

## North West



The **North West** region comprises Cumbria, Cheshire, Lancashire (incl. Blackpool), Blackburn, Greater Manchester, Merseyside (incl. Liverpool and Sefton), Wirral, Halton and Warrington. Parts of the Lake District, Yorkshire Dales and Peak District are in the region.

For the **North West** region:

- Total Income from Farming decreased by 25% between 2012 and 2016 to £139 million (compared to a 30% decrease for England as a whole).
- The biggest contributors to the value of the output (£1.7 billion), which were milk (£494 million), cattle for meat (£193 million) and poultrymeat (£140 million), together account for 48%.

In the **North West** the average farm size in 2016 was 75 hectares. This is smaller than the English average of 85 hectares.

Predominant farm types in the **North West** region in 2016 were Grazing Livestock which accounted for 59% of farmed area in the region and Dairy which covered a further 20% of farmed area.

Agriculture in the **North West** region in 2016 contributed 0.38% to the regional economy and employed 0.97% 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](#))

### Land:

	North West	England
Total farmed area (th. ha)	940	9,121
Average Farm size (ha)	75	85
% of farmed area that is:		
Rented (for at least 1 year)	36%	33%
Arable area <sup>(a)</sup>	21%	52%
Permanent pasture	62%	36%

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

### Crops:

(Thousand hectares)	North West	England
Barley	40 (5%)	791
Wheat	37 (2%)	1,684
Maize	13 (7%)	182
Potatoes	8 (7%)	104
Field veg	5 (5%)	93
Oilseed rape	5 (1%)	543

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

### Livestock:

(Thousand head)	North West	England
Cattle	936 (18%)	5,253
Dairy herd	276 (24%)	1,125
Beef herd	85 (12%)	698
Pigs	150 (4%)	3,911
Poultry	9,099 (7%)	128,879
Laying flock	2,784 (11%)	25,451
Table chickens	5,446 (6%)	85,328
Sheep	3,000 (20%)	15,283

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### Labour:

	North West	England
Total Labour <sup>(a)</sup>		
People:	32,501	301,507
Per farm <sup>(b)</sup>	2.6	2.8
Regular workers		
People:	7,414	73,215
Per farm <sup>(b)</sup>	0.6	0.7
Casual workers		
People:	2,580	43,894
Per farm <sup>(b)</sup>	0.2	0.4
% full time <sup>(c)</sup>	52%	45%
% part time <sup>(c)</sup>	38%	37%
% casual	8%	15%

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

(b) Averaged across all farms in region

(c) Excludes salaried managers

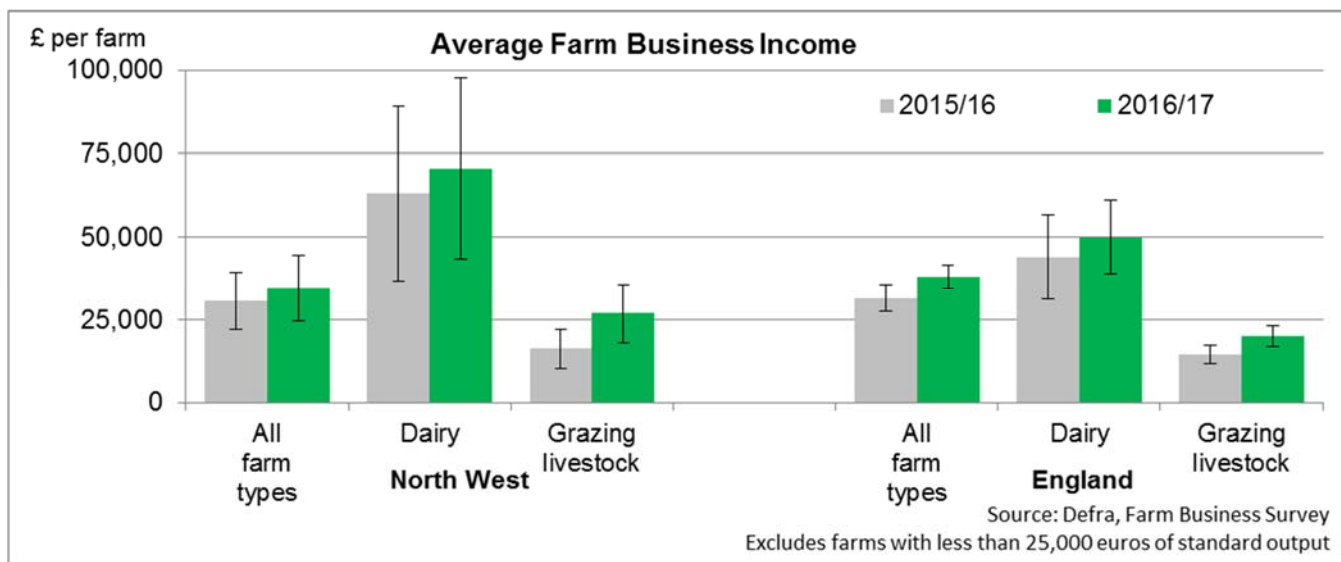
Source: Defra, June Survey

### Farm Business Income (FBI) 2016/17:

(£ per farm)	North West	England
All types	34,700	38,000
Dairy	70,500	50,000
Grazing Livestock	26,800	19,900

