

South East



The **South East** region comprises Berkshire, Buckinghamshire (incl. Milton Keynes), Oxfordshire, Surrey, East and West Sussex (incl. Brighton), Hampshire (incl. Portsmouth and Southampton), Kent, Medway and the Isle of Wight. London has been included. Parts of the New Forest National Park are in the region.

For the **South East** region:

- Total Income from Farming decreased by 40% between 2012 and 2016 to £218 million (compared to a 30% decrease for England as a whole).
- The biggest contributors to the value of the output (£2.0 billion), which were plants and flowers (£287 million), fruit (£230 million), wheat (£207 million), milk (£145 million), and fresh vegetables (£140 million), together account for 50%.

Agriculture in the **South East** region in 2016 contributed 0.14% to the regional economy and employed 0.51% 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 **South East** the average farm size in 2016 was 86 hectares. This is in line with the overall English average of 85 hectares.

Predominant farm types in the **South East** region in 2016 were Cereals farms which accounted for 45% of farmed area in the region and Grazing Livestock farms which covered an additional 21% of farmed area.

Land:

	South East	England
Total farmed area (th. ha)	1,139	9,121
Average Farm size (ha)	86	85
% of farmed area that is:		
Rented (for at least 1 year)	32%	33%
Arable area ^(a)	54%	52%
Permanent pasture	33%	36%

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

Crops:

(Thousand hectares)	South East	England
Wheat	219 (13%)	1,684
Barley	103 (13%)	791
Oilseed rape	71 (13%)	543
Top fruit	10 (43%)	23
Small fruit	4 (43%)	9
Glasshouse (ha)	329 (25%)	1,326

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

Livestock:

(Thousand head)	South East	England
Cattle	406 (8%)	5,253
Dairy herd	65 (6%)	1,125
Beef herd	70 (10%)	698
Pigs	213 (5%)	3,911
Poultry	10,225 (8%)	128,879
Table chicken	5,513 (6%)	85,328
Turkeys	249 (6%)	3,890
Sheep	1,259 (8%)	15,283

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Labour:

	South East	England
Total Labour ^(a)		
People:	46,046	301,507
Per farm ^(b)	3.5	2.8
Regular workers		
People:	12,847	73,215
Per farm ^(b)	1.0	0.7
Casual workers		
People:	10,768	43,894
Per farm ^(b)	0.8	0.4
% full time ^(c)	38%	45%
% part time ^(c)	33%	37%
% casual	23%	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

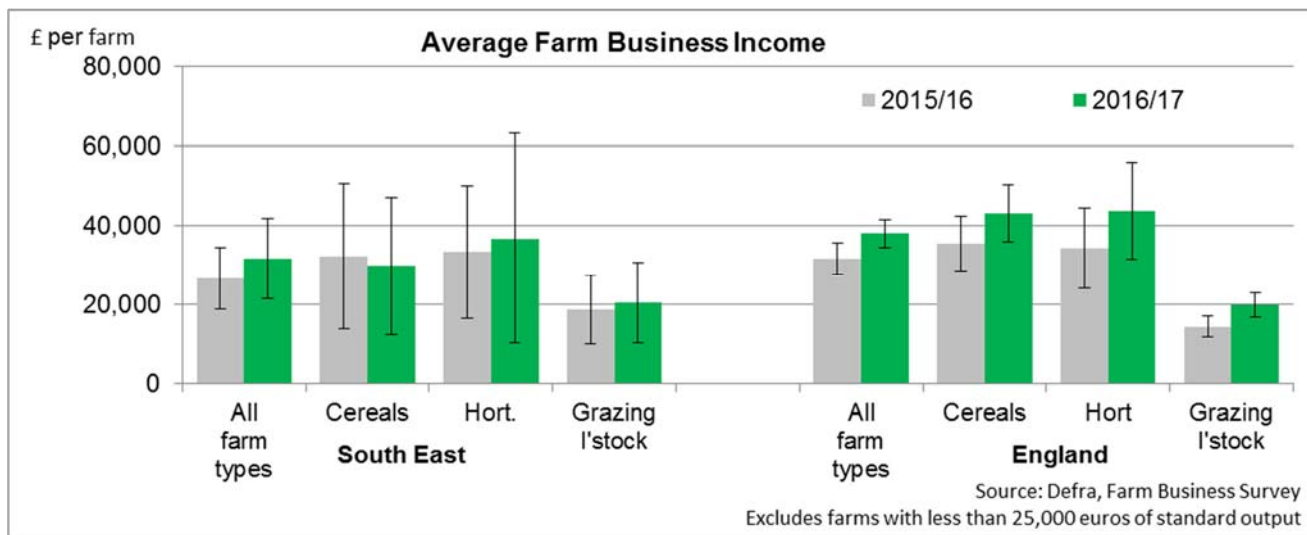
Farm Business Income (FBI) 2016/17:

