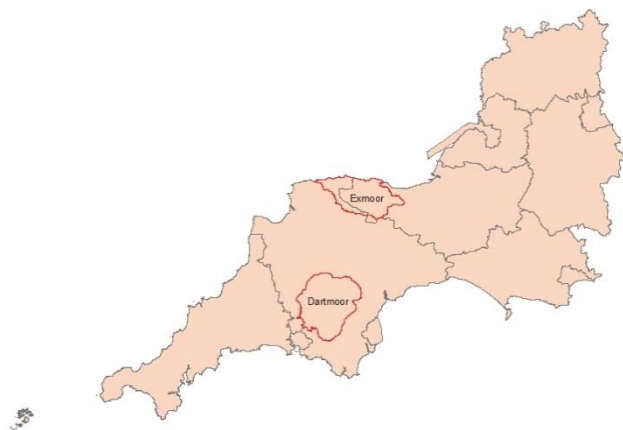


South West



The **South West** region comprises Cornwall & Isles of Scilly, Devon, Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire and Bristol / Bath area. Dartmoor and Exmoor National Parks are within the region.

For the **South West** region:

- Total income from farming decreased by 32% between 2012 and 2016 to £345 million (compared to a 30% decrease for England as a whole).
- The biggest contributors to the value of the output (£3.0 billion), which were milk (£750 million), cattle reared for meat (£399 million), poultrymeat (£197 million) and plants and flowers (£145 million), together accounting for 49%.

Agriculture in the **South West** region in 2016 contributed 0.85% to the regional economy and employed 2.36% 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 West** the average farm size in 2016 was 69 hectares. This is smaller than the English average of 85 hectares.

Predominant farm types in the **South West** region in 2016 were Grazing Livestock farms which accounted for 38% of farmed area in the region, Cereals farms and Dairy farms which covered an additional 19% of farmed area each.

Land:

	South West	England
Total farmed area (th. ha)	1,791	9,121
Average Farm size (ha)	69	85
% of farmed area that is:		
Rented (for at least 1 year)	32%	33%
Arable area ^(a)	40%	52%
Permanent pasture	49%	36%
Severely Disadvantaged Area	7%	12%

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

Crops:

(Thousand hectares)	South West	England
Wheat	159 (9%)	1,684
Barley	134 (17%)	791
Maize	59 (32%)	182
Oilseed rape	50 (9%)	543
Oats	21 (20%)	102
Hardy nursery stock	3 (32%)	10
Top fruit	4 (15%)	23

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

Livestock:

(Thousand head)	South West	England
Cattle	1,735 (33%)	5,253
Dairy herd	432 (38%)	1,125
Beef herd	187 (27%)	698
Pigs	376 (10%)	3,911
Poultry	18,079 (14%)	128,879
Sheep	3,178 (21%)	15,283
Goats	27 (33%)	83

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

Labour:

	South West	England
Total Labour ^(a)		
People:	63,916	301,507
Per farm ^(b)	2.4	2.8
Regular workers		
People:	14,137	73,215
Per farm ^(b)	0.5	0.7
Casual workers		
People:	5,415	43,894
Per farm ^(b)	0.2	0.4
% full time ^(c)	45%	45%
% part time ^(c)	43%	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

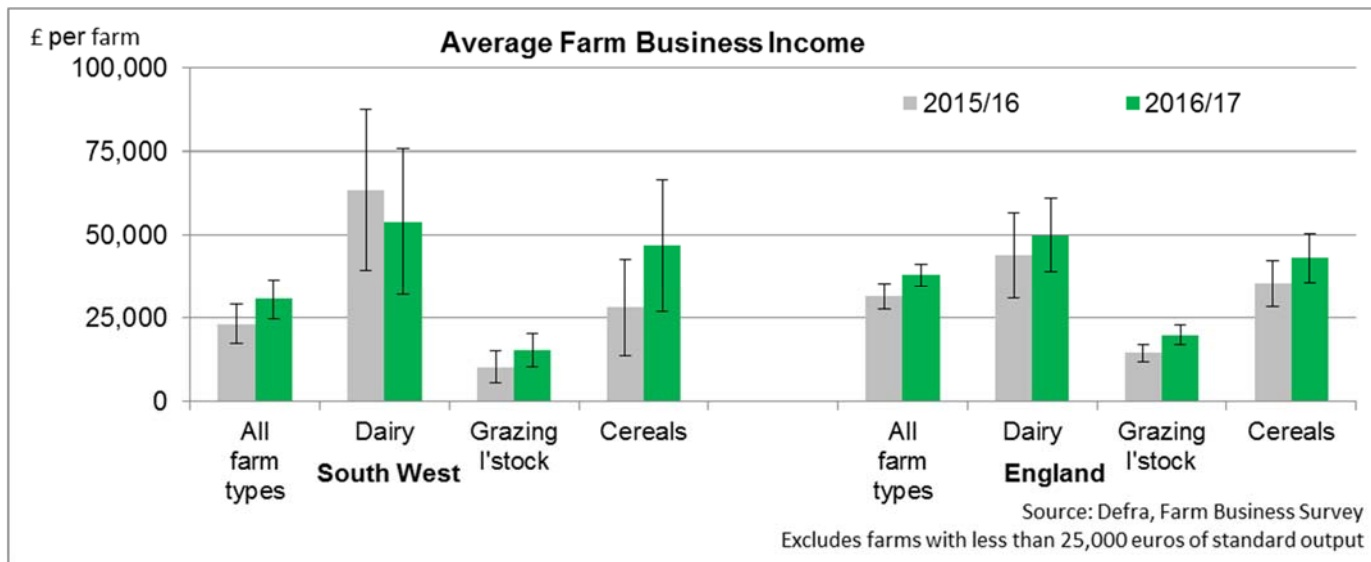
Farm Business Income (FBI) 2016/17:

