



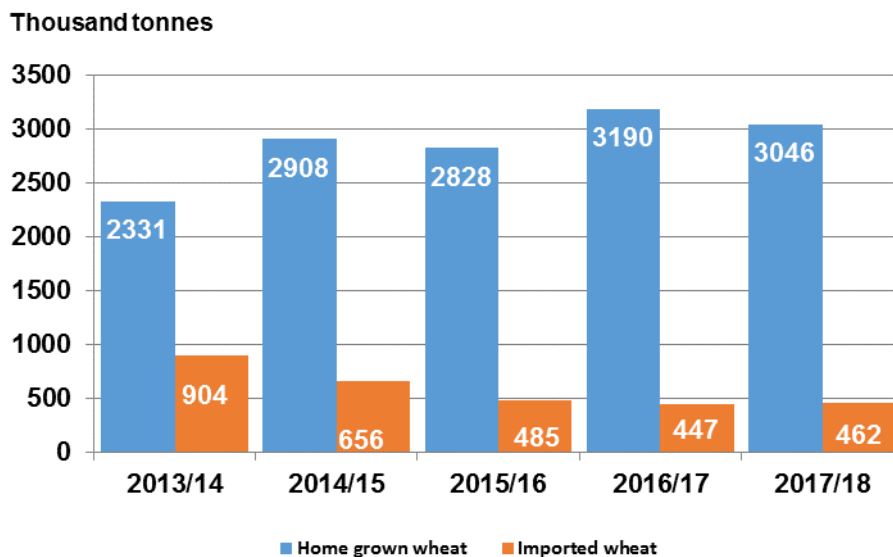
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Cereals usage by Millers, Brewers, Distillers and Maltsters UK – Quarter 4 (Q4) 2017

Key points

- Milling industry, starch and Bioethanol used 1701 thousand tonnes of wheat in Q4 2017, down 9.5% on the same period in 2016. Of this 1480 thousand tonnes was home produced.
- In Q4 2017 Brewers, maltsters and distillers used 470 thousand tonnes of barley up 1.1% and 211 thousand tonnes of wheat up 5.3%, against the same period in 2016.
- Figure 1 show wheat milled in the 2013/14 - 2017/18 crop years. Home grown wheat milled has decreased by 10% on 2016/17; imported wheat milled has decreased 3% during the same period.

Figure 1: Wheat milled crop years 2013/14 - 2017/18 (July to December)



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Figure 2: Cereal usage quarter 4 2017

Flour Millers				Thousand tonnes		
Quarter 4 Oct - Dec	Home Grown milled	Imported milled	Total milled	Home Grown year to date*	Total year to date*	Total closing stocks
Wheat Milled 2017	1480	221	1701	3046	3508	238
Wheat Milled 2016	1651	227	1879	3190	3638	260
% Difference	-10.4%	-3%	-9.5%	-4.5%	-3.6%	-8.6%

Thousand tonnes			
Quarter 4 Oct - Dec	Total Flour Production	Crop year to date	Flour Closing Stocks
Flour Production 2017	1343	2776	55
Flour Production 2016	1449	2828	54
% Difference	-7.3%	-1.8%	1.5%

Brewers, Maltsters and Distillers				Thousand tonnes	
Quarter 4 Oct - Dec	Barley quarterly usage	Crop year to date	Barley Closing stocks		
Barley 2017	470	937	920		
Barley 2016	464	911	890		
% Difference	1.1%	2.8%	3%		

Quarter 4 Oct - Dec	Wheat quarterly Usage	Crop year to date	Wheat closing stocks
Wheat 2017	211	424	8
Wheat 2016	200	379	9
% Difference	5%	12%	-7%

Oat Millers				Thousand tonnes	
Quarter 4 Oct - Dec	Oats Quarterly Usage	Crop year to date	Oats Closing stocks		
Oats Milled 2017	144	274	23		
Oats Milled 2016	129	256	28		
% Difference	11.3%	7.0%	-18.7%		

* Crop year runs from July - June

- Imported wheat used for milling was down 3% to 221 thousand tonnes in Q4 2017.
- Flour production was down 7.3% to 1343 thousand tonnes against Q4 2016.
- For the 2017/18 crop year to date oats milled was up 7% to 274 thousand tonnes against 2016/17.

Datasets for [Flour Millers](#), [Brewers Maltsters and Distillers](#) and [Oat Millers](#) have been published to accompany this notice with fuller detail, trends and methodology. All cereal usage statistics are accessible from the [cereal usage statistics](#) landing page.

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](#). Grain processors and traders use the estimates to help assess market conditions.

Revisions

No revisions have been made.

Further Information

1. Data are from Defra's monthly cereal usage surveys which cover all flour millers and brewers, maltsters and distillers and oat millers in the United Kingdom.

2. This is the final release by Defra, future cereal usage will be published by AHDB at: [AHDB Cereals & Oilseeds](#)
3. Related statistics are available on [animal feed production](#) and [cereal stocks](#).