

**Table 1: Importance of rural areas (OECD definition):**

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>UK</b>	<b>EU average</b>
% territory in rural areas (2003) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Predominantly rural</li> <li>• Intermediate regions</li> <li>• Predominantly urban</li> </ul>	30.1 48.9 20.9	56.2 35.9 7.9
% population in rural areas (2003) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Predominantly rural</li> <li>• Intermediate regions</li> <li>• Predominantly urban</li> </ul>	2.6 28.2 69.2	18.6 37.7 43.7
% Gross Value Added in rural areas (2002) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Predominantly rural</li> <li>• Intermediate regions</li> <li>• Predominantly urban</li> </ul>	1.8 24.0 74.2	13.1 31.7 55.3
% employment in rural areas (2002) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Predominantly rural</li> <li>• Intermediate regions</li> <li>• Predominantly urban</li> </ul>	2.4 26.1 71.5	16.3 34.9 48.9

**Table [2]: Economic development and employment**

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>UK</b>	<b>EU average</b>
Economic development: GDP per capita – average 2000 to 2002 (EU-25 = 100)	116	100
Employment rate: % (2004)	71.6	63.1
Unemployment: % (2004)	4.7	9.2

**Table [3]: CMEF context related indicators for axis 1<sup>1</sup>**

Indicator	UK	EU average
% UAA (2003) in:		
• Arable area	39.2	59.8
• Permanent grass	60.6	33.1
• Permanent crops	0.2	6.9
Farm structure (2003):		
• Number of farms	280,630	-
• Utilised agricultural area (ha)	16,105,810	-
• Average area farm size (ha)	57.4	15.8
• Labour force (AWU)	352,220	-
Forestry structure (2000):		
• Area of forest available for wood supply (FAWS) – 1000 ha	21,236	-
• Ownership (% area of FAWS under “eligible ownership”)	54.2	64.8
• Average size of private holding (FOWL): ha	16.4	11.7 <sup>2</sup>
Forest productivity (2000):		
• Average net annual volume increment (FAWS): 1000 m <sup>3</sup> overbark/year/ha of FAWS	6.9	4.9

**Table [4]: CMEF objective related indicators for axis 1**

Indicator	UK	EU average
Training and education in agriculture: % farmers with basic and full education attained (1999/2000)	22.7	16.9 <sup>3</sup>
Labour productivity in agriculture – average 2000 to 2004 (EU-25 = 100)	216	100
Labour productivity in food industry: thousand euros/employed (2003)	59.9	50.5
Labour productivity in forestry: thousand euros/employed (2002)	11.5	38.3 <sup>4</sup>

**Table [ 5]: CMEF context related indicators for axis 2**

Indicator	UK	EU average
Land cover (2000): % area in		
• agriculture	58.7	46.7
• forest	12	31.0
• natural	24.7	16.0
• artificial classes	7.4	4.0
<sup>5</sup> LFA (2000): % UAA in:		
• Non LFA	52.9	44.6
• LFA mountain	0.0	16.3
• other LFA	47.1	35.6
• LFA with special handicaps	0.0	3.2
Areas of extensive agriculture (2003):		

<sup>1</sup> Explain CMEF<sup>2</sup> EU-22 (excl. AT, CY, EL)<sup>3</sup> 14 Member States only.<sup>4</sup> 9 Member States only.<sup>5</sup>

• % UAA for extensive arable crops	0.0 <sup>6</sup>	10.1
• % UAA for extensive grazing	28.0	21.2
Natura 2000 area :		
• % of territory under Natura 2000 (2005)	6.2	13.2
• % UAA under Natura 2000 (2004)	4.0	12.1 <sup>7</sup>
• %V forest under Natural 2000	3.3	11.8 <sup>8</sup>
Biodiversity: protected forest (2000/02):		
• % FOWL protected to conserve biodiversity, landscapes and specific natural elements	27.2	17.7
Development of forest area (2000/05):		
• Average annual increase of forest and other wooded land areas	10.4	-
Forest ecosystem health: % trees in defoliation classes 2-4 (2004):		
• conifers	26.5 <sup>9</sup>	24.1 <sup>10</sup>
• broadleaves	23.2	22.8
	2.1	25.5
Water quality (2005):		
• % territory designated as Nitrate Vulnerable Zone	34.2 <sup>11</sup>	40.9 <sup>12</sup>
Water use (2003):		
• % irrigated UAA	1.41	7.16 <sup>13</sup>
Protective forests concerning primarily soil and water (2000/02):		
• FOWL area managed primarily for soil and water protection: %	0.0	6.8

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<sup>7</sup> EU-15

<sup>8</sup> EU-15

<sup>9</sup> [Check figures – don't look right]

<sup>10</sup> EU-22 (excl. EL, LU, MT)

<sup>11</sup> Preliminary

<sup>12</sup> Preliminary

<sup>13</sup> EU-22 (excl. DE, EE, LT)

**Table [6]: CMEF objective related indicators for axis 2**

Indicator	UK	EU average
Biodiversity: Population of farmland birds: reference year 2000 (2001)	97	97.2 <sup>1</sup>
Biodiversity: High Nature Value farmland areas: million ha of UAA defined as HNV (1999 or 2000)	4.3 (indicative)	-
Water quality: Gross Nutrient Balances: surplus of nitrogen kg/ha (2000)	45	55 <sup>1</sup>
Climate change: Production of renewable energy from agriculture and forestry: ktons (2004)	8 & 1034	-

**Table [7]: CMEF context related indicators for axis 3**

Indicator	UK	EU average
Population density (2003): inhabitants/km <sup>2</sup> of total land area	244.3	117.5
Age structure (2001): % people aged:		
• 0-14	18.9	16.9
• 15-64	65.2	67.2
• >= 65	15.9	16.0
Structure of the economy (2002): % GVA by branch:		
• Primary	0.9	2.1
• Secondary	24.9	26.6
• Tertiary	74.2	71.2
Structure of employment by branch (2001 or 2002):		
• Primary	1.6	5.0
• Secondary	20.3	26.2
• Tertiary	78.1	68.8
Long term unemployment (2003): % of active population	1.07	4.14
Educational attainment ( 2004): % adults with medium and high educational attainment	84.5	69.8
Internet infrastructure: DSL coverage (2004): %		
• Rural	80	62 <sup>1</sup>
• Suburban	93	93
• Urban	98	95
• National	95	88

**Table [8 ]: CMEF objective related indicators for axis 3.**

Indicator	UK	EU average
Farmers with other gainful activity: % (2003)	60.6	33.1
Employment development of non-agricultural sector: thousand of people employed in secondary and tertiary sectors (2001)	29,455	-
Economic development of non-agricultural sector: GVA in secondary and tertiary sectors - meuros (2002)	1,426,489	-

Self-employment development – thousands of people self-employed (2004)	3,581	-
Internet take-up in rural areas % population subscribed to DSL internet (2004) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural</li> <li>• Suburban</li> <li>• Urban</li> <li>• National</li> </ul>	1.1 4.2 9.6 7.2	3.2 6.6 9.9 7.9 <sup>1</sup>
Development of services sector: share of GVA in services as % of total GVA (2002)	74.4	70.9
Life-long learning in rural areas: % of 25-64 y.o. participating in education and training (2004)	21.9	7.7

**Table [9 ]: CMEF objective related baseline indicator for Leader axis**

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>UK</b>	<b>EU average</b>
Development of Local Action Groups: % of population covered by Leader LAGs	6.7	14.3 <sup>14</sup>

<sup>14</sup> EU-15