

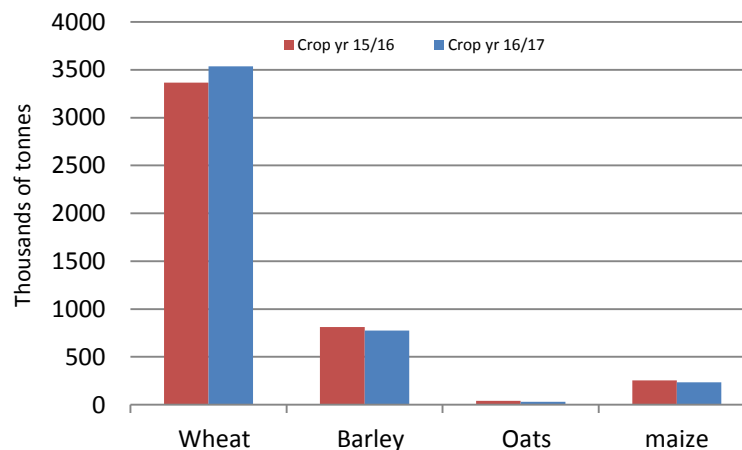


## Animal Feed Statistics for Great Britain – March 2017

### Key points

- Animal feed production was up 8.8% for sheep, 4.1% for poultry and 7.4% for cattle and calves and down 1.3% for pigs in March 2017 compared to March 2016.
- 4.9% more wheat was used to produce animal feed in March 2017 than March 2016 and 4.2% more barley.
- Over the crop year from July to March, animal feed production was up 17% for sheep, 3.6% for poultry and 1.5% for cattle and down 5.6% for pigs compared to the previous crop year.
- Over the crop year from July to March, wheat used to produce animal feed was up 5.1% and barley was down 4.5% compared to the previous crop year.

**Figure 1: Cereal usage for animal feed in current crop year 16/17 compared to previous crop year 15/16**



A dataset for animal feed statistics has been published to accompany this notice with fuller detail and trends. All animal feed statistics, including quarterly prices, are accessible from the [animal feed production](#) landing page along with a methodology document.

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**Figure 2: Animal feed production and inputs, March 2017**

Thousands of tonnes	Latest month	%Chg (2)	Latest 3 month (4)	%Chg (2)	Year to date (3)	%Chg (2)	12 month rolling	%Chg (2)
<b>PRODUCTION</b>	1394	5.6	3624	4.9	10284	2.7	13608	2.7
Cattle and calf feed	420	7.4	1123	5.9	3111	1.5	4002	0.0
Compounds for dairy cows	202	10.6	529	6.7	1528	1.0	1984	-1.4
Blends for dairy cows	87	7.9	233	5.9	624	1.6	798	-0.6
Pig feed	164	-1.3	442	-3.7	1345	-5.6	1802	-4.2
Pig growing feed	28	-6.6	76	-11.5	238	-18.7	318	-18.1
Pig finishing feed	80	-5.1	222	-5.1	685	-2.3	918	0.3
Pig breeding feed	36	-4.5	98	-4.5	292	-4.9	394	-4.7
Poultry feed (1)	571	4.1	1484	3.9	4602	3.6	6201	4.5
Layer feed	116	0.8	316	2.9	946	2.6	1268	3.6
Broiler chicken feed	341	5.2	882	5.5	2624	5.8	3520	6.4
Sheep feed	166	8.8	383	11.8	619	17.4	815	16.8
Compounds for breeding sheep	100	5.5	212	7.7	254	9.1	329	9.1
Compounds for growing and finishing sheep	54	14.2	127	9.8	277	23.5	378	23.5
Other feed	73	18.1	191	17.8	608	9.1	788	8.1
<b>USAGE (1)</b>	1290	4.5	3363	3.6	9570	2.0	12659	2.4
Wheat	449	4.9	1174	4.8	3537	5.1	4741	5.3
Barley	112	4.2	293	0.3	776	-4.5	998	-3.0
Oats	4	-21.5	10	-23.5	30	-25.9	41	-33.2
Whole and flaked maize	32	-2.9	83	-4.4	235	-7.5	315	-6.7
Oilseed rape cake and meal	66	-10.8	182	-6.0	467	-5.8	592	-9.1
Soya cake and meal	103	-9.0	271	-10.6	820	-10.4	1110	-6.2
Sunflower cake and meal	41	4.9	96	7.0	249	8.3	338	8.1
Other oilseed cake and meal	57	0.9	147	0.3	378	0.3	493	3.0
Other usage	426	12.5	1109	10.5	3078	6.4	4031	6.1

(1) Includes data from compound processors and integrated poultry units

(2) % change relates to the same period in the previous year

(3) Year to date comprises of July 2016 to March 2017 data

(4) April 2016 is a 5 week reporting period & 2016 a 53 week year

## Usage of the Statistics

The UK government and the European Commission use these statistics to monitor and assess stocks of cereals as a key component of our food security. The estimates contribute to the UK cereal balance sheets published by the Agricultural and Horticultural Development Board [AHDB](#). Animal feed processors and grain traders use the estimates to help assess market conditions and inform business decisions.

## Revisions

We have reviewed some IPU's (Integrated Poultry Units) which produce both feed for their own use and feed for retail sale. We have adjusted the data from August 2015 which has resulted in an increase in compound poultry feed and a decrease in IPU feed. This statistical notice has been updated with final 2016 data for those smaller companies which are only surveyed annually.

## Further information

1. Data are from Defra's monthly animal feed surveys which cover all animal feed processors and integrated poultry units in Great Britain.
2. The next release will be on 08 June 2017 at 9.30am.
3. Related statistics are available on [animal feed prices](#) and cereal usage by [millers and brewers](#) and [cereal stocks](#).

## Compound animal feed prices – key points

- The quarterly average price of Cattle and Calf compounds between January and March 2017 was £211 per tonne
- The quarterly average price of Pig compounds between January and March 2017 was £231 per tonne
- The quarterly average price of Poultry compounds between January and March 2017 was £246 per tonne
- The quarterly average price of Sheep compounds between January and March 2017 was £213 per tonne

Figure 3: Quarterly compound animal feed prices 2010 to 2017

