



Average Farm Business Income: England 2018/19

These results are sourced from the 2018/19 Farm Business Survey, covering the 2018 harvest and 2018 Basic Payment. Figures are for the accounting year ending March/February with the most recent year shown ending February 2019. The data shown here are averages across each farm type with a wide range of incomes across farms each year.

Details of results for pig and poultry farms are not presented here due to the small sample sizes of these farm types. The data is easily influenced by changes in the sample composition so results are uncertain and should be treated with caution. Further details can be found in the full Farm Business Income publication: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/farm-business-income/>

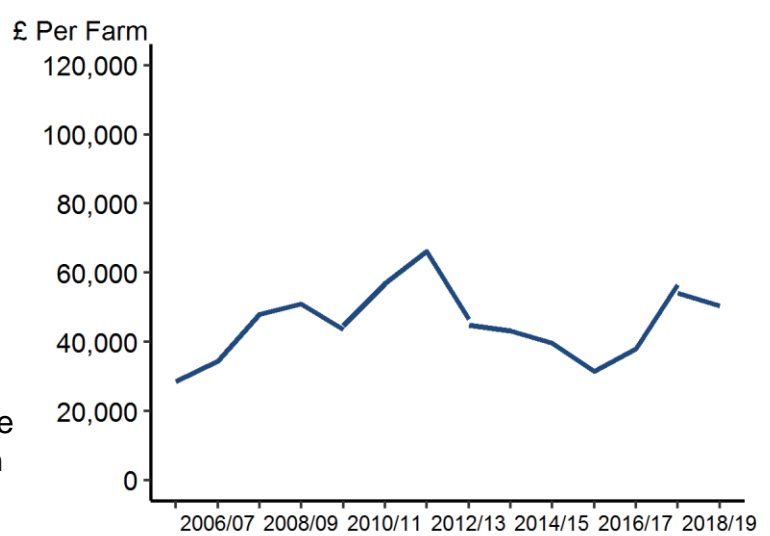


All Farm Types

£50,400
per farm

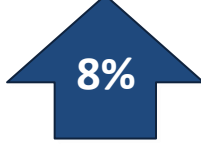


The weather was a key influencer for incomes across all farm types; a very cold, late spring and extremely hot, dry summer. The average Basic Payment received was virtually unchanged when compared to 2017/18, reflecting the minimal change seen in the Euro / Sterling exchange rates between September 2017 and 2018.

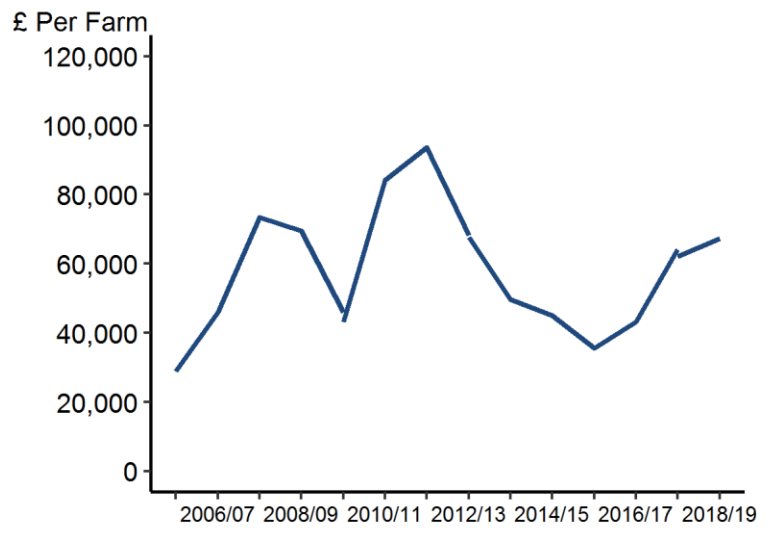


Cereals

£67,300
per farm

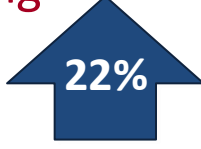


Slightly higher crop output despite reduced yields, increase primarily driven by higher cereal prices. Both variable and fixed costs fell slightly. Basic Payment income decreased while there was little change in diversified income when compared to 2017/18.

