

North East



The **North East** region comprises Northumberland, Durham, Darlington, Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees, South Teeside, Tyneside and Sunderland. Parts of the Lake District, Yorkshire Dales and Peak District are in the region.

For the **North East** region:

- Total Income from Farming decreased by 30% between 2012 and 2016 to £121 million (compared to a 30% decrease for England as a whole).
- The biggest contributors to the value of the output (£0.53 billion), which were cattle for meat (£86 million), sheep for meat (£68 million), wheat (£56 million) and milk (£35 million), together account for 46%.

Agriculture in the **North East** region in 2016 contributed 0.43% to the regional economy and employed 0.87% of the regional workforce. In comparison, England overall contributed 0.42% to the national economy and 1.12% of the workforce in 2016. (Source: Defra [Aggregate agricultural accounts](#))

In the **North East** the average farm size in 2016 was 139 hectares. This is the largest average farm size of all of the English regions and larger than the English average of 85 hectares.

Predominant farm types in the **North East** region in 2016 were Grazing Livestock farms which accounted for 53% of farmed area in the region and Cereal farms which covered an additional 22% of farmed area.

Land:

	North East	England
Total farmed area (th. ha)	603	9,121
Average Farm size (ha)	139	85
% of farmed area that is:		
Rented (for at least 1 year)	45%	33%
Arable area ^(a)	32%	52%
Permanent pasture	43%	36%

(a) Includes arable crops, uncropped arable land and temporary grass
Source: Defra, June Survey

Crops:

(Thousand hectares)	North East	England
Wheat	68 (4%)	1,684
Barley	41 (5%)	791
Oilseed rape	24 (4%)	543
Oats	8 (8%)	102
Potatoes	1 (1%)	104
Field veg	1 (1%)	93

Figures in brackets denote the proportion which the region contributes to the English total. (Source: Defra, June Survey)

Livestock:

(Thousand head)	North East	England
Cattle	258 (5%)	5,253
Dairy herd	14 (1%)	1,125
Beef herd	71 (10%)	698
Pigs	124 (3%)	3,911
Poultry	1,942 (2%)	128,879
Laying flock	492 (2%)	25,451
Table chickens	1,248 (1%)	85,328
Sheep	1,941 (13%)	15,283

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Labour:

	North East	England
Total Labour ^(a)		
People:	10,496	301,507
Per farm ^(b)	2.4	2.8
Regular workers		
People:	2,257	73,215
Per farm ^(b)	0.5	0.7
Casual workers		
People:	712	43,894
Per farm ^(b)	0.2	0.4
% full time ^(c)	52%	45%
% part time ^(c)	39%	37%
% casual	7%	15%

(a) Farmers, partners, directors, spouses, salaried managers, regular and casual workers

(b) Averaged across all farms in region

(c) Excludes salaried managers

Source: Defra, June Survey

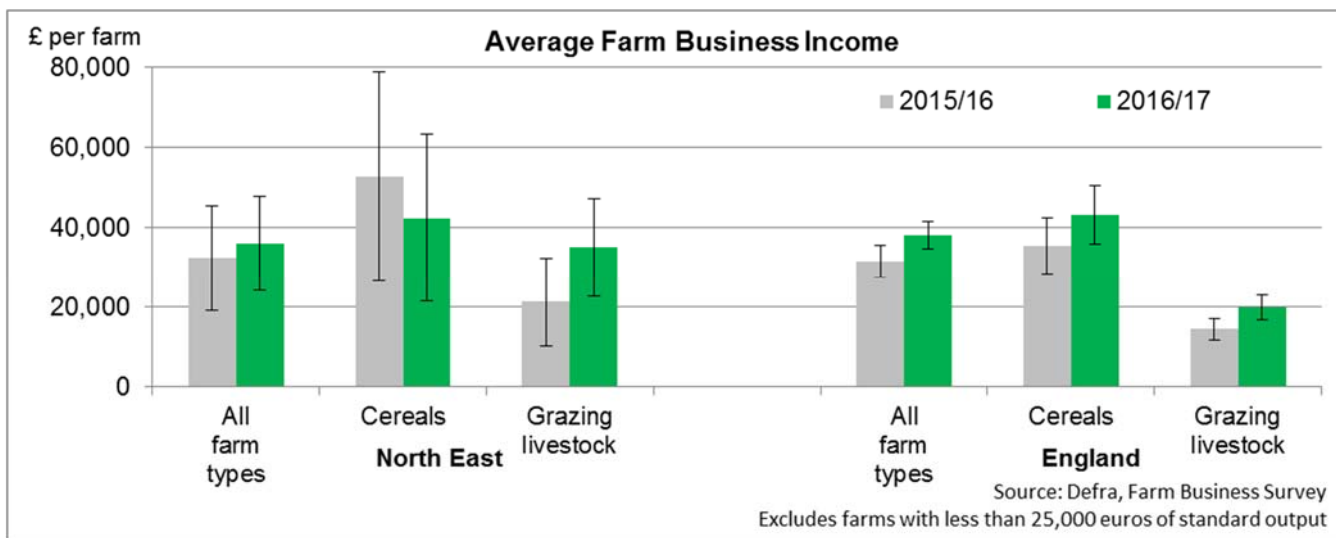
Farm Business Income (FBI) 2016/17:

