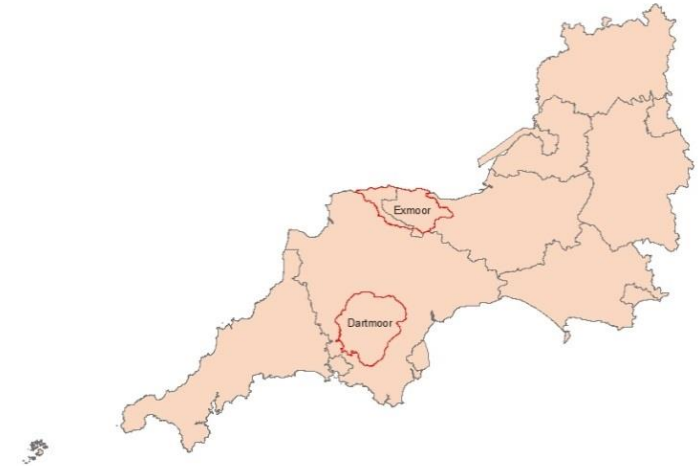


Defra statistics: Agricultural facts – South West

(commercial holdings at June 2019 (unless stated))

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 increased by 46% between 2015 and 2019 to £644 million.
- The biggest contributors to the value of the output (£4.1 billion), which were milk (£1,105 million), plants and flowers (£545 million), cattle for meat (£357 million) and poultry meat (£304 million), together accounting for 57%. (Sourced from [Defra Aggregate agricultural accounts](#))
- In the **South West** the average farm size in 2019 was 68 hectares. This is smaller than the English average of 87 hectares.
- Predominant farm types in the **South West** region in 2019 were Grazing Livestock farms which accounted for 36% of farmed area in the region, Cereals farms and Dairy farms which covered an additional 20% and 18% of farmed area each.

Land

	South West	England
Total farmed area (thousand hectares)	1,789	9,206
Average farm size (hectares)	68	87
% of farmed area that is:		
Rented (for at least 1 year)	31%	33%
Arable area ^(a)	41%	52%
Permanent pasture	48%	36%
Severely Disadvantaged Area	7%	13%

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

Crops

(Thousand hectares)	South West	England
Wheat	161 (10%)	1,677
Barley	130 (16%)	832
Maize	64 (30%)	211
Oilseed rape	47 (10%)	492
Oats	26 (18%)	143
Hardy nursery stock	4 (40%)	10
Top fruit	3 (15%)	21

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	1,708 (33%)	5,100
Dairy herd	428 (39%)	1,102
Beef herd	182 (27%)	675
Pigs	449 (11%)	4,060
Poultry	20,227 (15%)	138,850
Sheep	3,159 (21%)	15,390
Goats	30 (33%)	89

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:	64,610	306,374
Per farm ^(b)	2.5	2.9
Regular workers		
People:	13,406	68,962
Per farm ^(b)	0.5	0.6
Casual workers		
People:	5,455	45,843
Per farm ^(b)	0.2	0.4
% full time ^(c)	46%	44%
% 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) 2019/20 (a):

(£ per farm)	South West	England
All types	34,100	46,000
Dairy	104,100	84,800
Grazing Livestock	7,000	14,100
Cereals	45,500	62,800

(a) Years ending February, excludes farms with less than 25,000 euros of standard output. Source: Defra, Farm Business Survey

