



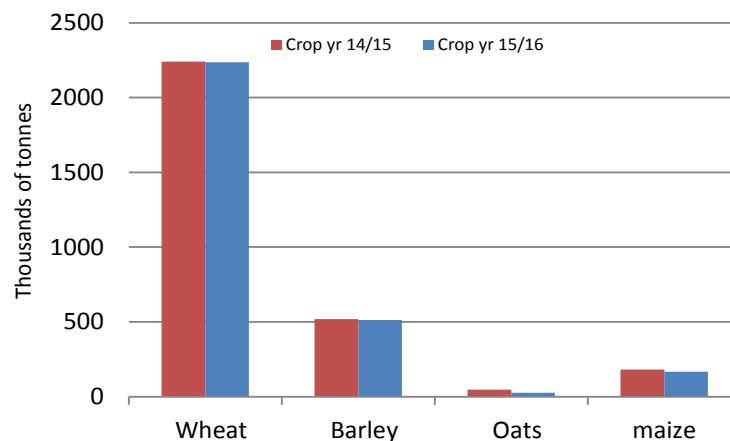
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## Animal Feed Statistics for Great Britain - December 2015

### Key points

- Animal feed production was up 4.8% for poultry and down 2.3% for cattle, 9.8% for sheep and 0.1% for pigs in December 2015 compared to December 2014.
- 1.1% more wheat was used to produce animal feed in December 2015 than December 2014 and 12% more barley.
- Over the crop year from July to December, animal feed production was up 2.0% for pigs and 1.9% for poultry, down 9.8% for sheep and 3.1% for cattle compared to the previous crop year.
- Over the crop year from July to December, wheat used to produce animal feed was down 0.1% and barley down 1.1% 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.

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**Figure 2: Animal feed production and inputs, December 2015**

Thousands of tonnes	Latest month	%Chg (2)	Latest 3 month	%Chg (2)	Year to date (3)	%Chg (2)	12 month rolling	%Chg (2)
<b>PRODUCTION</b>	1257	0.9	3357	-0.4	6587	0.4	13370	0.7
Cattle and calf feed	417	-2.3	1096	-3.9	2017	-3.1	4098	-1.9
Compounds for dairy cows	193	-1.0	527	-3.2	1012	-4.2	2035	-2.5
Blends for dairy cows	91	-5.5	226	-4.9	401	-2.9	837	0.6
Pig feed	174	-0.1	483	0.0	949	2.0	1838	0.9
Pig growing feed	37	5.7	104	5.9	205	7.7	397	6.8
Pig finishing feed	85	1.0	235	-0.4	458	1.3	873	0.5
Pig breeding feed	38	-5.8	102	-6.5	204	-3.1	415	-1.4
Poultry feed (1)	533	4.8	1462	2.4	3017	1.9	5934	1.2
Layer feed	116	6.2	313	5.1	619	6.4	1222	6.0
Broiler chicken feed	304	5.7	809	2.1	1646	-0.5	3304	-1.2
Sheep feed	57	-9.8	117	-9.6	189	-9.8	731	3.7
Compounds for breeding sheep	17	-23.0	29	-24.7	36	-27.9	326	6.0
Compounds for growing and finishing sheep	30	-4.0	67	-5.7	111	-8.5	299	-4.2
Other feed	76	4.1	200	5.5	415	9.9	769	7.2
<b>USAGE (1)</b>	1183	2.1	3164	1.1	6178	1.3	12466	1.1
Wheat	406	1.1	1107	-2.9	2237	-0.1	4508	5.6
Barley	103	12.0	279	13.6	513	-1.1	989	-11.7
Oats	5	-53.1	12	-53.0	26	-46.3	70	-40.0
Whole and flaked maize	33	0.1	84	4.0	167	-8.0	339	-30.1
Oilseed rape cake and meal	65	-17.9	165	-19.3	300	-15.4	676	-6.6
Soya cake and meal	113	14.7	310	15.0	608	13.2	1151	9.0
Sunflower cake and meal	31	-4.8	75	-12.0	144	-12.3	337	-14.2
Other oilseed cake and meal	49	17.8	129	21.6	232	23.5	465	14.4
Other usage	379	2.0	1001	3.2	1953	4.4	3931	4.5

(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 December 2015 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 03 March 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 October and December 2015 was £203 per tonne
- The quarterly average price of Pig compounds between October and December 2015 was £218 per tonne
- The quarterly average price of Poultry compounds between October and December 2015 was £225 per tonne
- The quarterly average price of Sheep compounds between October and December 2015 was £203 per tonne

**Figure 3: Quarterly compound animal feed prices 2010 to 2015**

