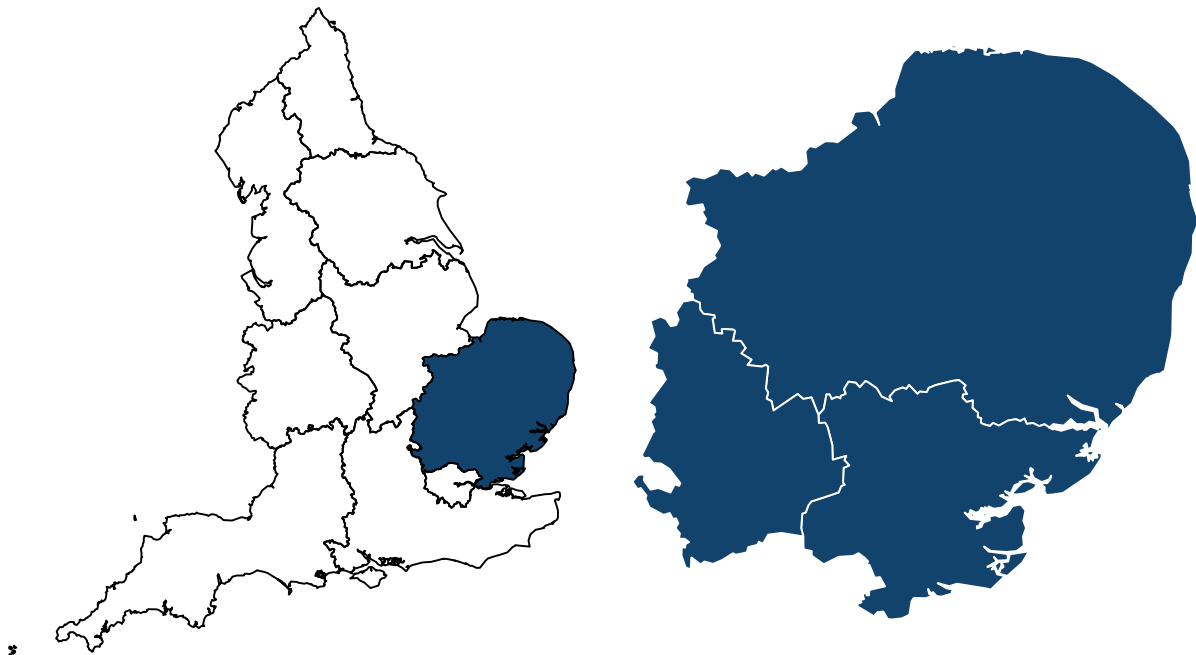


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Section 1: Key statistics

Figure 1.1: A map of England with the East of England region highlighted



Source: [Office for National Statistics](#), [Open Geography Portal](#)

The East of England region comprises East Anglia, Essex, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire.