Figure 1: Distribution of farms by size, percentage of farms

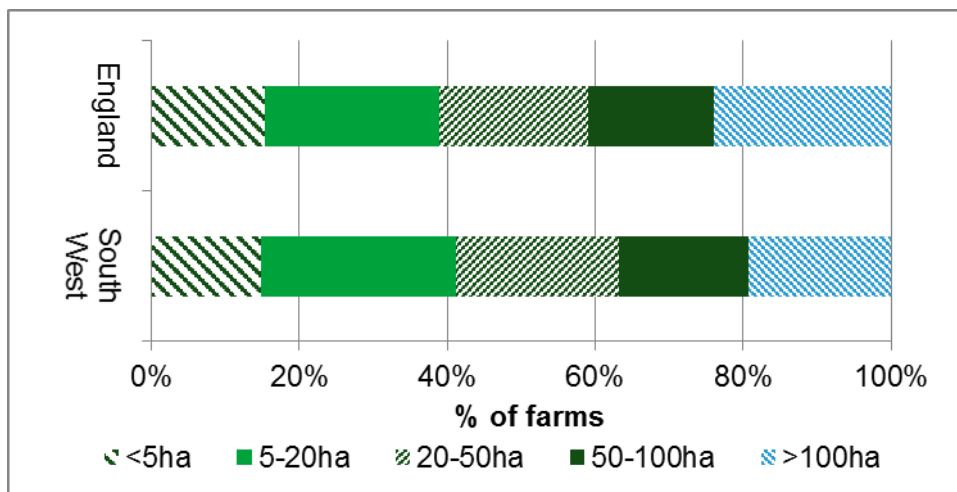


Figure 2: Distribution of farms by size, percentage of farmed area

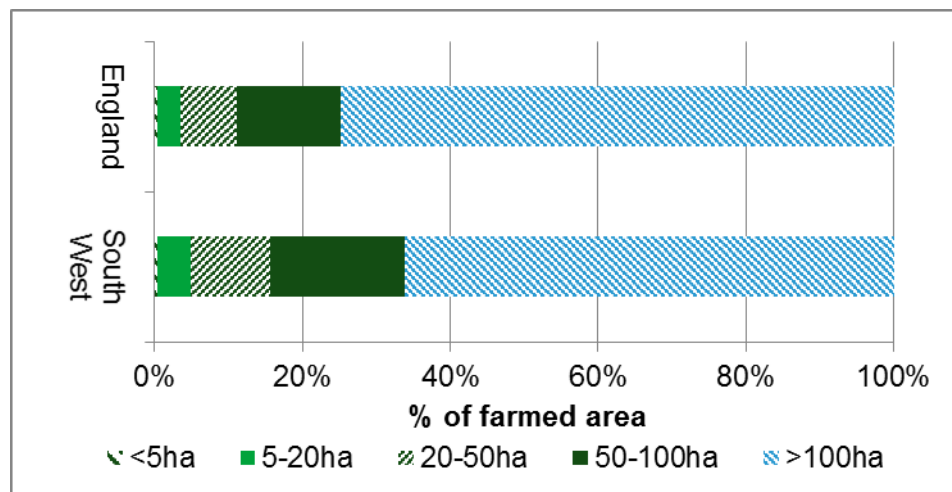


Figure 3: Distribution of farms by type, percentage of farms

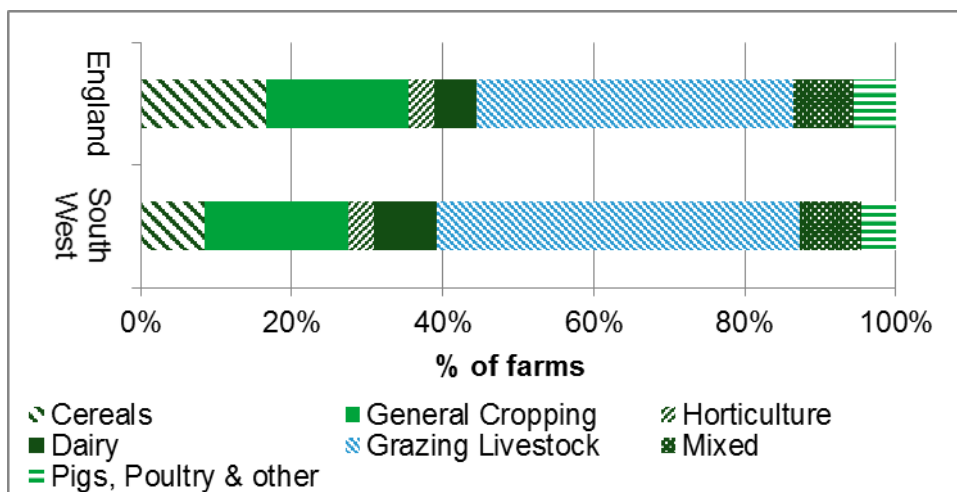
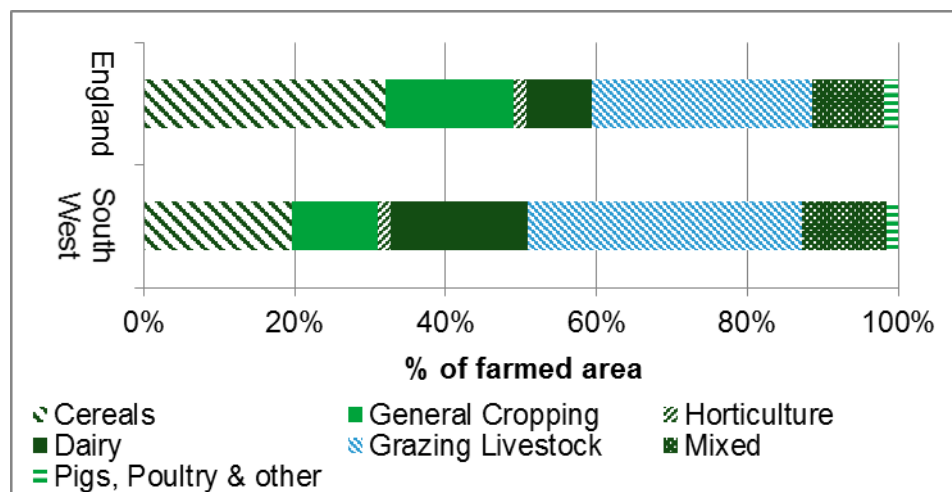
