



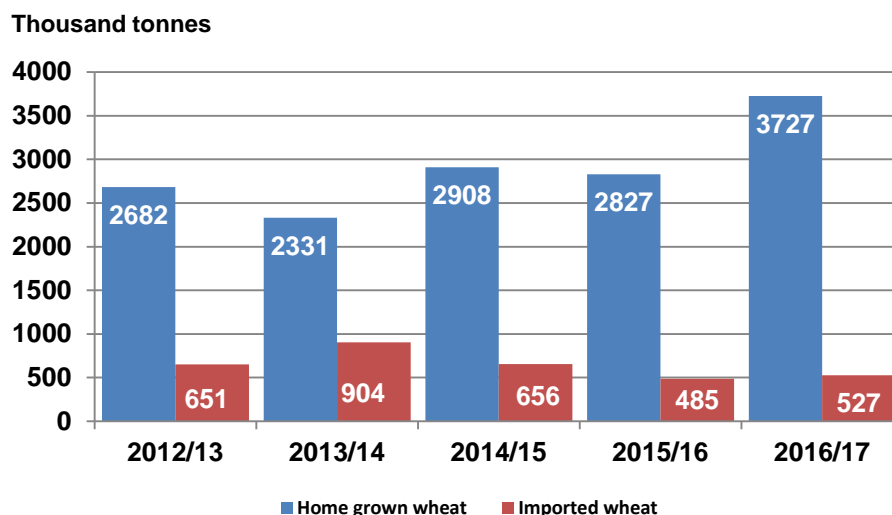
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Cereals usage by Millers, Brewers, Distillers and Maltsters UK – Quarter 4 (Q4) 2016

Key points

- Milling industry, starch and Bioethanol used 1884 thousand tonnes of wheat in Q4 2016, up 11% on the same period in 2015. Of this 1658 thousand tonnes was home produced.
- In Q4 2016 Brewers, maltsters and distillers used 464 thousand tonnes of barley up 2.5% and 198 thousand tonnes of wheat in up 31%, against the same period in 2015.
- Figure 1 show wheat milled in the 2012/13 - 2016/17 crop years. Home grown wheat milled has increased by 32% on 2015/16; imported wheat milled has increased 8.6% during the same period.

Figure 1: Wheat milled crop years 2012/13 - 2016/17 (July to December)



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Figure 2: Cereal usage quarter 4 2016

Flour Millers				Thousand tonnes		
Quarter 4 Oct - Dec	Home Grown milled	Imported milled	Total milled	Home Grown year to date*	Total year to date*	Total closing stocks
Wheat Milled 2016	1658	227	1884	3203	3649	258
Wheat Milled 2015	1458	243	1701	2827	3313	251
% Difference	13.7%	-6.5%	10.8%	13.3%	10.2%	3%

Thousand tonnes			
Quarter 4 Oct - Dec	Total Flour Production	Crop year to date	Flour Closing Stocks
Flour Production 2016	1453	2835	90
Flour Production 2015	1342	2620	52
% Difference	8.3%	8.2%	74%

Brewers, Maltsters and Distillers				Thousand tonnes		
Quarter 4 Oct - Dec	Barley quarterly usage	Crop year to date	Barley Closing stocks	Wheat quarterly Usage	Crop year to date	Wheat closing stocks
Barley 2016	464	911	890	198	375	9
Barley 2015	453	901	974	151	323	4
% Difference	2.5%	1.1%	-8.6%	31.1%	15.8%	105%

Oat Millers				Thousand tonnes		
Quarter 4 Oct - Dec	Oats Quarterly Usage	Crop year to date	Oats Closing stocks			
Oats Milled 2016	129	256	28			
Oats Milled 2015	137	262	20			
% Difference	-5.6%	-2.3%	36.3%			

* Crop year runs from July - June

- Imported wheat used for milling was down 6.5% to 227 thousand tonnes.
- Flour production was up 8.3% to 1453 thousand tonnes against Q4 2015.
- For the 2016/17 crop year oats milled was down 2.3% to 256 thousand tonnes against 2015/16 crop year.

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.

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 May 2017 at 9.30am.
3. Related statistics are available on [animal feed production](#) and [cereal stocks](#).