Total (Hectares)	Value £000
West Argyll	50,675	13,718	64,393	45,559
Lorne	33,276	15,126	48,402	24,577
Tay	32,805	5,625	38,430	35,409
Moray	21,595	1,144	22,739	25,313
Buchan	18,953	3,003	21,956	27,596
Kincardine	13,144	1,199	14,343	18,839
Dornoch	44,168	17,349	61,517	25,982
Inverness	27,860	8,109	35,969	30,483
Fort Augustus	34,643	26,379	61,022	31,017
Lochaber	23,867	21,255	45,122	22,402
Aberfoyle	23,024	6,897	29,921	33,413
Cowal	48,817	17,543	66,360	33,491
Newton Stewart	68,336	28,465	96,801	94,413
Castle Douglas	28,712	3,088	31,800	36,698
Ae	23,793	2,890	26,683	38,316
Scottish Lowlands	19,644	2,558	22,202	27,787
Total	513,312	174,348	687,660	551,295

BUILDINGS

	(No of Properties)					Total	Value £000
	Agricultural	Residential	Office and Industrial	Commercial Recreation	Non-Commercial Recreation		
West Argyll	-	5	14	-	-	19	1,379
Lorne	6	7	16	-	-	29	1,152
Tay	-	5	16	1	10	32	897
Moray	-	-	19	-	3	22	1,044
Buchan	-	-	4	-	3	7	310
Kincardine	-	1	4	-	2	7	124
Dornoch	1	3	10	-	-	14	366
Inverness	1	4	21	-	1	27	1,203
Fort Augustus	1	3	17	1	3	25	495
Lochaber	3	5	17	1	-	26	791
Aberfoyle	2	5	12	-	2	21	901
Cowal	1	2	13	-	1	17	538
Newton Stewart	15	12	43	-	5	75	1,813
Ae	3	3	61	-	3	70	2,199
Scottish Lowlands	-	3	7	-	-	10	972
Total	33	58	274	3	33	401	14,184

VEHICLES, MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT

Vehicles (No of Items)	Operating Machinery (No of Items)	Other Equipment (No of Items)	Total	Value £000
636	287	3,262	4,185	7,438

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Computer Equipment (No.)	Other Office Equipment (No.)	Total	Value £000
297	62	359	350

Forest Enterprise – Wales**LAND**

Forest District	Forest Estate (Hectares)	Other Land (Hectares)	Total (Hectares)	Value £000
Canolbarth	23,302	2,140	25,442	31,430
Dolgellau	20,231	1,923	22,154	27,483
Coed Y Coymoedd	34,391	3,567	37,958	44,486
Llandoverly	21,314	1,423	22,737	26,162
Llanwrst	16,577	2,550	19,127	24,758
Total	115,815	11,603	127,418	154,319

BUILDINGS

	(No of Properties)					Total	Value £000
	Agricultural	Residential	Office and Industrial	Commercial Recreation	Non-Commercial Recreation		
Canolbarth	-	-	20	-	-	20	776
Dolgellau	-	4	24	-	1	29	738
Coed Y Coymoedd	3	4	31	-	2	40	1,121
Llandoverly	-	1	5	1	-	7	375
Llanwrst	2	5	28	-	-	35	865
Total	5	14	108	1	3	131	3,875

VEHICLES, MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT

Vehicles (No of Items)	Operating Machinery (No of Items)	Other Equipment (No of Items)	Total	Value £000
172	52	626	850	2,152

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Computer Equipment (No.)	Other Office Equipment (No.)	Total	Value £000
170	35	205	170

Changes since the last National Asset Register

The asset register for the forest estate and other land is part of a wider land and growing crop management system. It is used to produce production forecasts for future planning of felling and restocking as well as wider management plans for the delivery of our multi-purpose forestry objectives.

The other asset registers, in addition to providing basic inventories and capital values, are also linked to wider management systems that provide data on repair, maintenance and running costs, levels of utilisation and, where appropriate, volumes of output.

Acquisitions

There have been no significant purchases or construction of buildings.

Forest Enterprise has made no individual land acquisitions for £1 million or more and such land as it has acquired has mainly been in the Community Forest areas of England and Scotland. The total areas and values of land acquired by Forest Enterprise from 1997-98 to 1999-00 were as follows:

	Area (hectares)	Value (£000)
England	556	1,678
Scotland	401	714
Wales	4	60

Planned expenditure for the years 2000-01 to 2002-03 is England – £1,410,000, Scotland – £405,000 and Wales – £225,000. In addition, using funds awarded from the Capital Modernisation Fund, expansion of community forests in England will involve acquisitions totalling £6,300,000 in the years 2000-01 and 2001-02. The areas acquired will depend on which properties become available.

Disposals

Management reviews are carried out on a continual basis and the use of underutilised assets is rationalised wherever possible. Land and buildings no longer required are declared surplus and sold on the open market as quickly as possible. Vehicles and machinery which are underutilised are either transferred to locations that can use them efficiently or, along with surplus items and items at the end of their useful lives, are disposed of as quickly as possible.

The total receipts from property disposals from 1997-98 to 1999-2000, and the corresponding land areas, are shown below:

	Area (hectares)	Value (£000)
England	4,049	16.3
Scotland	14,681	16.9
Wales	4,931	7.1

Receipts (and corresponding areas) from properties sold, or expected to be sold in 2000-01, amount to England £2.2 m, 839 hectares; Scotland £2.4m, 2,714 hectares; Wales £2.8 million, 1,745 hectares.

Compared to land and buildings, vehicles, machines and equipment have comparatively short working lives and are replaced or disposed of routinely within line management responsibilities. The number of such assets considered surplus is therefore constantly changing and a snapshot at any given time would be of little relevance to the purpose of the national register.

Further Information

The Forestry Commission Resource Accounts and the Forest Enterprise Accounts, containing the relevant Balance Sheets and Fixed Asset notes, are published in the separate Annual Reports for each country. Information on future investment plans, asset management and utilisation is set out in the Departmental Investment Strategy. The Departmental Investment Strategy is available on the Forestry Commission's website at www.forestry.gov.uk.