



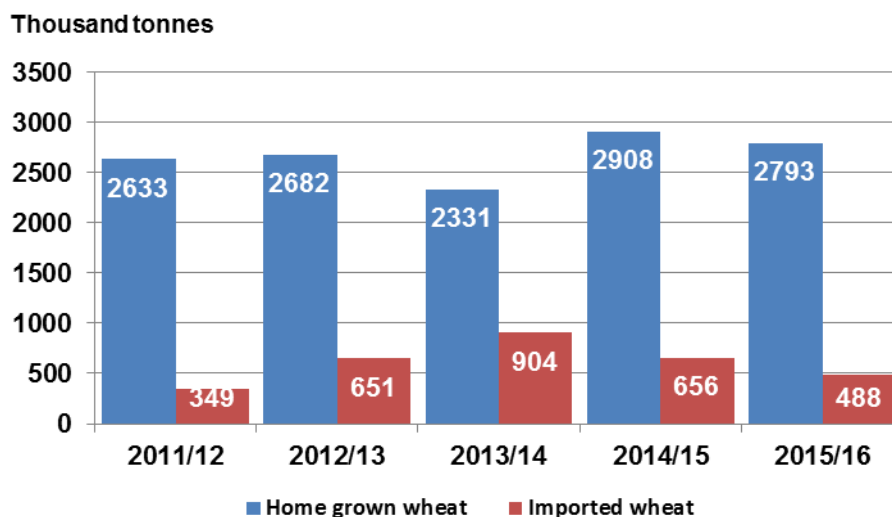
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## Cereals usage by Millers, Brewers, Distillers and Maltsters UK - December 2015

### Key points

- Milling industry, starch and Bioethanol used 583 thousand tonnes of wheat in December 2015, down 13.4% on December 2014. Of this 494 thousand tonnes was home produced.
- Brewers, maltsters and distillers used 156 thousand tonnes of barley in December 2015, down 4.6% on December 2014.
- Brewers, maltsters and distillers used 41 thousand tonnes of wheat in December 2015, down 32% on December 2014.
- Figure 1 shows crop year to date wheat milled July – Dec 2011/12 - 2015/16. Home grown wheat milled has decreased by 4% on July to Dec 2014; imported wheat milled has declined 25.6% on the July to Dec 2014.

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



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

<b>Flour Millers</b>				<b>Thousand tonnes</b>		
<b>December</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	494	90	583	2793	3281	253
Wheat Milled 2014	573	100	673	2908	3564	289
% Difference	-13.9%	-10.2%	-13.4%	-4.0%	-7.9%	-12%

<b>Thousand tonnes</b>			
<b>December</b>	<b>Total Flour Production</b>	<b>Flour year to date</b>	<b>Flour Closing Stocks</b>
Flour Production 2015	466	2598	50
Flour Production 2014	512	2726	56
% Difference	-9.0%	-4.7%	-11%

<b>Brewers, Maltsters and Distillers</b>				<b>Thousand tonnes</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Barley monthly usage</b>	<b>Barley year to date</b>	<b>Barley Closing stocks</b>	
Barley 2015	156	900	974	
Barley 2014	164	963	977	
% Difference	-4.6%	-6.5%	-0.3%	

<b>December</b>	<b>Wheat Monthly Usage</b>	<b>Wheat year to date</b>	<b>Wheat closing stocks</b>
Wheat 2015	41	313	4
Wheat 2014	60	393	10
% Difference	-32%	-20%	-59%

<b>Oat Millers</b>				<b>Thousand tonnes</b>
<b>Q4 Oct - Dec</b>	<b>Oats Quarterly Usage</b>	<b>Oats year to date</b>	<b>Oats Closing stocks</b>	
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 down 13.9% to 494 thousand tonnes against December 2014. Imported wheat used for milling was down 10.2% to 90 thousand tonnes.
- Barley used for brewing, malting and distilling was down 4.6% to 156 thousand tonnes against December 2014. Wheat was also down by 32% to 41 thousand tonnes on December 2014.

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 December and small revisions made to the flour milling data for August to December.

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