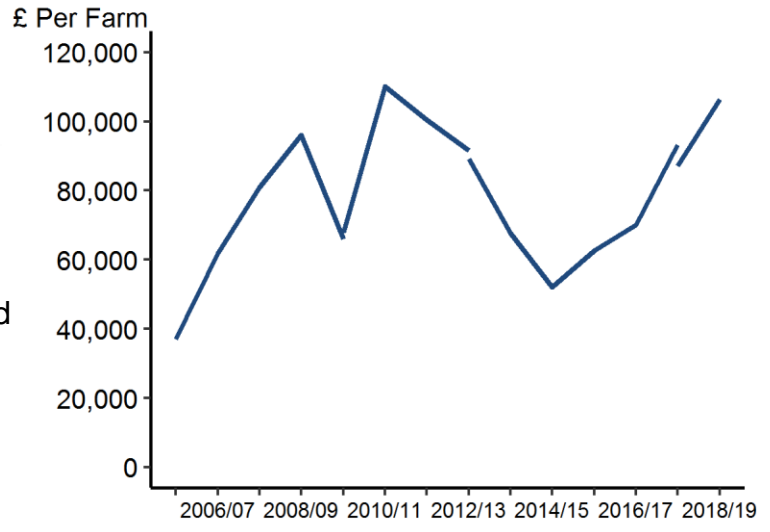


General Cropping

£106,400
per farm



Challenging weather conditions led to reduced yields, particularly for potatoes, sugar beet and field beans. These were largely offset by rises to crop prices. Small increases to both variable and fixed costs, particularly fertilisers, casual labour and machinery.

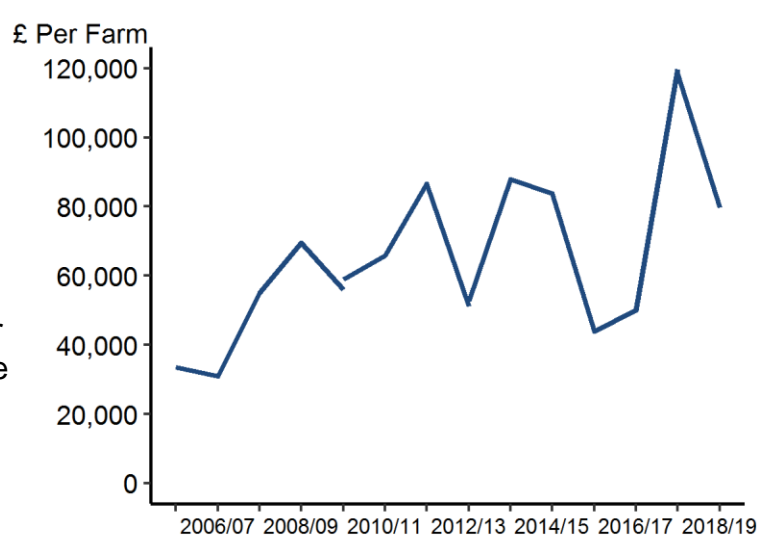


Dairy

£79,700
per farm



Increased input costs driven by substantial rises for feed and higher labour and machinery costs. These more than offset a smaller increase to output from milk (driven by rises in both production and price).

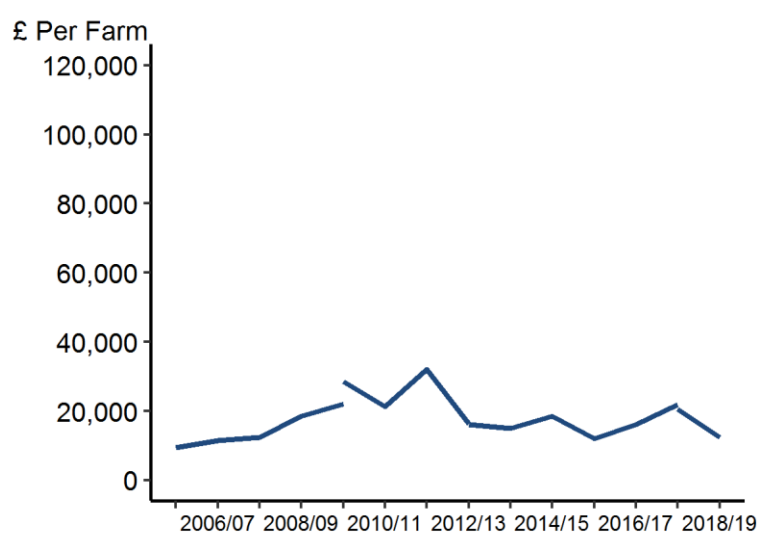


Grazing Livestock (Lowland)

£12,500
per farm



Higher costs only partially offset by a rise in agricultural output which was buoyed by increased crop output. A rise in income from diversified activities primarily from food processing / retailing and recreation.

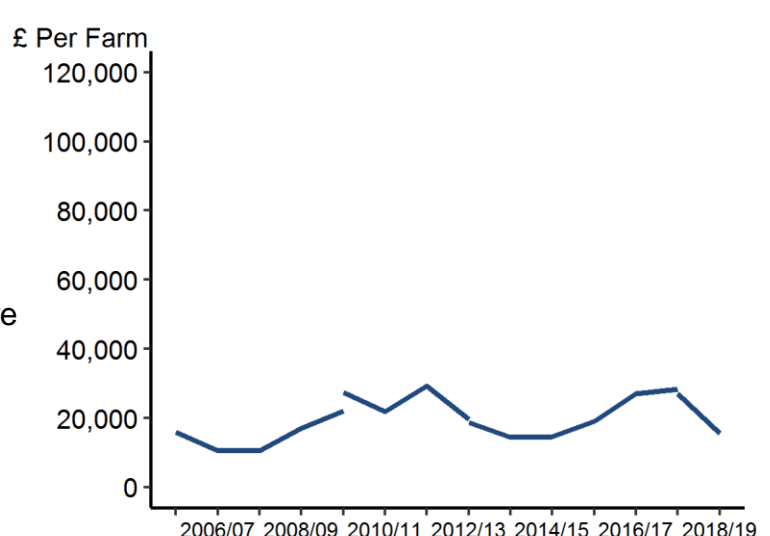


Grazing Livestock (Upland)