(£ per farm)	North East	England
All types	36,000	38,000
Cereals	42,400	43,100
Grazing Livestock	35,000	19,900

(a) Years ending February, Farms with at least 25,000 euros of Standing Output

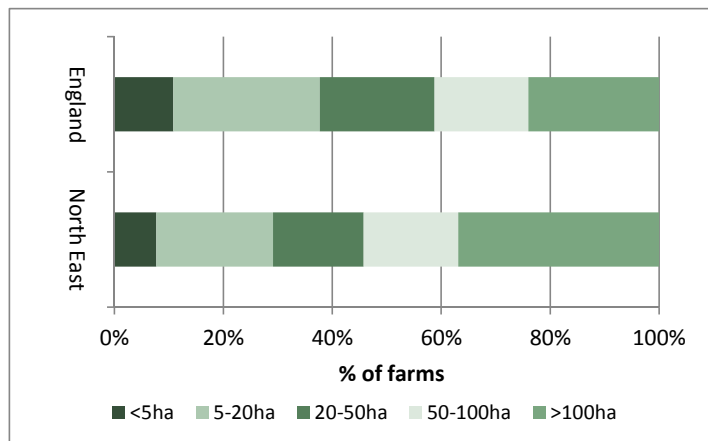
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Defra Statistics: Agricultural facts - commercial holdings at June 2016 (unless stated)

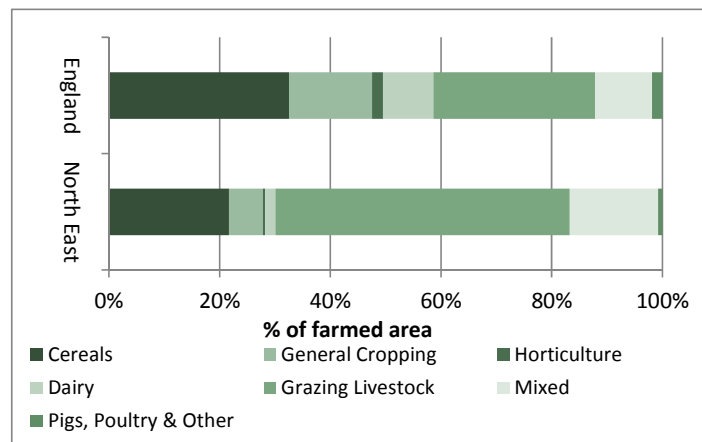
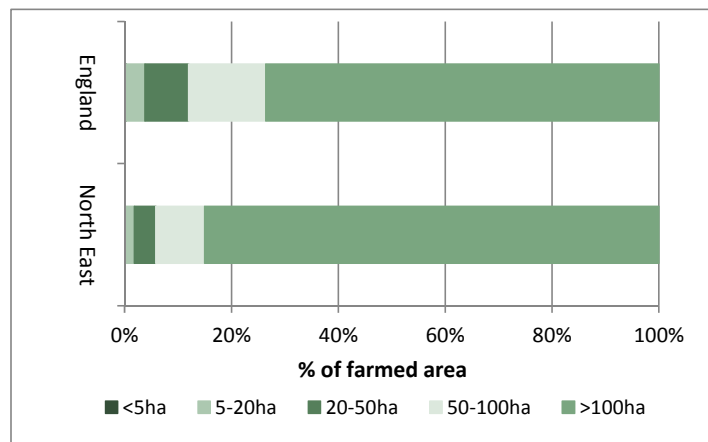
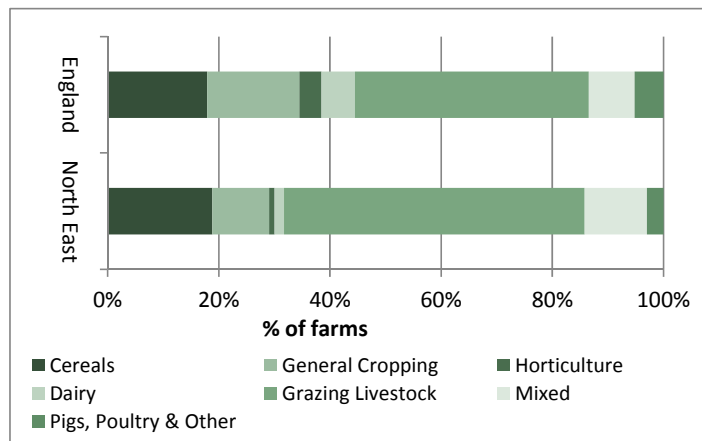


Lines indicate the 95% confidence intervals

Distribution of farms by size



Distribution of farms by type



Source: Defra, June Survey

Further information and other geographical classifications from the Defra June Survey can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/structure-of-the-agricultural-industry-in-england-and-the-uk-at-june>

England regional data for aggregate agricultural accounts can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/agriculture-in-the-english-regions>

English county data for farm accounts from the Farm Business Survey can be found at: <http://www.farmbusinesssurvey.co.uk/DataBuilder/Default.aspx?Menu=Menu&Module=Counties>

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