



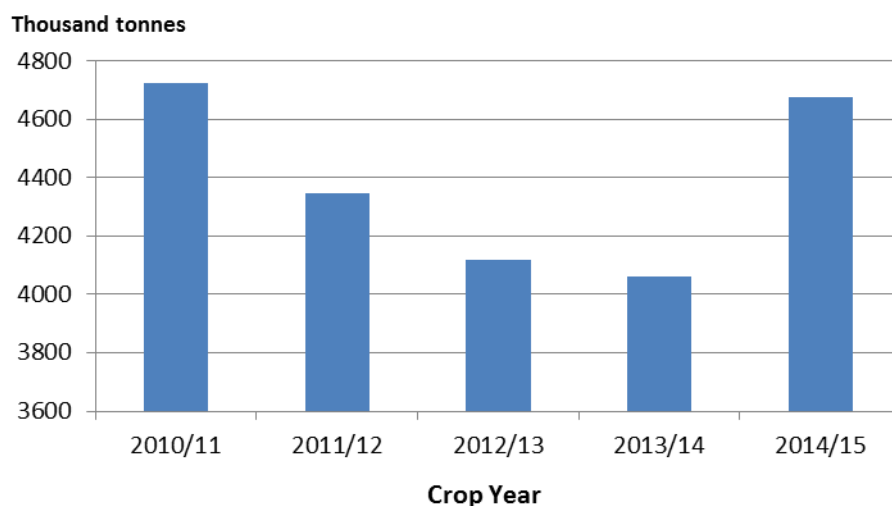
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Cereals usage by Millers, Brewers, Distillers and Maltsters UK - April 2015

Key points

- Milling industry, starch and Bioethanol used 507 thousand tonnes of wheat in April 2015, up 1.0% on April 2014. Of this 425 thousand tonnes was home produced.
- Brewers, maltsters and distillers used 151 thousand tonnes of barley in April 2015, down 3.8% on April 2014.
- After two seasons of limited home grown milling wheat millers have switched back to home grown due to greater availability. See figure 1.

Figure 1: Home grown wheat milled July to April 2010/11 – 2014/15



Datasets for [Flour Millers](#), [Brewers Maltsters and Distillers](#) and [Oat Millers](#) have been published to accompany this notice with fuller detail, trends and methodology. All cereal usage statistics are accessible from the [cereal usage statistics](#) landing page.

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Figure 2: Cereal usage in April 2015

Flour Millers				Thousand tonnes		
April	Home Grown milled	Imported milled	Total milled	Home Grown year to date	Total year to date	Closing stocks
Wheat Milled 2015	425	81	507	4678	5674	55
Wheat Milled 2014	418	83	502	4060	5292	60
% Difference	1.7%	-2.5%	1.0%	15%	7.2%	-7.8%

Thousand tonnes			
April	Total Flour Production	Crop year to date	Closing Stocks
Flour Production 2015	400	4,388	55
Flour Production 2014	389	4,134	60
% Difference	2.6%	6.1%	-7.8%

Brewers, Maltsters and Distillers				Thousand tonnes	
April	Brewers Monthly Usage	Crop year to date	Closing stocks		
Barley 2015	151	1579	777		
Barley 2014	157	1571	760		
% Difference	-3.8%	0.5%	2.2%		
Wheat 2015	59	637	*		
Wheat 2014	61	680	*		
% Difference	-4.2%	-6.3%	*		

Oat Millers				Thousand tonnes	
Q1 Jan - Mar	Oats Quarterly Usage	Crop year to date	Closing stocks		
Oats Milled 2015	122	362	17		
Oats Milled 2014	134	384	19		
% Difference	-10%	-5.7%	-11%		

- Imported milling wheat was 2.5% lower than April 2014, but over the year to date total milled wheat was up 1.0%.
- Barley used for brewing, malting and distilling was down 3.8% against April 2014 but over the year to date was up 0.5%.
- Wheat used for brewing, malting and distilling was down 4.2% against April 2014 and over the year to date was down 6.3%.
- Oats usage was 10% lower in Jan – Apr 2015 compared to the previous year and over the year to date was down 5.7%.

Usage of the Statistics

The UK government and the European Commission use these statistics to monitor and assess stocks of cereals as a key component of our food security. The estimates contribute to the UK cereal balance sheets published by the Agricultural and Horticultural Development Board [AHDB](#). Grain processors and traders use the estimates to help assess market conditions.

Revisions

There are no revisions to previous estimates.

Further Information

1. Data are from Defra's monthly cereal usage surveys which cover all flour millers and brewers, maltsters and distillers and oat millers in the United Kingdom.
2. The next release will be on 2 July 2015 at 9.30am.
3. Related statistics are available on [animal feed production](#) and [cereal stocks](#).