

Defra statistics: Agricultural facts – Yorkshire & the Humber

(commercial holdings at June 2019 (unless stated))



The **Yorkshire & the Humber** region comprises the East Riding, Kingston upon Hull, N & NE Lincolnshire, City of York, North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire. Parts of the Peak District, Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors National Parks are within the region.

For the **Yorkshire & the Humber** region:

- Total Income from Farming increased by 26% between 2015 and 2019 to £452 million.
- The biggest contributors to the value of the output (£2.5 billion), which were pigs for meat (£382 million), wheat (£324 million), poultry meat (£267 million) and milk (£208 million), together account for 48%. (Sourced from [Defra Aggregate agricultural accounts](#))
- In the **Yorkshire & the Humber** the average farm size in 2019 was 93 hectares. This is larger than the English average of 87 hectares.
- Predominant farm types in the **Yorkshire & the Humber** region in 2019 were Grazing Livestock farms and Cereals farms which accounted for 32% and 30% of farmed area in the region. Although Pig farms accounted for a much smaller proportion of the farmed area, the region accounted for 37% of the English pig population.

Land

	Yorkshire & the Humber	England
Total farmed area (thousand hectares)	1,136	9,206
Average farm size (hectares)	93	87
% of farmed area that is:		
Rented (for at least 1 year)	33%	33%
Arable area(a)	52%	52%
Permanent pasture	35%	36%

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

Crops

(Thousand hectares)	Yorkshire & the Humber	England
Wheat	238 (14%)	1,677
Barley	123 (15%)	832
Oilseed rape	66 (13%)	492
Potatoes	19 (18%)	109
Field veg	16 (17%)	94
Glasshouse	0.2 (13%)	1

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

Livestock

(Thousand head)	Yorkshire & the Humber	England
Cattle	522 (10%)	5,100
Dairy herd	79 (7%)	1,102
Beef herd	81 (12%)	675
Pigs	1,498 (37%)	4,060
Poultry	17,772 (13%)	138,850
Table chickens	12,519 (13%)	95,150
Turkeys	420 (11%)	3,802
Sheep	2,098 (14%)	15,390

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Labour

	Yorkshire & the Humber	England
Total Labour ^(a)		
People:	32,397	306,374
Per farm ^(b)	2.7	2.9
Regular workers		
People:	7,171	68,962
Per farm ^(b)	0.6	0.6
Casual workers		
People:	2,785	45,843
Per farm ^(b)	0.2	0.4
% full time ^(c)	49%	44%
% part time ^(c)	39%	37%
% casual	9%	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)	Yorkshire & the Humber	England
All types	47,800	46,000
Cereals	67,200	62,800
Dairy	109,300	84,800
Grazing Livestock	12,400	14,100