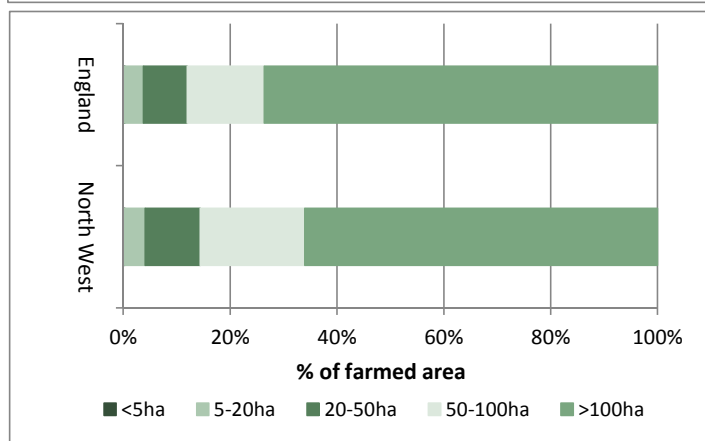
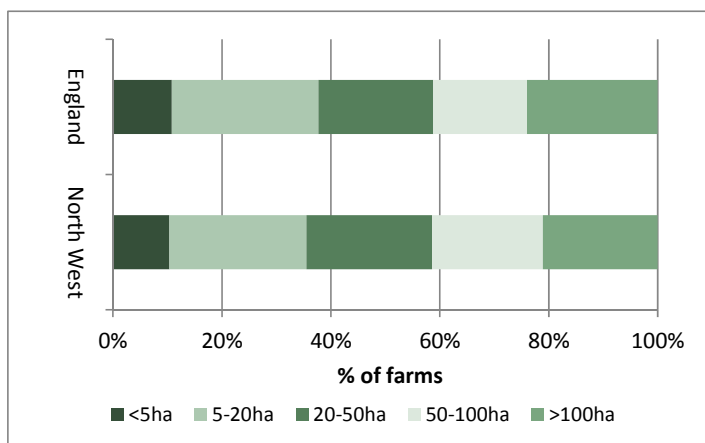
(a) Years ending February, Farms with at least 25,000 euros of Standing Output. (Source: Defra Farm Business Survey)

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



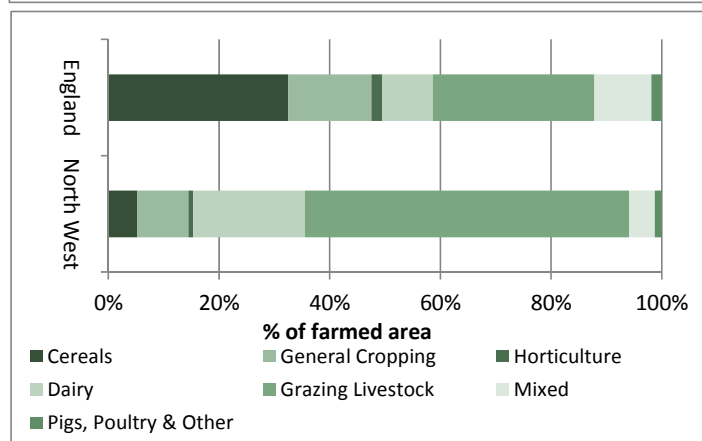
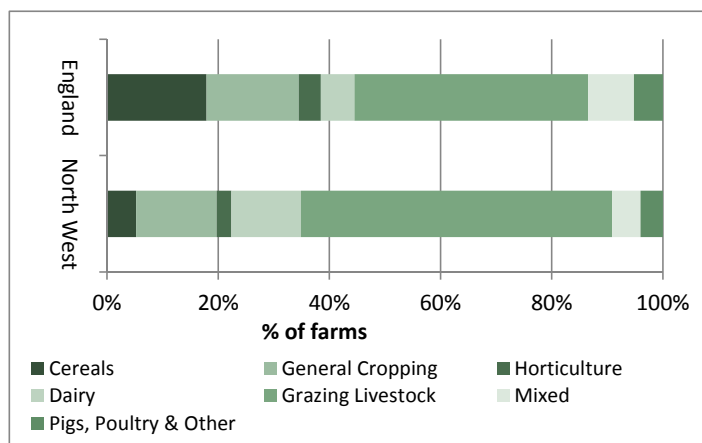
Lines indicate the 95% confidence intervals

## Distribution of farms by size



Source: Defra, June Survey

## Distribution of farms by type



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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