



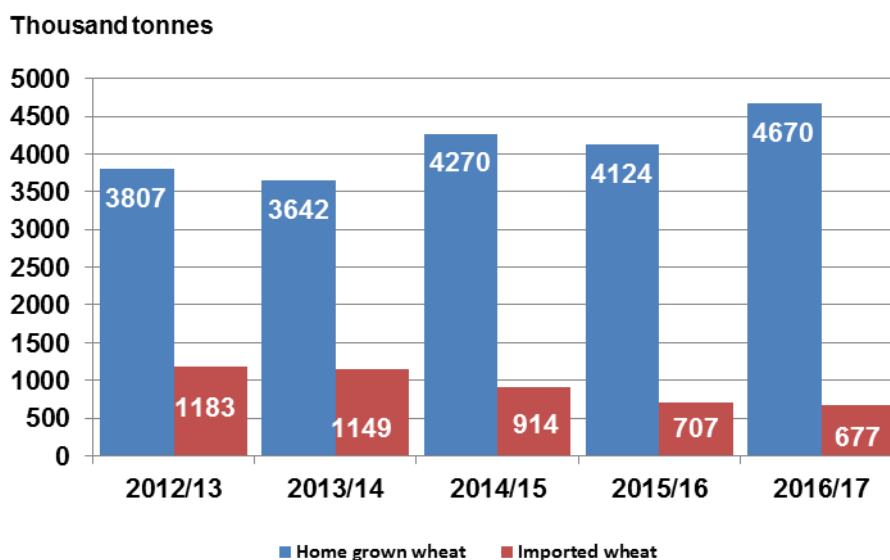
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## Cereals usage by Millers, Brewers, Distillers and Maltsters UK – Quarter 1 (Q1) 2017

### Key points

- Milling industry, starch and Bioethanol used 1709 thousand tonnes of wheat in Q1 2017, up 13% on the same period in 2016. Of this 1479 thousand tonnes was home produced.
- In Q1 2017 Brewers, maltsters and distillers used 460 thousand tonnes of barley up 3.2% and 172 thousand tonnes of wheat up 21%, against the same period in 2016.
- Figure 1 show wheat milled in the 2012/13 - 2016/17 crop years. Home grown wheat milled has increased by 13% on 2015/16; imported wheat milled has decreased 4.3% during the same period.

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



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**Figure 2: Cereal usage quarter 1 2017**

<b>Flour Millers</b>				Thousand tonnes		
Quarter 1 Jan - Apr	Home Grown milled	Imported milled	Total milled	Home Grown year to date*	Total year to date*	Total closing stocks
Wheat Milled 2017	1479	230	1709	4670	5346	270
Wheat Milled 2016	1297	222	1519	4124	4831	274
% Difference	14.0%	3.5%	12.5%	13.2%	10.7%	-1.5%

Thousand tonnes			
Quarter 1 Jan - Apr	Total Flour Production	Crop year to date	Flour Closing Stocks
Flour Production 2017	1327	4155	57
Flour Production 2016	1202	3821	55
% Difference	10.5%	8.7%	3%

<b>Brewers, Maltsters and Distillers</b>				Thousand tonnes	
Quarter 1 Jan - Apr	Barley quarterly usage	Crop year to date	Barley Closing stocks		
Barley 2017	460	1371	792		
Barley 2016	446	1346	832		
% Difference	3.2%	1.8%	-4.9%		

				Thousand tonnes	
Quarter 1 Jan - Apr	Wheat quarterly Usage	Crop year to date	Wheat closing stocks		
Wheat 2017	172	551	5		
Wheat 2016	142	465	6		
% Difference	21.4%	18.4%	-13%		

<b>Oat Millers</b>				Thousand tonnes	
Quarter 1 Jan - Apr	Oats Quarterly Usage	Crop year to date	Oats Closing stocks		
Oats Milled 2017	137	393	20		
Oats Milled 2016	137	392	17		
% Difference	0.4%	0.3%	19.5%		

\* Crop year runs from July - June

- Imported wheat used for milling was up 3.5% to 230 thousand tonnes.
- Flour production was up 10% to 1327 thousand tonnes against Q1 2016.
- For the 2016/17 crop year to date oats milled was up 0.3% to 393 thousand tonnes against 2015/16.

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 oat millers data for quarter 1 2017. Revisions have been made for 2016 due to the incorporation of data for those companies surveyed annually both for 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 03 August 2017 at 9.30am.
3. Related statistics are available on [animal feed production](#) and [cereal stocks](#).