(£ per farm)	South East	England
All types	31,700	38,000
Cereals	29,800	43,100
Horticulture	36,800	43,800
Grazing Livestock	20,500	19,900

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

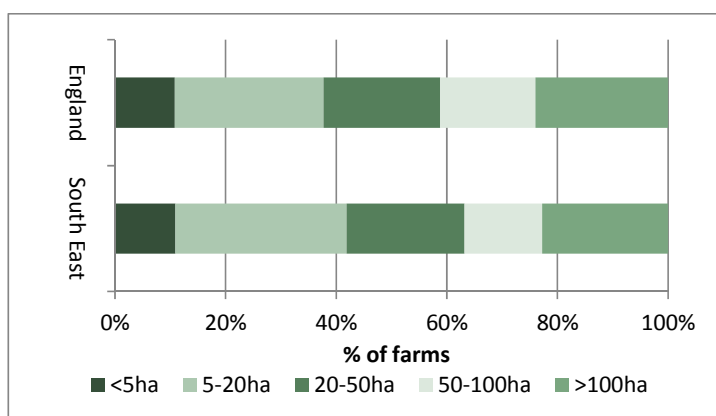
Source: Defra Farm Business Survey

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

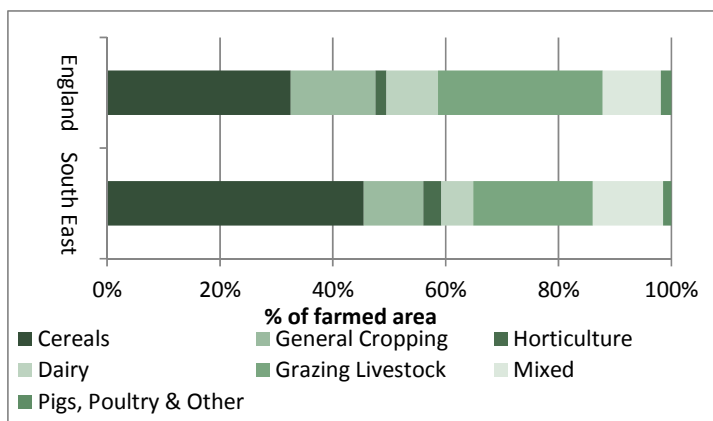
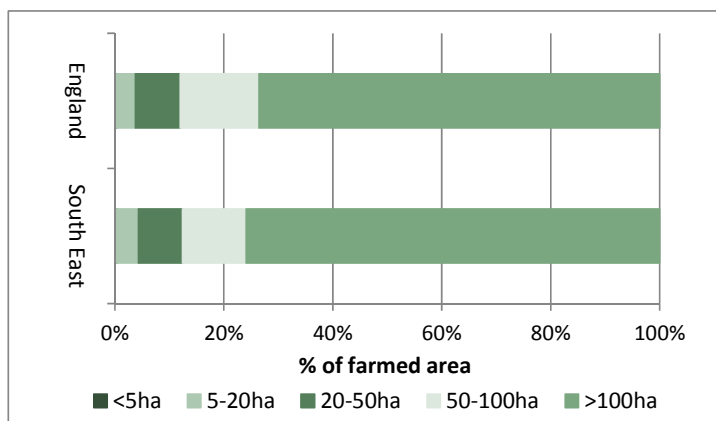
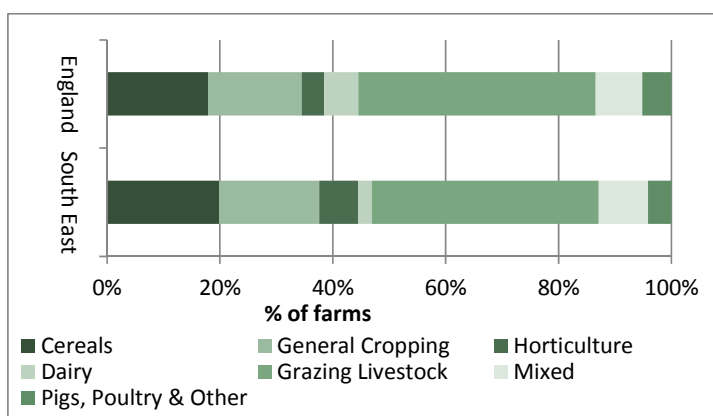


Lines indicate the 95% confidence intervals

Distribution of farms by size



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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