£15,500
per farm

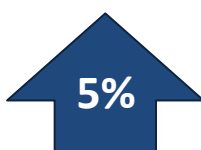


Lower average prices for store cattle, ewes and ewe hogs contributed to fall in agricultural output. Both variable and fixed costs rose but agri-environment payments, an important source of income for this type of farm, fell.

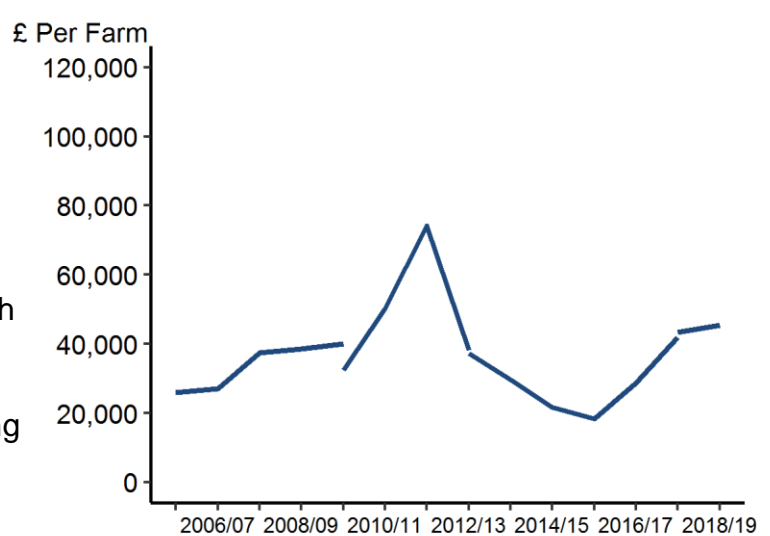


Mixed

£45,500
per farm

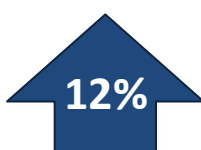


Higher output from crops and livestock together with small increases to agri-environment payments and diversification activity were only partially offset by increased costs, notably for feed, machinery running costs and land and property costs.

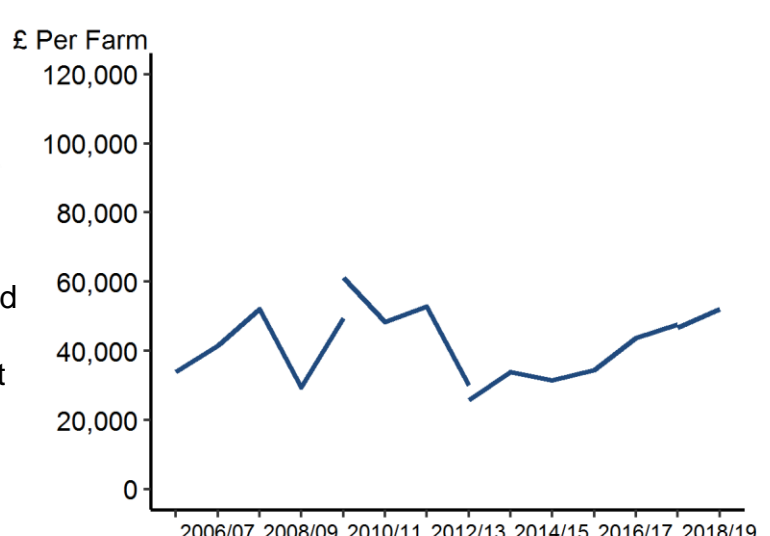


Horticulture

£52,100
per farm



Agricultural output saw little change when compared to 2017/18. Increases in output for some crops offset decreases to others, notably top and soft fruit and outdoor vegetables. Costs went down slightly. Diversified output, an important source of revenue on these farms, decreased.



The breaks in the series shown in 2009/10, 2012/13 and 2017/18 represent changes in the method used to assign farms to a specific farm type. Where breaks occur, average income has been calculated using both methods for comparability. Further information can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/farm-business-survey-technical-notes-and-guidance/>

All farm business income values are shown at current prices and rounded to the nearest hundred.

The full Farm Business Income publication can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/farm-business-income/>

See our website for more information on the Farm Business Survey:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/farm-business-survey/>

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