



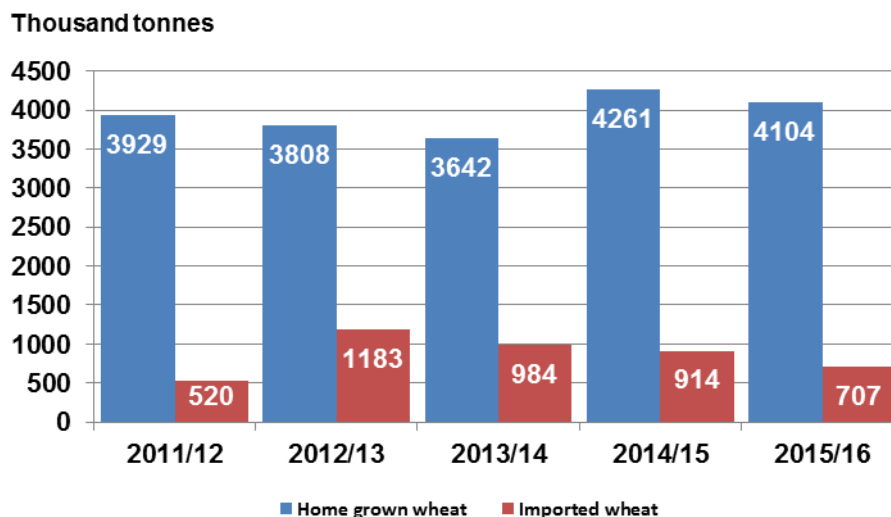
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Cereals usage by Millers, Brewers, Distillers and Maltsters UK - March 2016

Key points

- Milling industry, starch and Bioethanol used 584 thousand tonnes of wheat in March 2016, up 5.2% on March 2015. Of this 501 thousand tonnes was home produced.
- Brewers, maltsters and distillers used 153 thousand tonnes of barley in March 2016, down 6.1% on March 2015.
- Brewers, maltsters and distillers used 57 thousand tonnes of wheat in March 2016, down 18% on March 2015.
- Figure 1 shows crop year to date wheat milled July to Mar 2011/12 - 2015/16. Home grown wheat milled has decreased by 3.7% on July to Mar 2015; imported wheat milled has declined 22.7% on the July to Mar 2015.

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



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Figure 2: Cereal usage in March 2016

<i>Flour Millers</i>				Thousand tonnes			
March	Home Grown milled	Imported milled	Total milled	Home Grown year to date	Total year to date	Total closing stocks	
Wheat Milled 2016	501	83	584	4104	4811	273	
Wheat Milled 2015	458	97	555	4261	5175	275	
% Difference	9.4%	-14.7%	5.2%	-3.7%	-7.0%	-1%	

Thousand tonnes			
March	Total Flour Production	Flour year to date	Flour Closing Stocks
Flour Production 2016	460	3804	56
Flour Production 2015	440	3991	54
% Difference	4.5%	-4.7%	3%

<i>Brewers, Maltsters and Distillers</i>				Thousand tonnes			
March	Barley monthly usage	Barley year to date	Barley Closing stocks				
Barley 2016	153	1340	841				
Barley 2015	163	1429	842				
% Difference	-6.1%	-6.2%	0.0%				

March	Wheat Monthly Usage	Wheat year to date	Wheat closing stocks	
Wheat 2016	57	463	6	
Wheat 2015	69	584	7	
% Difference	-18%	-21%	-14%	

<i>Oat Millers</i>				Thousand tonnes			
Q1 Jan - Mar	Oats Quarterly Usage	Oats year to date	Oats Closing stocks				
Oats Milled 2016	130	392	20				
Oats Milled 2015	122	362	17				
% Difference	7.0%	8.1%	19.4%				

- Imported wheat used for milling was down 14.7% to 83 thousand tonnes.
- Flour production was up 4.5% to 460 thousand tonnes against March 2015.
- For the crop year to date July to Mar 2015/16 oats milled was up 8.1% to 392 thousand tonnes against July to Mar 2014/15.

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 March. Revisions have been made for 2015 due to the incorporation of data for those companies survey annually both flour millers and brewers maltsters and distillers.

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