

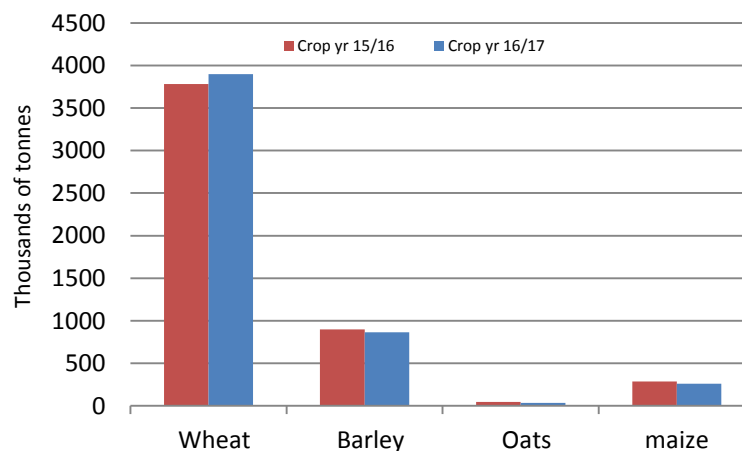


Animal Feed Statistics for Great Britain – April 2017

Key points

- Please note April 2017 is a 4 week reporting period and therefore direct comparisons with April 2016 should not be made as this was a 5 week reporting period.
- Over the crop year from July to April, animal feed production was up 9.7% for sheep, 1.8% for poultry and 0.9% for cattle and down 6.4% for pigs compared to the previous crop year.
- Over the crop year from July to April, wheat used to produce animal feed was up 3.1% and barley was down 4.1% compared to the previous crop year.

Figure 1: Cereal usage for animal feed in current crop year 16/17 compared to previous crop year 15/16



A dataset for animal feed statistics has been published to accompany this notice with fuller detail and trends. All animal feed statistics, including quarterly prices, are accessible from the [animal feed production](#) landing page along with a methodology document.

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Figure 2: Animal feed production and inputs, April 2017

Thousands of tonnes	Latest month	%Chg (2)	Latest 3 month (4)	%Chg (2)	Year to date (3)	%Chg (2)	12 month rolling	%Chg (2)
PRODUCTION	1068	-11.9	3571	-1.3	11352	1.1	13464	0.6
Cattle and calf feed	318	-4.5	1084	2.1	3429	0.9	3987	-0.4
Compounds for dairy cows	164	2.6	526	5.4	1691	1.2	1988	-0.7
Blends for dairy cows	61	-10.2	222	1.8	685	0.4	791	-1.3
Pig feed	136	-13.3	436	-6.9	1481	-6.4	1781	-5.9
Pig growing feed	25	-7.6	77	-9.7	263	-17.7	316	-18.1
Pig finishing feed	67	-17.4	215	-9.5	752	-3.9	904	-2.5
Pig breeding feed	31	-10.6	97	-6.9	323	-5.5	391	-5.6
Poultry feed (1)	471	-12.7	1495	-2.2	5073	1.8	6132	1.9
Layer feed	99	-9.0	314	-2.3	1045	1.4	1258	1.8
Broiler chicken feed	273	-13.0	883	-0.9	2897	3.7	3480	3.5
Sheep feed	83	-26.2	366	-2.5	702	9.7	785	8.8
Compounds for breeding sheep	40	-33.2	207	-5.0	294	0.4	309	-0.6
Compounds for growing and finishing sheep	35	-19.7	129	1.4	312	16.5	369	15.6
Other feed	59	-14.6	191	3.1	667	6.5	778	4.7
USAGE (1)	995	-12.0	3317	-2.2	10565	0.5	12524	0.3
Wheat	363	-13.1	1171	-2.0	3901	3.1	4686	2.8
Barley	87	-0.1	288	0.2	863	-4.1	998	-4.0
Oats	3	-28.9	10	-24.9	33	-26.2	40	-32.7
Whole and flaked maize	25	-17.5	83	-9.2	260	-8.6	310	-8.9
Oilseed rape cake and meal	42	-28.1	164	-14.8	508	-8.2	575	-10.9
Soya cake and meal	77	-25.5	263	-15.8	896	-11.9	1083	-9.7
Sunflower cake and meal	29	-12.0	100	-0.4	279	5.9	335	6.2
Other oilseed cake and meal	40	-12.2	142	-4.4	419	-1.0	488	0.0
Other usage	328	-6.2	1094	4.2	3405	5.0	4009	4.3

(1) Includes data from compound processors and integrated poultry units

(2) % change relates to the same period in the previous year

(3) Year to date comprises of July 2016 to April 2017 data

(4) April 2016 is a 5 week reporting period & 2016 a 53 week year

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](#). Animal feed processors and grain traders use the estimates to help assess market conditions and inform business decisions.

Revisions

We have reviewed some IPU's (Integrated Poultry Units) which produce both feed for their own use and feed for retail sale. We have adjusted the data from August 2015 which has resulted in an increase in compound poultry feed and a decrease in IPU feed. This statistical notice has been updated with final 2016 data for those smaller companies which are only surveyed annually.

Further information

1. Data are from Defra's monthly animal feed surveys which cover all animal feed processors and integrated poultry units in Great Britain.
2. The next release will be on 06 July 2017 at 9.30am.
3. Related statistics are available on [animal feed prices](#) and cereal usage by [millers and brewers](#) and [cereal stocks](#).

Compound animal feed prices – key points

- The quarterly average price of Cattle and Calf compounds between January and March 2017 was £211 per tonne
- The quarterly average price of Pig compounds between January and March 2017 was £231 per tonne
- The quarterly average price of Poultry compounds between January and March 2017 was £246 per tonne
- The quarterly average price of Sheep compounds between January and March 2017 was £213 per tonne

Figure 3: Quarterly compound animal feed prices 2010 to 2017

