



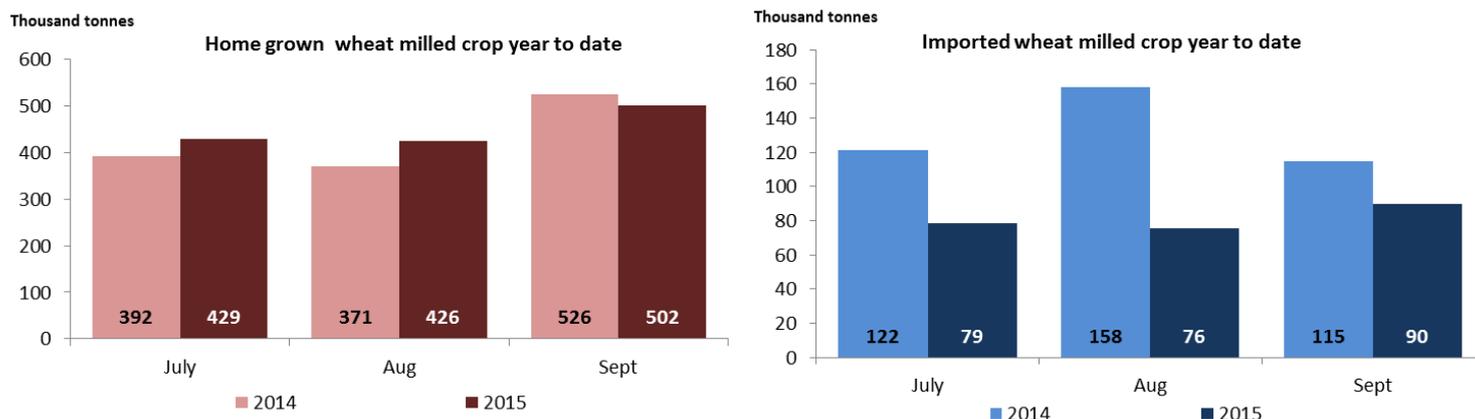
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## Cereals usage by Millers, Brewers, Distillers and Maltsters UK - September 2015

### Key points

- Milling industry, starch and Bioethanol used 592 thousand tonnes of wheat in September 2015, down 7.7% on September 2014. Of this 502 thousand tonnes was home produced.
- Brewers, maltsters and distillers used 142 thousand tonnes of barley in September 2015, down 12% on September 2014.
- Brewers, maltsters and distillers used 59 thousand tonnes of wheat in September 2015, down 17% on September 2014.
- Crop year to date (2015/16) home grown wheat milled has increased by 5.3% on July to Sept 2014, imported wheat milled has declined 38% on the July to Sept 2014. See figure 1.

**Figure 1: Total wheat milled crop year to date 2014 & 2015**



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 September 2015**

Flour Millers				Thousand tonnes		
September	Home Grown milled	Imported milled	Total milled	Home Grown year to date	Total year to date	Total closing stocks
Wheat Milled 2015	502	90	592	1357	1601	251
Wheat Milled 2014	526	115	641	1289	1683	283
% Difference	-4.6%	-22%	-7.7%	5.3%	-4.9%	-11%

Thousand tonnes			
September	Total Flour Production	Flour year to date	Flour Closing Stocks
Flour Production 2015	469	1267	51
Flour Production 2014	491	1298	61
% Difference	-4.5%	-2.4%	-17%

Brewers, Maltsters and Distillers				Thousand tonnes			
September	Barley monthly usage	Barley year to date	Barley Closing stocks	September	Wheat Monthly Usage	Wheat year to date	Wheat closing stocks
Barley 2015	142	447	969	Wheat 2015	59	167	5
Barley 2014	162	480	1030	Wheat 2014	71	195	11
% Difference	-12%	-6.8%	-6%	% Difference	-17%	-14%	-55%

Oat Millers				Thousand tonnes			
Q3 Jul - Sept	Oats Quarterly Usage	Oats year to date	Oats Closing stocks	Q3 Jul - Sept	Oats Quarterly Usage	Oats year to date	Oats Closing stocks
Oats Milled 2015	125	125	17	Oats Milled 2015	125	125	17
Oats Milled 2014	118	118	18	Oats Milled 2014	118	118	18
% Difference	5.6%	5.6%	-4.4%	% Difference	5.6%	5.6%	-4.4%

- Home grown wheat used for milling was down 4.6% to 502 thousand tonnes against September 2014. Imported wheat used for milling was down 22% to 90 thousand tonnes.
- Barley used for brewing, malting and distilling was down 12% to 142 thousand tonnes against September 2014. Wheat was also down by 17% to 59 thousand tonnes on September 2014.
- Oat usage was up 5.6% to 125 thousand tonnes against September 2014.

### 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 is an element of estimation in the brewers maltsters and distillers data and in the flour milling data for September.

### 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 3 December 2015 at 9.30am.
3. Related statistics are available on [animal feed production](#) and [cereal stocks](#).