

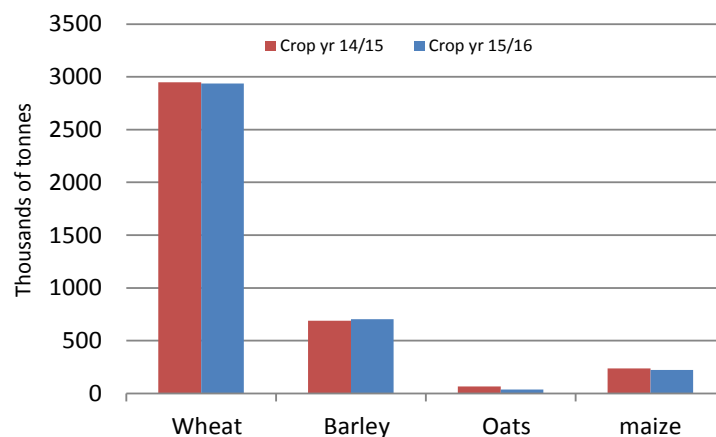


Animal Feed Statistics for Great Britain - March 2016

Key points

- Animal feed production was up 2.5% for poultry and 1.9% for pigs, down 7.4% for cattle and 0.4% for sheep in March 2016 compared to March 2015.
- 12% more barley was used to produce animal feed in March 2016 than March 2015 and 1.3% less wheat.
- Over the crop year from July to March, animal feed production was up 2.8% for pigs and 1.4% for poultry, down 6.6% for sheep and 5.0% for cattle compared to the previous crop year.
- Over the crop year from July to March, wheat used to produce animal feed was down 0.5% and barley up 3.5% compared to the previous crop year. See figure 1.

Figure 1: Cereal usage for animal feed in current crop year 15/16 compared to previous crop year 14/15



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.

Enquiries to Allan Howsam, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. Tel: 02080266123, email: crops-statistics@defra.gsi.gov.uk or allan.howsam@defra.gsi.gov.uk

A National Statistics publication. National Statistics are produced to high professional standards. They undergo regular quality assurance reviews to ensure that they meet customer needs. They are produced free from any political interference. For general enquiries about National Statistics, contact the National Statistics Public Enquiry Service: tel. 0845 601 3034 email info@statistics.gov.uk. You can also find National Statistics on the internet at www.statistics.gov.uk.

Figure 2: Animal feed production and inputs, March 2016

Thousands of tonnes	Latest month	%Chg (2)	Latest 3 month	%Chg (2)	Year to date (3)	%Chg (2)	12 month rolling	%Chg (2)
PRODUCTION	1321	-1.3	3445	-2.6	10007	-0.9	13236	-0.6
Cattle and calf feed	389	-7.4	1051	-7.3	3055	-5.0	3991	-4.3
Compounds for dairy cows	182	-8.2	492	-6.7	1509	-4.8	2007	-4.0
Blends for dairy cows	81	-10.9	218	-10.8	612	-6.7	800	-5.3
Pig feed	168	1.9	459	0.7	1425	2.8	1882	2.7
Pig growing feed	30	-7.5	89	-2.3	296	4.9	393	5.3
Pig finishing feed	80	1.3	223	0.7	690	2.5	904	2.5
Pig breeding feed	37	-3.1	101	-4.8	305	-3.4	412	-2.2
Poultry feed (1)	547	2.5	1430	0.7	4443	1.4	5936	1.2
Layer feed	115	5.3	306	3.3	920	4.8	1222	5.1
Broiler chicken feed	323	2.8	836	0.8	2481	-0.1	3308	-0.9
Sheep feed	156	-0.4	345	-3.2	530	-6.6	700	-3.5
Compounds for breeding sheep	95	-10.4	195	-11.9	231	-15.0	300	-9.5
Compounds for growing and finishing sheep	49	28.0	119	16.3	228	2.0	309	1.2
Other feed	61	-3.3	160	-6.9	555	1.0	727	1.1
USAGE (1)	1234	0.0	3239	-0.7	9377	0.2	12351	0.0
Wheat	428	-1.3	1120	-1.8	3366	-0.5	4503	2.4
Barley	107	12.0	290	9.6	811	3.5	1028	-3.8
Oats	4	-51.9	12	-52.6	40	-45.7	61	-40.6
Whole and flaked maize	33	-2.0	88	-2.0	255	-5.8	338	-18.1
Oilseed rape cake and meal	74	-14.4	193	-13.4	495	-14.2	651	-10.3
Soya cake and meal	113	8.8	303	9.8	914	12.4	1182	10.2
Sunflower cake and meal	39	-7.1	89	-15.6	229	-15.0	312	-16.0
Other oilseed cake and meal	56	11.0	144	12.1	375	18.5	477	15.8
Other usage	379	-0.1	998	-0.8	2892	0.5	3798	0.3

(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 to March 2016 data

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 which has resulted in an increase in compound poultry feed and a decrease in IPU feed.

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 09 June 2016 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 2016 was £201 per tonne
- The quarterly average price of Pig compounds between January and March 2016 was £209 per tonne
- The quarterly average price of Poultry compounds between January and March 2016 was £219 per tonne
- The quarterly average price of Sheep compounds between January and March 2016 was £200 per tonne

Figure 3: Quarterly compound animal feed prices 2010 to 2016

