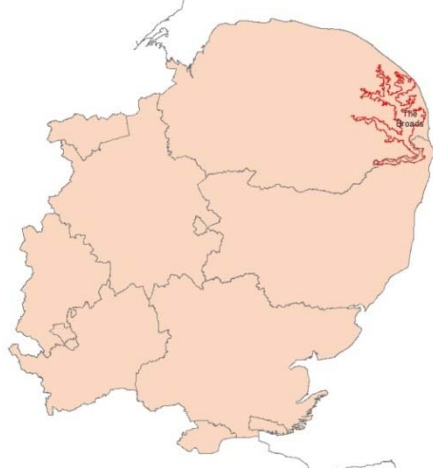


# East of England



The **East of England** region comprises Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Luton, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Thurrock and Southend-on-Sea and Essex. The Broads National Park lies within the region.

For the **East of England** region:

- Total Income from Farming decreased by 26% between 2012 and 2016 to £652 million (compared to a 30% decrease for England as a whole).
- The biggest contributors to the value of the output (£3.4 billion) were: poultrymeat (£648 million), wheat (£431 million), fresh vegetables (£339 million) and pigs (£269 million), together accounting for 50%.

Agriculture in the **East of England** region in 2016 contributed 0.79% to the regional economy and employed 1.32% 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 **East of England** the average farm size in 2016 was 116 hectares. This is larger than the English average of 85 hectares.

Predominant farm types in the **East of England** region in 2016 were Cereals farms which accounted for 54% of farmed area in the region and General Cropping farms which covered an additional 29% of farmed area.

## Land:

	East	England
Total farmed area (th. ha)	1,398	9,121
Average Farm size (ha)	116	85
% of farmed area that is:		
Rented (for at least 1 year)	30%	33%
Arable area <sup>(a)</sup>	78%	52%
Permanent pasture	12%	36%

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

## Crops:

(Thousand hectares)	East	England
Wheat	468 (28%)	1,684
Barley	179 (23%)	791
Oilseed rape	130 (24%)	543
Field grown vegetables	28 (30%)	93
Potatoes	36 (35%)	104
Sugar beet	54 (62%)	86

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

## Livestock:

(Thousand head)	East	England
Cattle	187 (4%)	5,253
Dairy herd	15 (1%)	1,125
Beef herd	42 (6%)	698
Pigs	985 (25%)	3,911
Poultry	28,147 (22%)	128,879
Table chicken	20,780 (24%)	85,328
Turkeys	1,479 (38%)	3,890
Sheep	336 (2%)	15,283

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

## Labour:

	East	England
Total Labour <sup>(a)</sup>		
People:	40,255	301,507
Per farm <sup>(b)</sup>	3.3	2.8
Regular workers		
People:	12,115	73,215
Per farm <sup>(b)</sup>	1.0	0.7
Casual workers		
People:	6,973	43,894
Per farm <sup>(b)</sup>	0.6	0.4
% full time <sup>(c)</sup>	44%	45%
% part time <sup>(c)</sup>	33%	37%
% casual	17%	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

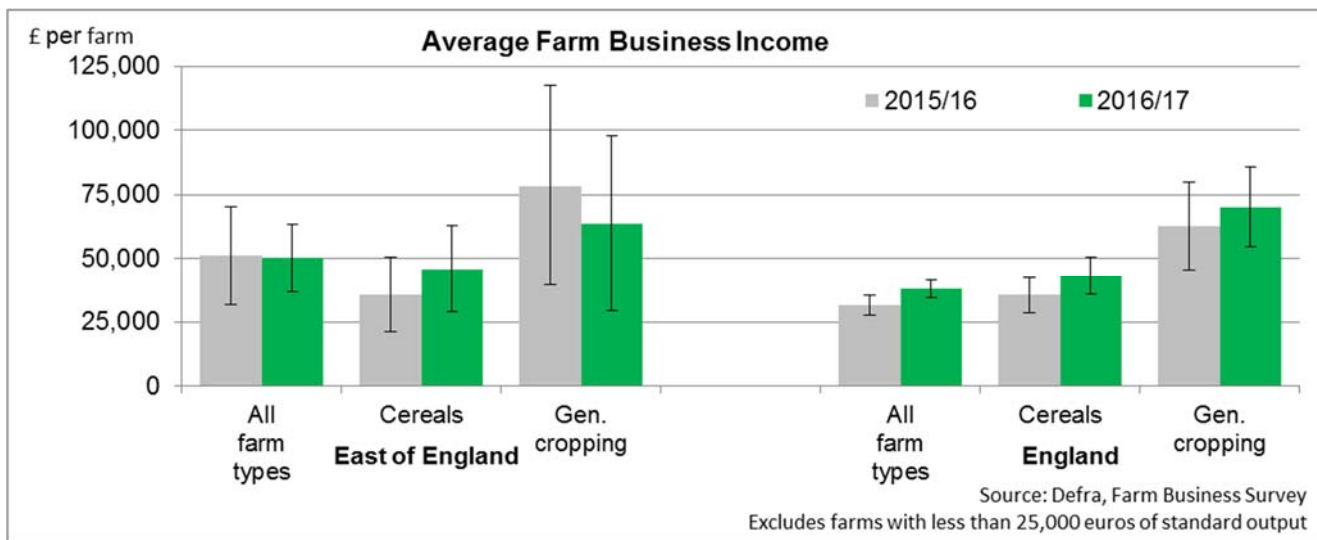
## Farm Business Income (FBI) 2016/17:

