

## RESULTS FROM THE 2018 CROFTING SURVEY

### FORMS AND RETURNS

Forms sent out	13309
Completed forms returned	7915
Percentage of forms returned	59%

### COMMON GRAZING ACTIVITY

Do you use the croft's grazing share?

		% of completed forms
Yes	3765	48%
No	2357	30%
I don't have a share	1341	17%
Not answered	452	6%

Are the common grazings currently managed as a sheep stock club?

		% of completed forms
Yes	565	7%
No	5023	63%
Not answered	2327	29%

### HOW DO YOU USE YOUR CROFT?

Is your croft used for any of the following purposes?

		% of completed forms
Silage	2104	27%
Crops	1173	15%
Caravan/campsite	758	10%
Horticulture	690	9%
Woodland management	665	8%
B&B/Holiday let	517	7%
Environmental benefits/schemes	442	6%
Tourism	280	4%
Renewable energy production	239	3%
Leisure	219	3%
Wood processing	111	1%
Equestrian stabling/riding centre	109	1%
Aquaculture	79	1%
Golf course	22	0.3%
Not answered	3553	45%

## Livestock

		% of completed forms
Sheep	5470	69%
Cattle	1831	23%
Poultry	1270	16%
Pigs	247	3%
Other	631	8%
Not answered	1306	17%

## CROFTING SUPPORT DURING THE 2017/18 PERIOD

Have you looked for any advice/support on crofting activities?

		% of completed forms
Yes	2672	34%
No	3667	46%
Not answered	1576	20%

Which of the following sources have you approached (either by direct contact or by browsing their website) for advice or support on crofting activities?

		% of completed forms
Scottish Government Rural Payments and Inspections Directorate (SGRPID)	1573	20%
Crofting Commission staff	1246	16%
Family/Friend	1230	16%
Grazings clerk or committee	1162	15%
Crofting Counties Agricultural Grants Scheme (CCAGS)	1079	14%
Crofting community	783	10%
Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP)	769	10%
Scottish Crofting Federation (SCF)	616	8%
Croft House Grant Scheme (CHGS)	530	7%
Landlord of croft	460	^%
Solicitor	446	6%
Government department	349	4%
Agent	342	4%
Forestry Commission	226	3%
Crofting Cattle Improvement Scheme (Bull hire scheme)	186	2%
Crofting Commission Commissioner	139	2%
Bank/Finance house	89	1%
Crofting Commission assessor	87	1%
Not answered	3828	48%

Are you aware of what support schemes are available for crofting?

		% of completed forms
Yes	3987	50%
No	2795	35%
Not answered	1133	14%

### **CONSERVATION**

Do you engage in conservation activity on the croft?

		% of completed forms
Yes	3173	40%
No	4084	52%
Not answered	658	8%

### **SUCCESSION**

Do you have a succession plan in place for your croft?

		% of completed forms
Yes	4021	51%
No	3331	42%
Not answered	563	7%