(£ per farm)	South West	England
All types	30,700	38,000
Dairy	53,900	50,000
Grazing Livestock	15,300	19,900
Cereals	46,800	43,100

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

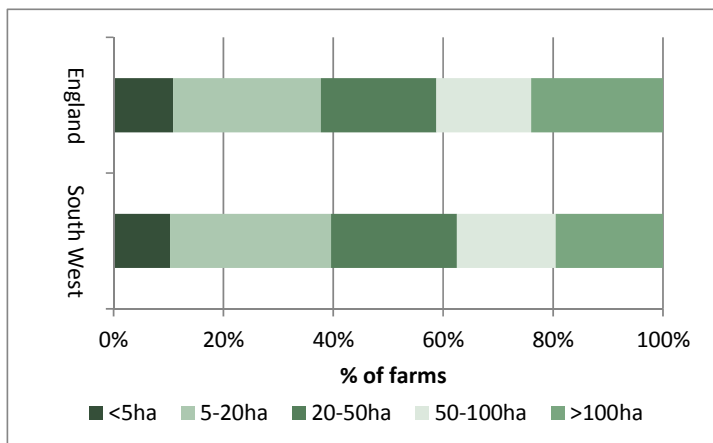
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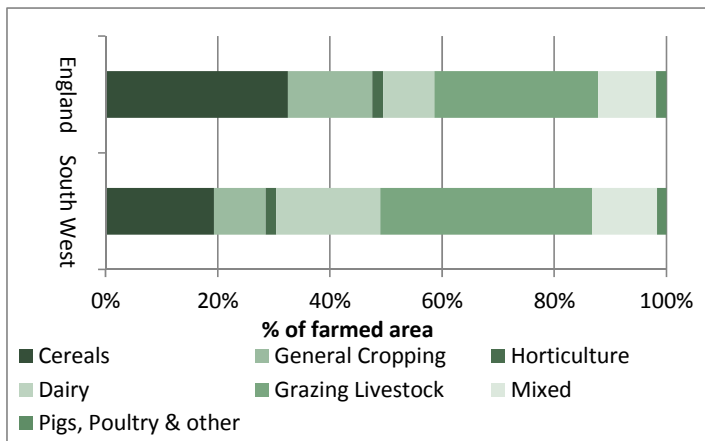
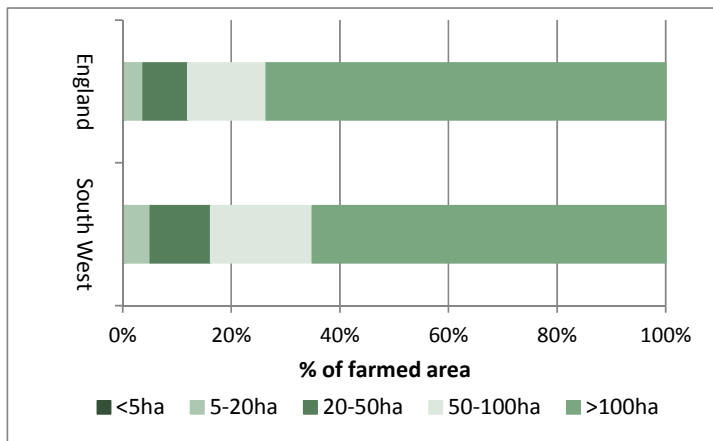
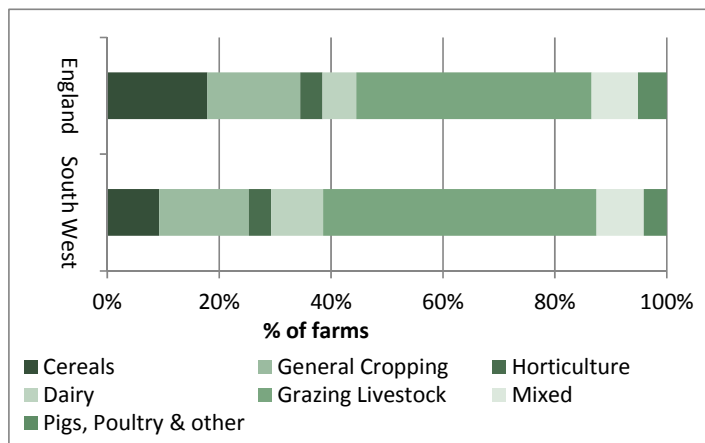


Lines indicate 95% confidence intervals

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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