Key statistics for the East of England region

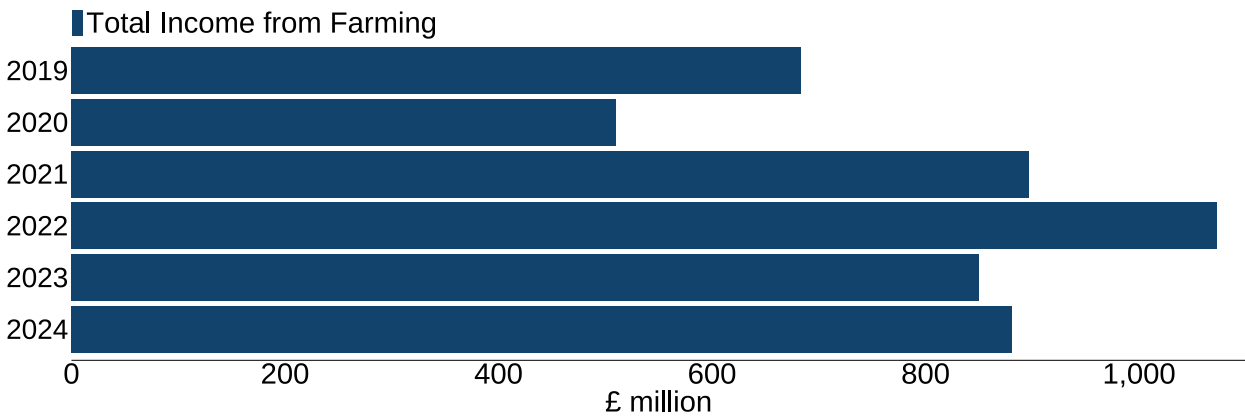
- Total Income from Farming¹ in the East of England in 2024 was £881 million, an increase of £31 million (+3.7%) from 2023. This was a result of a decrease of £158 million (-6.1%) in total crop output, an increase of £12 million (+0.8%) in total livestock output and a decrease of £170 million (-6.2%) in intermediate consumption (Source: [Total Income from Farming for the regions of England](#)).
- In 2024, the largest contributors to the output² value (£4.4 billion) were poultry (£740 million), wheat (£545 million), fresh vegetables (£506 million) and pigmeat (£380 million). These commodities accounted for 50% of the output (Source: [Total Income from Farming for the regions of England](#)).
- The average farm size in 2024 was 130 hectares (Table 1.1). This is the second largest average farm size of all the English regions and larger than the English average of 87 hectares.
- The predominant farm types in 2024 were cereal (36% of the region's holdings) and general cropping (27% of the region's holdings) farms (Figure 1.7). Although pig farms only accounted for 3.9% of the region's holdings, the region accounted for 28% of the English pig population (Table 1.3).
- In 2023/24 (covering the 2023 harvest), the average Farm Business Income³ across all farm types was £59,600 per farm, which was a decrease of 51% from 2022/23 (Figure 1.9).

¹ Total Income from Farming (TIFF) is the net income to farms once costs have been accounted for, so is calculated as “outputs & subsidies” minus “inputs & costs”. [More information on aggregate agricultural accounts can be found on GOV.UK.](#)

² Output is the total value (at market prices) of commodities produced without considering production costs or any additional income received through subsidies. [More information on aggregate agricultural accounts can be found on GOV.UK.](#)

³ In simple terms, Farm Business Income (FBI) is the output generated by the farm business minus total farm costs. [More information on Farm Business Income can be found on GOV.UK.](#)

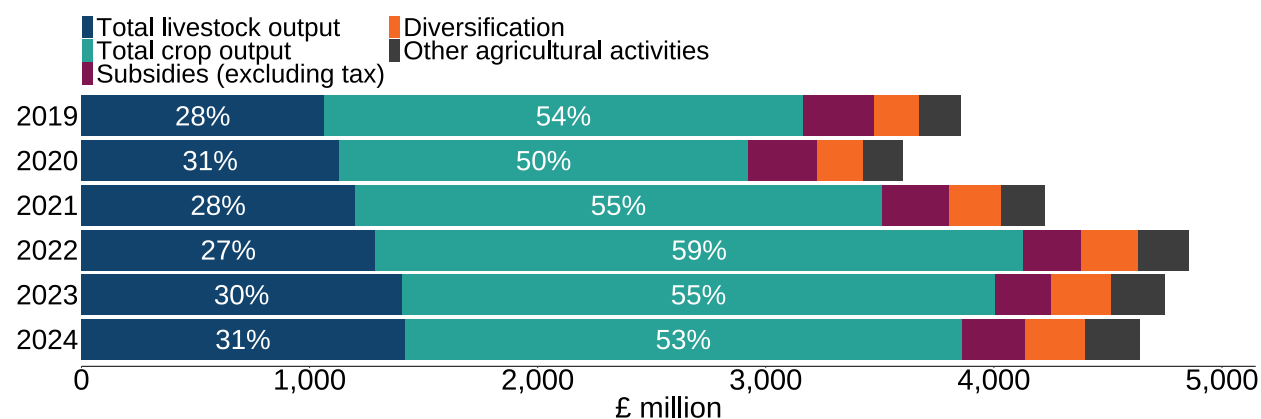
Figure 1.2: Total Income from Farming from 2019 to 2024 in current prices (£ million)