(£ per farm)	East	England
All types	50,100	38,000
Cereals	45,900	43,100
General cropping	63,500	70,100

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

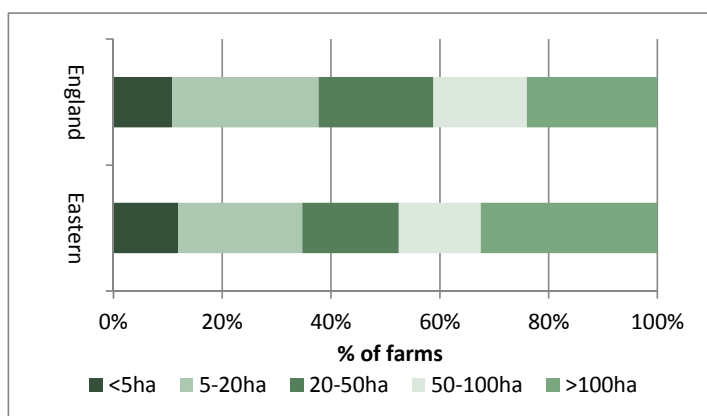
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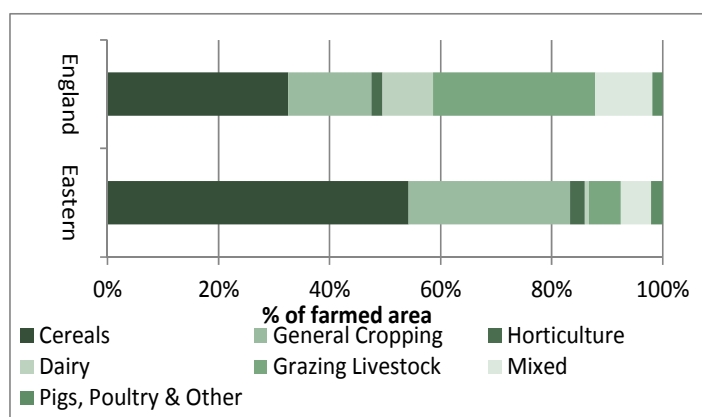
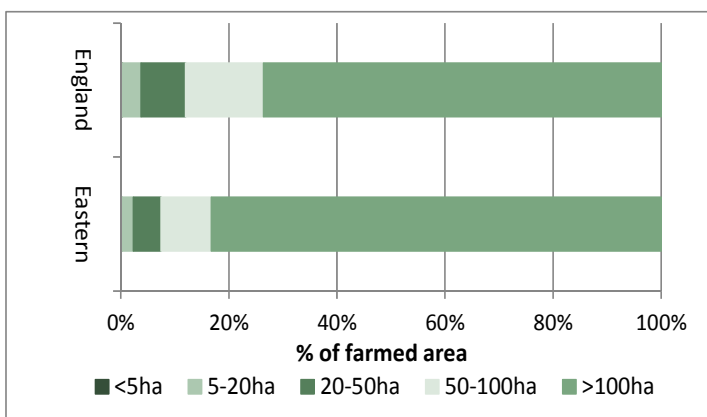
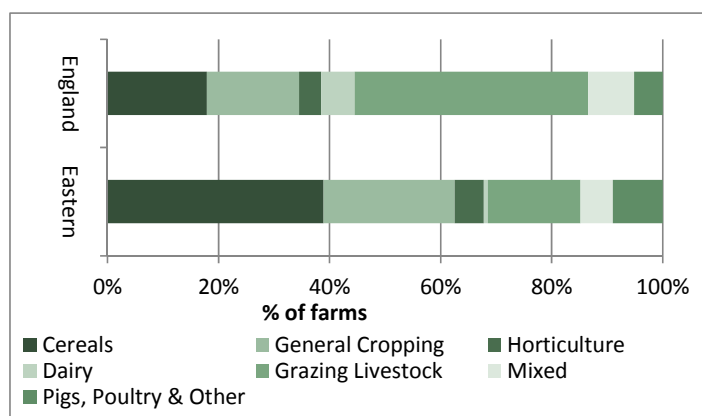


Lines indicate the 95% confidence intervals

## 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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