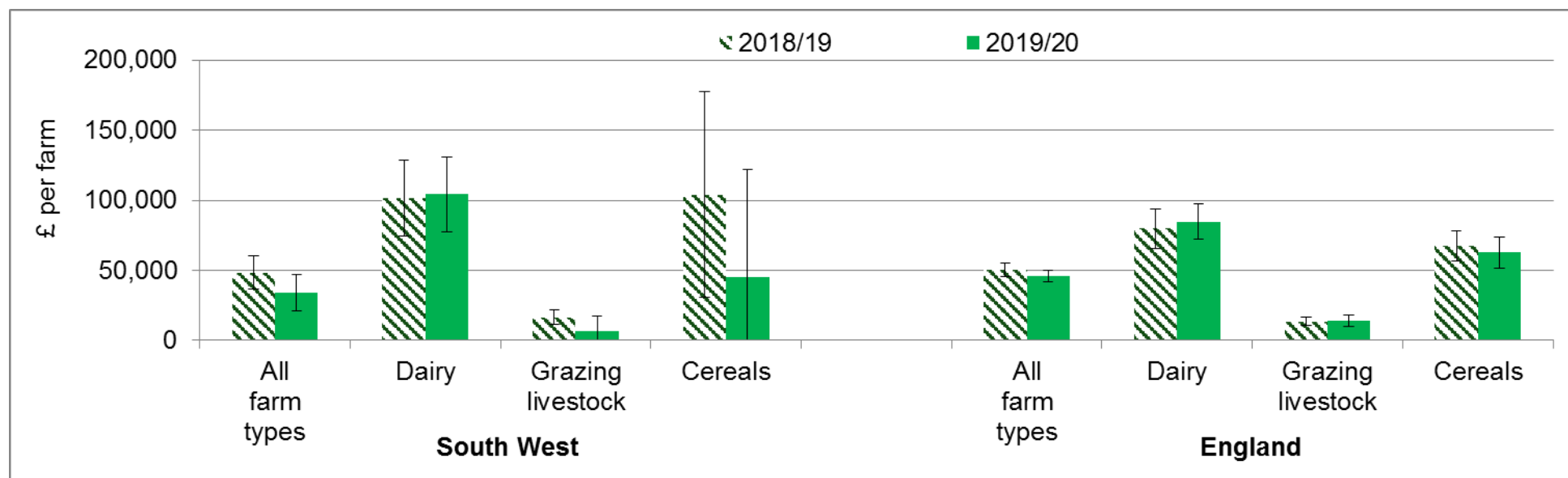


Figure 4: Distribution of farms by type, percentage of farmed area



Source: Defra, June Survey

Figure 5: Average Farm Business Income



Lines indicate the 95% confidence intervals

Source: Defra, Farm Business Survey. Excludes farms with less than 25,000 euros of standard output

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