



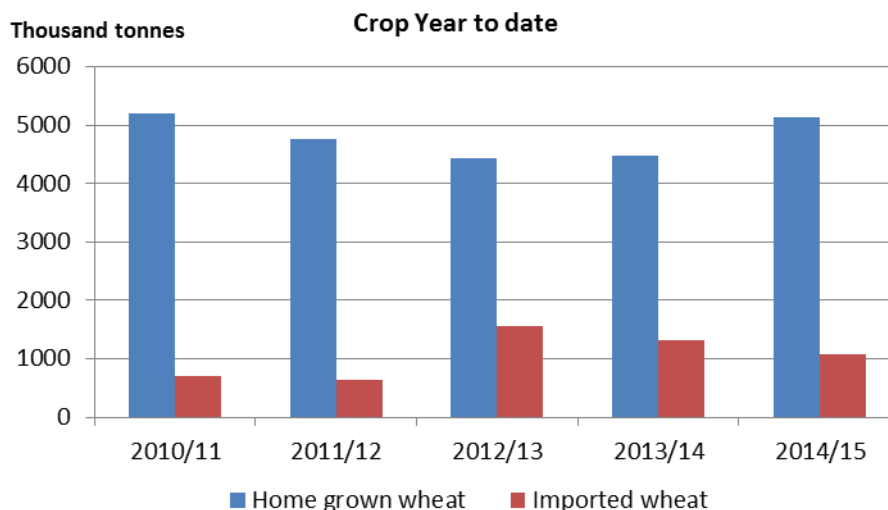
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Cereals usage by Millers, Brewers, Distillers and Maltsters UK - May 2015

Key points

- Milling industry, starch and Bioethanol used 543 thousand tonnes of wheat in May 2015, up 7.7% on May 2014. Of this 460 thousand tonnes was home produced.
- Brewers, maltsters and distillers used 156 thousand tonnes of barley in May 2015, down 6.3% on May 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 May 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 May 2015

Flour Millers				Thousand tonnes		
May	Home Grown milled	Imported milled	Total milled	Home Grown year to date	Total year to date	Total closing stocks
Wheat Milled 2015	460	84	543	5137	6217	301
Wheat Milled 2014	414	91	505	4473	5796	271
% Difference	11%	-8.0%	7.7%	15%	7.3%	11%

Thousand tonnes			
May	Total Flour Production	Crop year to date	Closing Stocks
Flour Production 2015	424	4812	55
Flour Production 2014	395	4528	57
% Difference	7.4%	6.3%	-3.3%

Brewers, Maltsters and Distillers				Thousand tonnes		
May	Brewers Monthly Usage	Crop year to date	Closing stocks			
Barley 2015	156	1735	713			
Barley 2014	166	1738	693			
% Difference	-6.3%	-0.1%	2.9%			
Wheat 2015	67	704	*			
Wheat 2014	69	749	*			
% Difference	-3.3%	-6.0%	*			

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 8.0% lower than May 2014, but over the year to date total milled wheat was up 7.7%.
- Barley used for brewing, malting and distilling was down 6.3% against May 2014 but over the year to date was down -0.1%.
- Wheat used for brewing, malting and distilling was down -3.3% against May 2014 and over the year to date was down -6.0%.
- 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 6 August 2015 at 9.30am.
3. Related statistics are available on [animal feed production](#) and [cereal stocks](#).