



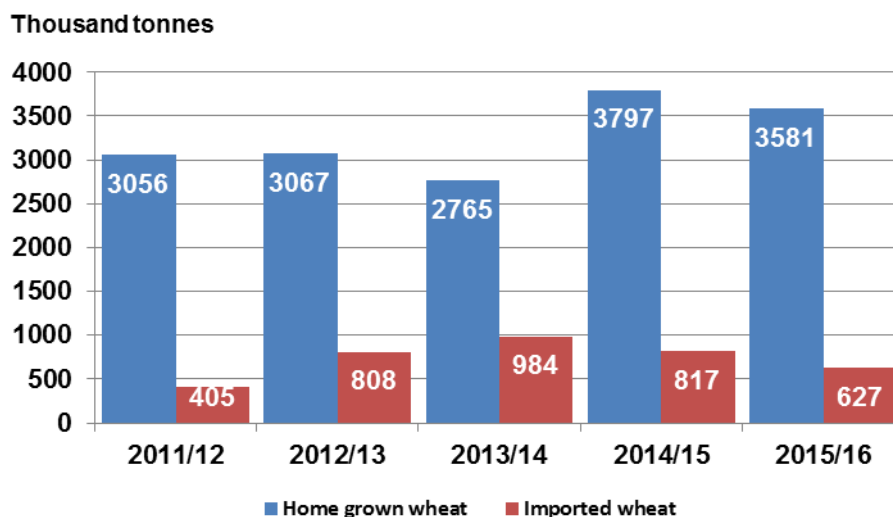
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Cereals usage by Millers, Brewers, Distillers and Maltsters UK - February 2016

Key points

- Milling industry, starch and Bioethanol used 501 thousand tonnes of wheat in February 2016, down 1.8% on February 2015. Of this 431 thousand tonnes was home produced.
- Brewers, maltsters and distillers used 141 thousand tonnes of barley in February 2016, down 0.4% on February 2015.
- Brewers, maltsters and distillers used 43 thousand tonnes of wheat in February 2016, down 30% on February 2015.
- Figure 1 shows crop year to date wheat milled July – Feb 2011/12 - 2015/16. Home grown wheat milled has decreased by 5.7% on July to Feb 2015; imported wheat milled has declined 23.2% on the July to Feb 2015.

Figure 1: Wheat milled crop year to date 2011/12 - 2015/16 (July – Feb)



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Figure 2: Cereal usage in February 2016

| Flour Millers | | | | Thousand tonnes | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| February | Home Grown milled | Imported milled | Total milled | Home Grown year to date | Total year to date | Total closing stocks |
| Wheat Milled 2016 | 431 | 70 | 501 | 3581 | 4208 | 262 |
| Wheat Milled 2015 | 429 | 80 | 510 | 3797 | 4615 | 295 |
| % Difference | 0.3% | -12.9% | -1.8% | -5.7% | -8.8% | -11% |

| Thousand tonnes | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| February | Total Flour Production | Flour year to date | Flour Closing Stocks |
| Flour Production 2016 | 393 | 3334 | 53 |
| Flour Production 2015 | 405 | 3549 | 58 |
| % Difference | -3.0% | -6.0% | -8% |

| Brewers, Maltsters and Distillers | | | | Thousand tonnes | | |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| February | Barley monthly usage | Barley year to date | Barley Closing stocks | Wheat Monthly Usage | Wheat year to date | Wheat closing stocks |
| Barley 2016 | 141 | 1186 | 889 | 43 | 392 | 3 |
| Barley 2015 | 141 | 1266 | 884 | 61 | 511 | 9 |
| % Difference | -0.4% | -6.3% | 0.5% | -30% | -23% | -68% |

| Oat Millers | | | | Thousand tonnes | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--|--|
| Q4 Oct - Dec | Oats Quarterly Usage | Oats year to date | Oats Closing stocks | | | |
| Oats Milled 2015 | 137 | 262 | 20 | | | |
| Oats Milled 2014 | 122 | 241 | 22 | | | |
| % Difference | 11.8% | 8.7% | -5.1% | | | |

- Home grown wheat used for milling was up 0.3% to 431 thousand tonnes against February 2015. Imported wheat used for milling was down 12.9% to 70 thousand tonnes.
- Barley used for brewing, malting and distilling was down 0.4% to 141 thousand tonnes against February 2015. Wheat was also down by 30% to 43 thousand tonnes on February 2015.

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

There is an element of estimation in the brewers maltsters and distillers data for January.

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 05 May 2016 at 9.30am.
3. Related statistics are available on [animal feed production](#) and [cereal stocks](#).