

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE
MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DELVELOPMENT, TOURISM, SPORT AND CULTURE
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON TUESDAY 19th APRIL 2022
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 26th APRIL 2022**

Question

“For each of the last four years, in respect of the following industries, will the Minister provide details of the recorded size and any changes to each industry, the financial contribution of each industry to the Island’s economy and the type and amount of Government aid, if any, provided to each industry –

- (a) dairy;
- (b) potato-growing;
- (c) medicinal cannabis;
- (d) fishing;
- (e) aquaculture; and
- (f) the rest of the agriculture industry?”

Answer

- Note that as some farms are mixed (ie. dairy, potatoes and other agriculture), these figures are based on the best estimate for the specific sector; as indicated with ‘*’
- The data is based on farm returns from businesses on the Rural Support Scheme (RSS). Businesses not in the RSS are included where data is available.
- Potato industry farmed area includes ‘rotation’ land ie fallow for season or exchanged with dairy/other uses.
- Medicinal Cannabis is a new sector and commercial sales are not yet measurable and as businesses have not been part of RSS, data is limited.
- Direct payments are Single Area Payment (SAP); Quality Milk Payment (QMP) and Rural Initiative Scheme (RIS) – estimated to specific sectors.
- To protect commercial confidentiality industry specific values are not available – only the published combined agricultural GVA is referenced.

DAIRY	2018	2019	2020	2021
Holdings (RSS)	21	17	15	13
Holdings (NON RSS)	0	0	0	1
Herd (Number Animals)	4,426	3,852	3,776	n/a
	7,957	6,308	6,161	
Farmed Land (Vergees)*				6,414
Direct Support Payments				
	£	£	£	£
SAP*	205,177	189,618	216,300	236,106
	£	£	£	£
QMP	544,670	399,174	399,245	398,387

RIS	£ 14,698	£ 57,175	£ 163,197	£ 45,892
Indirect Sport				
Herd Management Services	£ 163,000	£ 180,000	£ 180,000	£ 182,500

POTATOES	2018	2019	2020	2021
Holdings (RSS)	10	10	10	11
Holdings (NON RSS)	3	3	3	2
Farmed Land (Vergees)*	14,710	15,911	16,070	15,640
Direct Support Payments				
SAP*	£ 304,200	£ 333,220	£ 371,400	£ 446,000
RIS	£ 29,333	£ 34,500	£ 60,025	£ 27,000
Indirect Sport				
PR Marketing	£ 35,000	£ 35,000	£ 35,000	£ 35,000

MEDICINAL CANNABIS	2018	2019	2020	2021
Holdings (NON RSS)	0	0	1	2
Farmed Land (Vergees)*	-	-	2	3
Support Payments				
	-	-	-	-

AGRICULTURE (EX. DAIRY/POTATO)	2018	2019	2020	2021
Holdings (RSS)	11	10	12	15
Farmed Land (Vergees)	2,204	2,551	3,053	2,923
Direct Support Payments				
SAP	£ 43,419	£ 44,751	£ 69,684	£ 152,845
RIS	£ -	£ 28,303	£ 196,125	£ 14,826

Agricultural Sector GVA per year	2018	2019	2020	2021
Constant 2020 values	59m	60m	46m	n/a

[National Accounts: GVA and GDP - GVA in real terms in constant 2020 values \(£ million\) - Government of Jersey Open Data](#)

Fisheries (2021 figures not available)

These figures are for commercial landings by Jersey vessels and are in kilogrammes.

SPECIES	2018	2019	2020
Dog cockles	0	80	137
Brown Crab	287252	170941	126424
Crayfish	11	6	4
Cuttlefish	7934	10971	14104
Green Crab	20	1236	0
Velvet Crab	287	317	180
Lobster	193503	155374	111289
Octopus	2	0	3
Ormer	7	643	809
Praires	0	0	2960
Prawns	29	0	24
Queen Scal- lops	0	0	0
Scallops 1, 2	275021	337986	249203
Spider Crab	289229	301743	199293
Squid	631	389	297
Whelks	838926	735443	179440

Species	2018	2019	2020
Blonde Ray	52655	46343	60801
Dogfish	7154	6634	7769
Wrasse	7248	4502	4321
Black Sea Bream	9847	3052	4796
Lesser Spotted Dogfish	9500	7590	4860
Mackerel	3436	2100	5227
Conger Eels	3194	2069	1649
Pollack	1689	1066	1673
Smooth Hound	5070	3340	2178
Whiting	1391	787	746
Brill	1393	1629	1711
Bass	1476	6649	7542
Bull Huss / Greater Spotted Dogfish	859	2238	1700
Plaice	803	936	647
Turbot	680	543	652
Grey Mullet	932	2154	2975
Dover Sole	1594	696	672
Angler Fish / Monkfish	258	466	601
Red Gurnard	1940	1243	1304
Sand Sole	379	234	1109
Tope	181	40	306
Pouting	870	332	469
Red Mullet	133	254	235
Snipe / Garfish	42	18	0
Horse Mackerel	191	28	280

Undulate Ray	960	1702	95
Lemon Sole	57	0	31
Grey Gurnard	48	6	51
Trigger Fish	0	2	3
Ling	0	3	93
Sand Eels	31	8	31
Cod	25	194	10
Gilt-head Bream	20	254	562
Thornback Ray	21	76	0
Sea Trout	0	0	1
Small-eyed Ray	10	5	0
John Dory	64	49	433
Shad	0	5	0
Herring	0	2	4

Aquaculture (2020 and 2021 data not available)

These figures are for farmed production and are in tonnes.

	2018	2019
Oysters	1,354	1,253
Mussels	80	97

[Agriculture and fisheries statistics \(gov.je\)](http://gov.je)

Support for Aquaculture and Fisheries Sector

(In addition to Covid related payroll support in 2020)

2020

Fisheries Support Scheme - £252,600

2021

Fisheries Payroll Support - £104,706

Fisheries Fixed Costs Support - £68,898

Fish Market Connectivity Support - £145,915