



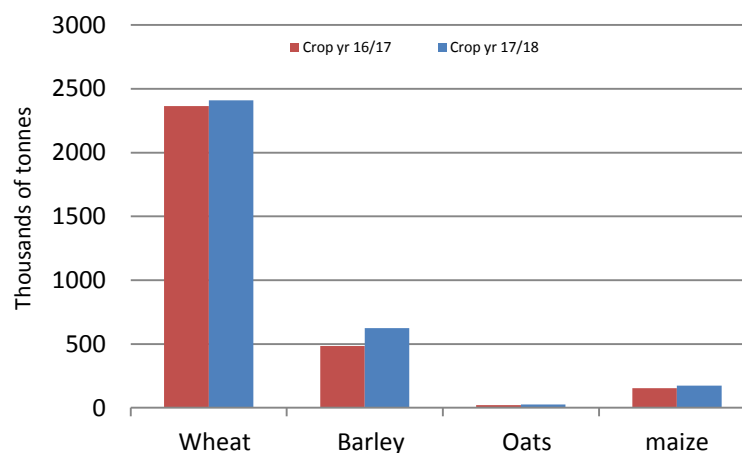
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## Animal Feed Statistics for Great Britain – December 2017

### Key points

- Animal feed production was up 10% for sheep, 6.6% for cattle and calves, 3.7% for pigs and down 0.2% for poultry in December 2017 compared to December 2016.
- 2.5% more wheat was used to produce animal feed in December 2017 than December 2016 and 17% more barley.
- Over the crop year from July to December, animal feed production was up 18% for sheep, 9.6% for cattle, 4.6% for pigs and 2.0% for poultry compared to the previous crop year.
- Over the crop year from July to December, wheat used to produce animal feed was up 1.9% and 29% for barley compared to the previous crop year.

**Figure 1: Cereal usage for animal feed in current crop year 17/18 compared to previous crop year 16/17**



A dataset for animal feed statistics has been published to accompany this notice with fuller detail and trends. All animal feed statistics, including quarterly prices, are accessible from the [animal feed production](#) landing page along with a methodology document.

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**Figure 2: Animal feed production and inputs, December 2017**

Thousands of tonnes	Latest month	%Chg (2)	Latest 3 month (4)	%Chg (2)	Year to date (3)	%Chg (2)	12 month rolling	%Chg (2)
<b>PRODUCTION</b>	1342	2.8	3624	4.6	6978	4.8	13883	3.3
Cattle and calf feed	451	6.6	1202	8.7	2178	9.6	4224	7.2
Compounds for dairy cows	205	3.8	564	6.9	1073	7.5	2094	6.7
Blends for dairy cows	95	9.6	249	10.6	437	11.5	839	7.6
Pig feed	175	3.7	485	4.8	944	4.6	1825	0.3
Pig growing feed	31	4.8	87	5.0	169	4.6	327	-0.3
Pig finishing feed	90	3.8	252	5.5	488	5.4	927	-0.3
Pig breeding feed	36	-0.8	100	1.3	196	1.1	391	-2.1
Poultry feed (1)	566	-0.2	1561	2.0	3180	2.0	6244	1.6
Layer feed	119	-1.0	325	1.6	636	1.1	1267	0.6
Broiler chicken feed	331	-0.4	886	2.4	1778	2.1	3562	2.5
Sheep feed	80	10.1	175	13.0	277	17.7	825	6.6
Compounds for breeding sheep	23	21.2	36	7.2	43	3.7	306	-2.3
Compounds for growing and finishing sheep	45	3.9	111	14.1	184	22.4	405	10.5
Other feed	71	-4.6	200	-4.5	398	-4.5	764	0.6
<b>USAGE (1)</b>	1255	4.5	3392	5.4	6532	5.2	12964	3.4
Wheat	450	2.5	1228	3.8	2410	1.9	4749	1.3
Barley	120	17.3	324	19.3	625	29.1	1191	19.5
Oats	6	58.5	16	55.0	27	31.5	46	3.7
Whole and flaked maize	34	13.1	89	11.8	172	13.3	333	4.3
Oilseed rape cake and meal	60	-8.0	154	-7.5	263	-7.8	556	-7.9
Soya cake and meal	102	1.6	278	1.0	555	1.3	1084	-5.0
Sunflower cake and meal	39	34.9	102	32.2	197	28.8	382	15.0
Other oilseed cake and meal	50	2.1	133	3.1	244	5.4	507	2.7
Other usage	394	3.2	1068	4.1	2039	3.5	4116	4.9

(1) Includes data from compound processors and integrated poultry units

(2) % change relates to the same period in the previous year

(3) Year to date comprises of July to December 2017 data

(4) April 2016 is a 5 week reporting period & 2016 a 53 week year

## 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](#). Animal feed processors and grain traders use the estimates to help assess market conditions and inform business decisions.

## Revisions

We have reviewed some IPU's (Integrated Poultry Units) which produce both feed for their own use and feed for retail sale. We have adjusted the data from August 2015 which has resulted in an increase in compound poultry feed and a decrease in IPU feed. This statistical notice has been updated with final 2016 data for those smaller companies which are only surveyed annually. Data for July 2017 has been amended due to changes in Compound/IPU split.

## Further information

1. Data are from Defra's monthly animal feed surveys which cover all animal feed processors and integrated poultry units in Great Britain.
2. **This publication is the last monthly release by Defra. Further monthly releases will be published by the Agriculture and Horticultural Development Board.**
3. Related statistics are available on [animal feed prices](#) and cereal usage by [millers and brewers](#) and [cereal stocks](#).

## Compound animal feed prices – key points

- The quarterly average price of Cattle and Calf compounds between October and December 2017 was £216 per tonne
- The quarterly average price of Pig compounds between October and December 2017 was £232 per tonne
- The quarterly average price of Poultry compounds between October and December 2017 was £244 per tonne
- The quarterly average price of Sheep compounds between October and December 2017 was £216 per tonne
- **The quarterly survey of compound animal feed prices will continue to be run by Defra and the dataset will be next updated 03 May 2018.**

Figure 3: Quarterly compound animal feed prices 2010 to 2017