(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

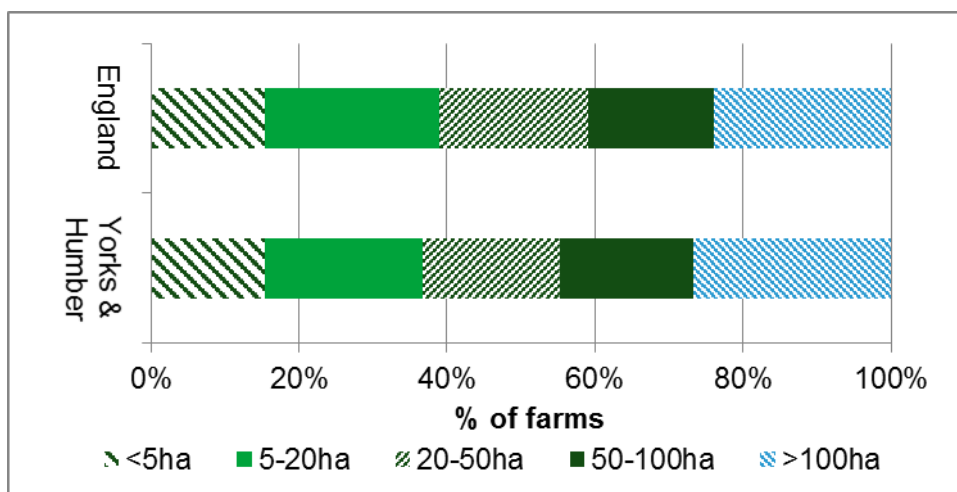


Figure 2: Distribution of farms by size, percentage of farmed area

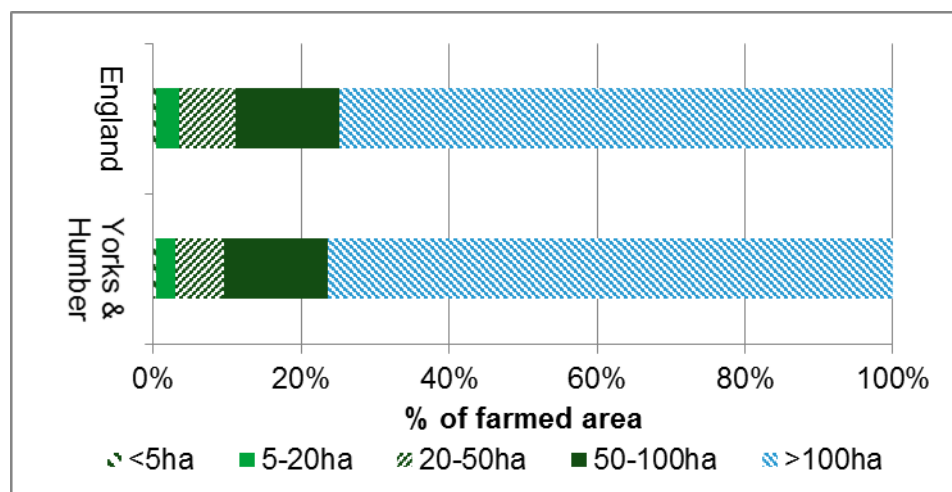


Figure 3: Distribution of farms by type, percentage of farms

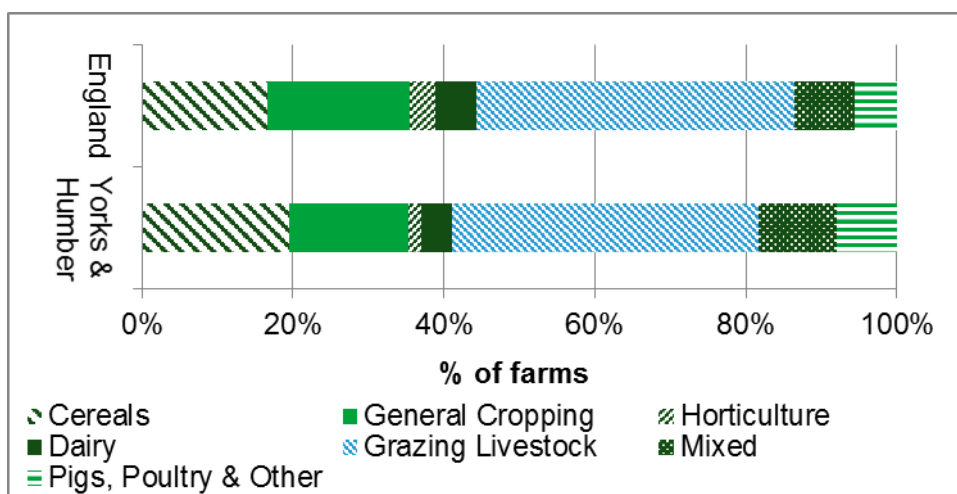
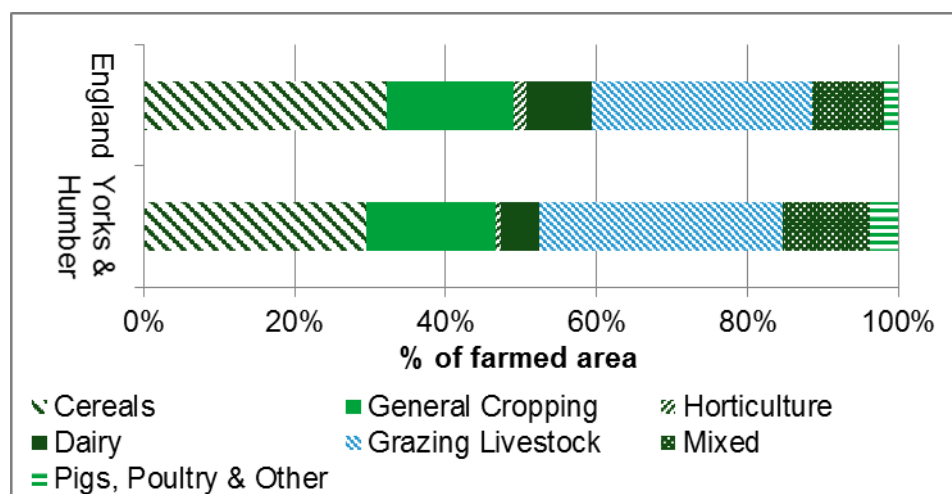
