

Land use and crop maps in England 2021

Overview

The maps included in this report show the density of land use and key crop areas across England in 2021.

Results are shown by International Territorial Level (ITL) 3 which includes counties, unitary authorities or districts in England. Counties are shaded based on activity levels which gives an overall picture of where key crops are grown, whilst preserving the confidentiality of survey respondents.

The data are collected through the 2021 Defra June Census of Agriculture and Horticulture. In Census years, all commercial farms in England are surveyed and responses were received from around 70% of farms. Estimates were made for the non-respondents and these maps are based on the combined dataset of actual responses and estimates. A grid reference is assigned to each farm and this is used to assign the farm to the county and region it falls within. These maps should be treated as a general picture for illustrative purposes only.

Contents

Maps are included for the following areas:

- Total area on agricultural holdings. This includes all arable & horticultural crops, uncropped arable land, temporary grassland, permanent pasture, sole right rough grazing, woodland, land used for outdoor pigs and any other land on the holding. The first map depicts this area as a proportion of each county, whilst the second map is shaded based on the areas themselves.
- **Total arable crops**. This includes all cereal & oilseed crops, potatoes, sugar beet, maize, field beans and peas, fodder crops and all other arable crops.
- **Total cereals.** This includes all wheat, barley, oats and minor cereals (rye, mixed corn & triticale).
- Wheat
- Barley
- Oilseed rape
- **Total horticultural crops.** This includes all fruit & vegetables for human consumption, flowers and ornamentals grown outdoors or under cover.

Further results

All key land and crop areas are available by county and other geographical breakdowns here: Structure of the agricultural industry in England and the UK at June - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)















