



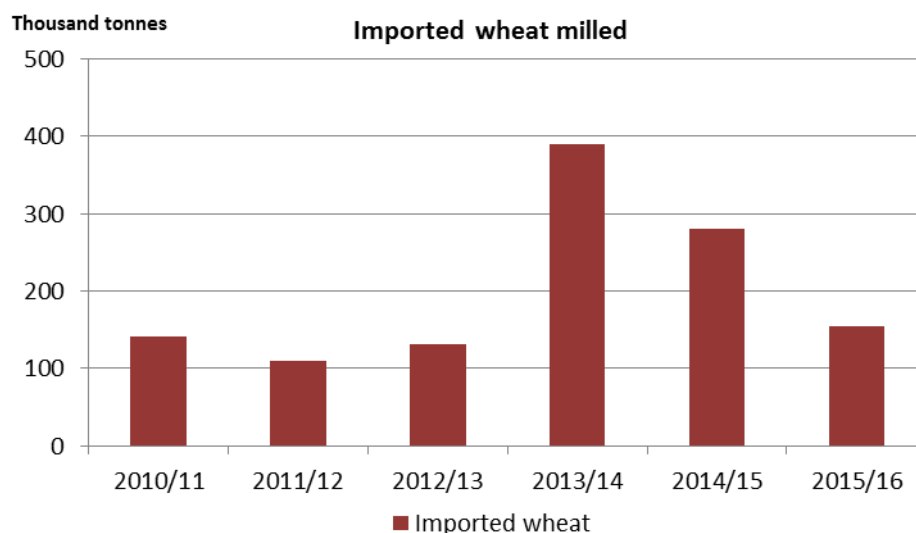
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## Cereals usage by Millers, Brewers, Distillers and Maltsters UK - August 2015

### Key points

- Milling industry, starch and Bioethanol used 502 thousand tonnes of wheat in August 2015, down 5.1% on August 2014. Of this 426 thousand tonnes was home produced.
- Brewers, maltsters and distillers used 147 thousand tonnes of barley in August 2015, down 10% on August 2014.
- Brewers, maltsters and distillers used 64 thousand tonnes of wheat in August 2015, down 6% on August 2014.
- In the second month into the new crop year (2015/16) imported wheat milled has declined 52% on the August 2014. See figure 1.

**Figure 1: Total wheat milled crop year to date 2010/11 – 2015/16**



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.

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**Figure 2: Cereal usage in August 2015**

<b>Flour Millers</b>				<b>Thousand tonnes</b>		
<b>August</b>	<b>Home Grown milled</b>	<b>Imported milled</b>	<b>Total milled</b>	<b>Home Grown year to date</b>	<b>Total year to date</b>	<b>Total closing stocks</b>
Wheat Milled 2015	426	76	502	855	1010	253
Wheat Milled 2014	371	158	529	763	1043	269
% Difference	15%	-52%	-5.1%	12%	-3.1%	-6.2%

<b>Thousand tonnes</b>			
<b>August</b>	<b>Total Flour Production</b>	<b>Flour year to date</b>	<b>Flour Closing Stocks</b>
Flour Production 2015	397	798	57
Flour Production 2014	405	807	59
% Difference	-2.0%	-1.1%	-4.4%

<b>Brewers, Maltsters and Distillers</b>				<b>Thousand tonnes</b>		
<b>August</b>	<b>Barley monthly usage</b>	<b>Barley year to date</b>	<b>Barley Closing stocks</b>			
Barley 2015	147	298	673			
Barley 2014	164	318	780			
% Difference	-10%	-6.4%	-14%			

<b>August</b>	<b>Wheat Monthly Usage</b>	<b>Wheat year to date</b>	<b>Wheat closing stocks</b>
Wheat 2015	64	107	7
Wheat 2014	68	125	9
% Difference	-6%	-14%	-20%

<b>Oat Millers</b>				<b>Thousand tonnes</b>		
<b>Q1 Apr - Jun</b>	<b>Oats Quarterly Usage</b>	<b>Oats year to date</b>	<b>Closing stocks</b>			
Oats Milled 2015	128	490	21			
Oats Milled 2014	124	508	17			
% Difference	3.1%	-3.6%	27%			

- Home grown wheat used for milling was up 15% to 426 thousand tonnes against August 2014. Imported wheat used for milling was down 52% to 76 thousand tonnes.
- Barley used for brewing, malting and distilling was down 10% to 147 thousand tonnes against August 2014. Wheat was also down by 6% to 64 thousand tonnes on August 2014.

### 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

There are no revisions to previous estimates.

### 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. The next release will be on 5 November 2015 at 9.30am.
3. Related statistics are available on [animal feed production](#) and [cereal stocks](#).