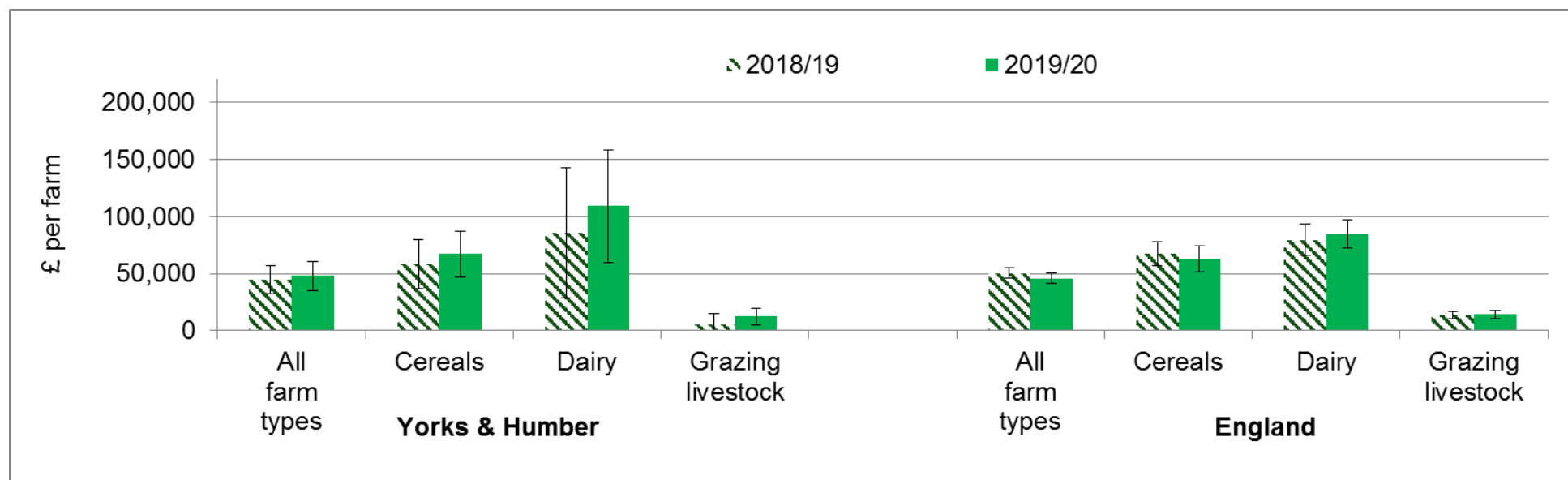


Figure 4: Distribution of farms by type, percentage of farmed area



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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English county data for farm accounts from the Farm Business Survey can be found at [Farm Business survey web page](#)

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