Year	Total Income from Farming
2019	683
2020	510
2021	897
2022	1,073
2023	850
2024	881

Source: [Total Income from Farming for the regions of England](#)

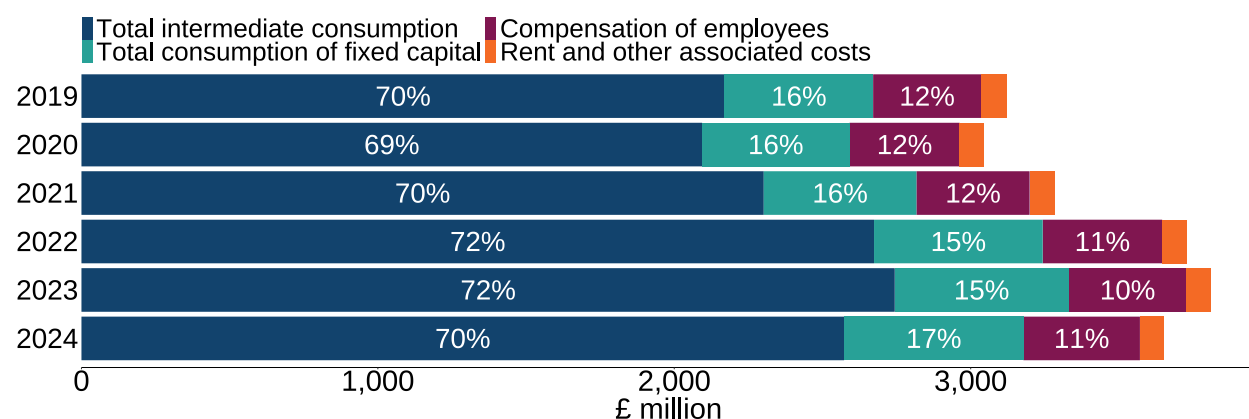
Figure 1.3: Outputs and subsidies split by percentage from 2019 to 2024 (£ million)



Year	Total livestock output	Total crop output	Subsidies (excluding tax)	Diversification	Other agricultural activities
2019	1,063 (28%)	2,100 (54%)	309 (8.0%)	199 (5.2%)	182 (4.7%)
2020	1,128 (31%)	1,796 (50%)	301 (8.4%)	201 (5.6%)	175 (4.9%)
2021	1,198 (28%)	2,312 (55%)	293 (6.9%)	227 (5.4%)	191 (4.5%)
2022	1,287 (27%)	2,842 (59%)	253 (5.2%)	247 (5.1%)	225 (4.6%)
2023	1,404 (30%)	2,602 (55%)	245 (5.2%)	260 (5.5%)	237 (5.0%)
2024	1,416 (31%)	2,445 (53%)	273 (5.9%)	267 (5.8%)	237 (5.1%)

Source: [Total Income from Farming for the regions of England](#)

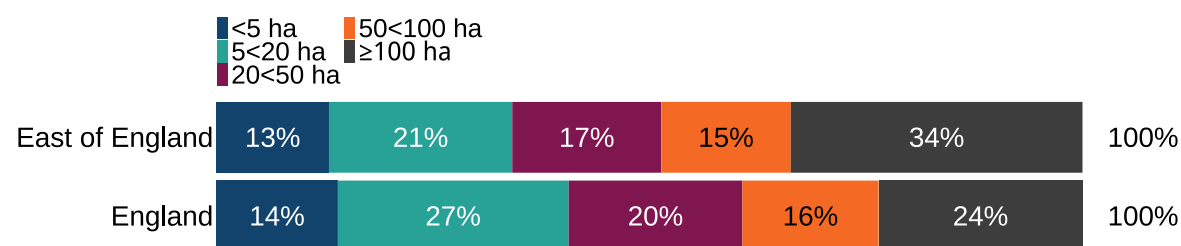
Figure 1.4: Inputs and costs split by percentage from 2019 to 2024 (£ million)



Year	Total intermediate consumption	Total consumption of fixed capital	Compensation of employees	Rent and other associated costs
2019	2,170 (70%)	501 (16%)	364 (12%)	85 (2.7%)
2020	2,094 (69%)	497 (16%)	372 (12%)	83 (2.7%)
2021	2,302 (70%)	515 (16%)	382 (12%)	84 (2.5%)
2022	2,674 (72%)	569 (15%)	403 (11%)	83 (2.2%)
2023	2,744 (72%)	586 (15%)	399 (10%)	82 (2.1%)
2024	2,573 (70%)	605 (17%)	393 (11%)	80 (2.2%)

Source: [Total Income from Farming for the regions of England](#)

Figure 1.5: Distribution of farms by size in 2024 (percentage of farm holdings)



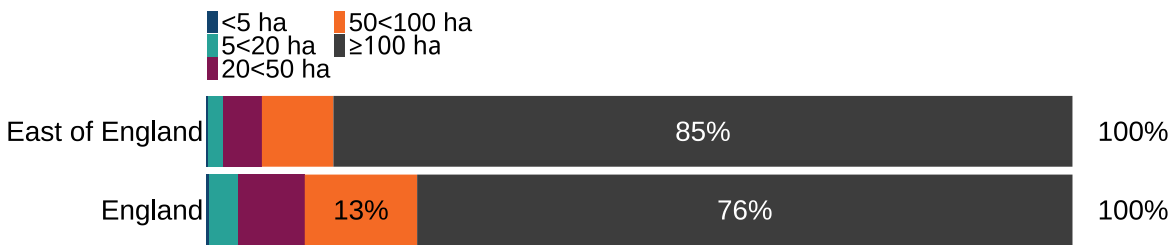
Region	<5 ha	5<20 ha	20<50 ha	50<100 ha	≥100 ha	Total
East of England	13%	21%	17%	15%	34%	100%
England	14%	27%	20%	16%	24%	100%

Source: [Defra, June Survey](#)

Notes:

1. “ha” means “hectares”.
2. Proportions may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Figure 1.6: Distribution of farms by size in 2024 (percentage of farmed area)



Region	<5 ha	5<20 ha	20<50 ha	50<100 ha	≥100 ha	Total
East of England	0.2%	1.8%	4.4%	8.3%	85%	100%
England	0.3%	3.4%	7.6%	13%	76%	100%

Source: [Defra, June Survey](#)

Notes:

1. “ha” means “hectares”.
2. Proportions may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Table 1.1: Land use in 2024

Measure	East of England	England
Total farmed area (thousand hectares)	1,417	8,877
Average farm size (hectares)	130	87
Rented (% of farmed area)	28%	32%
Arable (% of farmed area)	80%	55%
Permanent pasture (% of farmed area)	11%	33%

Source: [Defra, June Survey](#)

Notes:

1. Arable includes arable crops, uncropped arable land and temporary grass.
2. Rented land must be rented for at least one year.

Table 1.2: Crop areas in 2024 (thousand hectares)

Crop	East of England	England	East of England as % of England
Wheat	397	1,402	28%
Barley	206	849	24%
Oilseed rape	51	250	21%
Sugar beet (not for stockfeed)	66	103	64%
Potatoes	27	83	33%
Field veg	22	73	31%

Source: [Defra, June Survey](#)

Notes:

1. Crops displayed are those more predominant in the area.
2. Further data notes on crops can be found below the relevant tables in the [statistical dataset for England's regional breakdown of the structure of the agricultural industry at June](#).

Table 1.3: Livestock numbers in 2024 (thousand head)

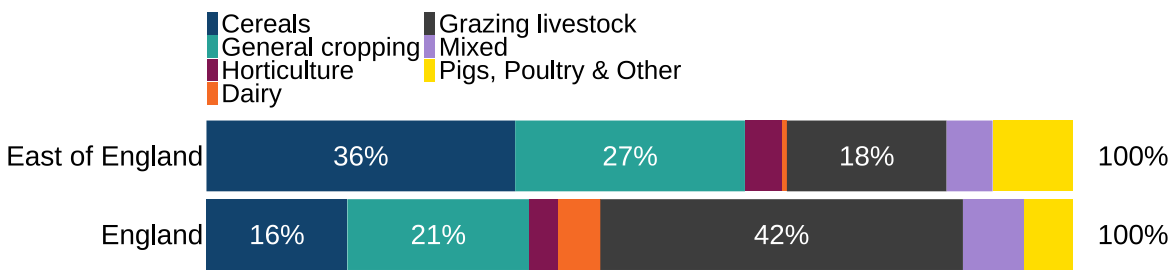
Livestock	East of England	England	East of England as % of England
Cattle	163	4,752	3.4%
Dairy herd	12	1,046	1.2%
Beef herd	35	570	6.1%
Pigs	1,032	3,680	28%
Sheep	326	13,831	2.4%
Poultry	30,104	128,581	23%
Laying flock	2,155	23,344	9.2%
Table chickens	23,313	87,924	27%
Turkeys	1,015	3,123	33%

Source: [Defra, June Survey](#)

Notes:

1. Livestock displayed are those more predominant in the area.
2. Cattle numbers relate to commercial holdings only.
3. Sheep numbers include lambs.

Figure 1.7: Distribution of farms by type in 2024 (percentage of farm holdings)



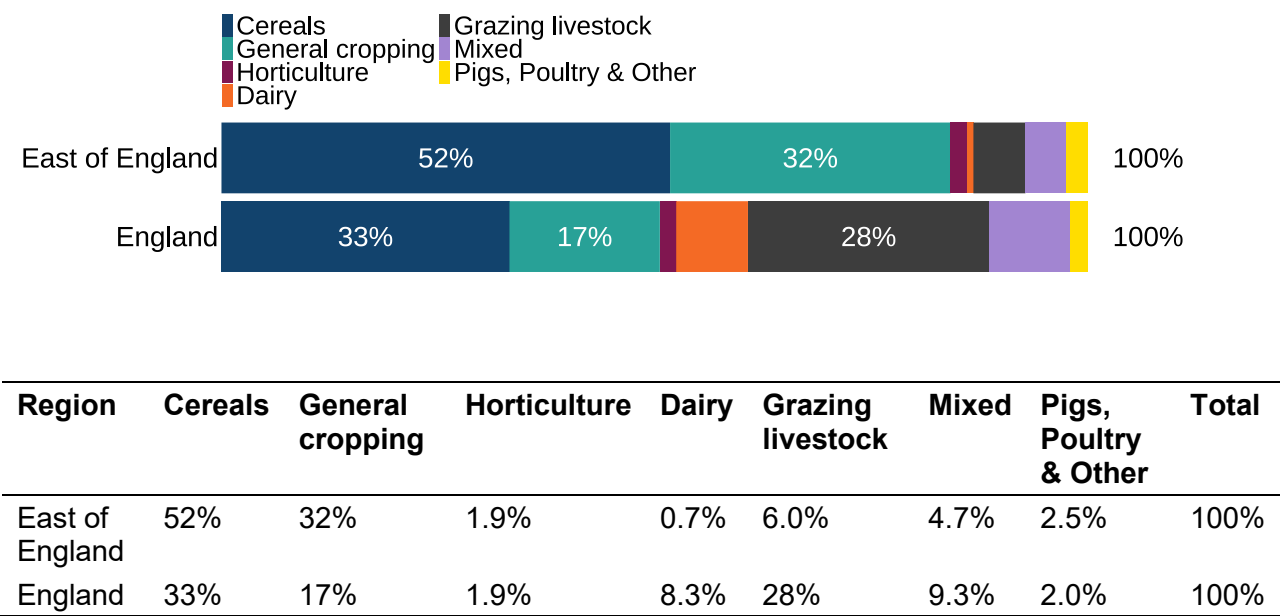
Region	Cereals	General cropping	Horticulture	Dairy	Grazing livestock	Mixed	Pigs, Poultry & Other	Total
East of England	36%	27%	4.3%	0.5%	18%	5.3%	9.2%	100%
England	16%	21%	3.3%	4.9%	42%	7.0%	5.6%	100%

Source: [Defra, June Survey](#)

Notes:

- 1. Proportions may not sum to 100% due to rounding.
- 2. “Other” refers to unclassified farm types.

Figure 1.8: Distribution of farms by type in 2024 (percentage of farmed area)

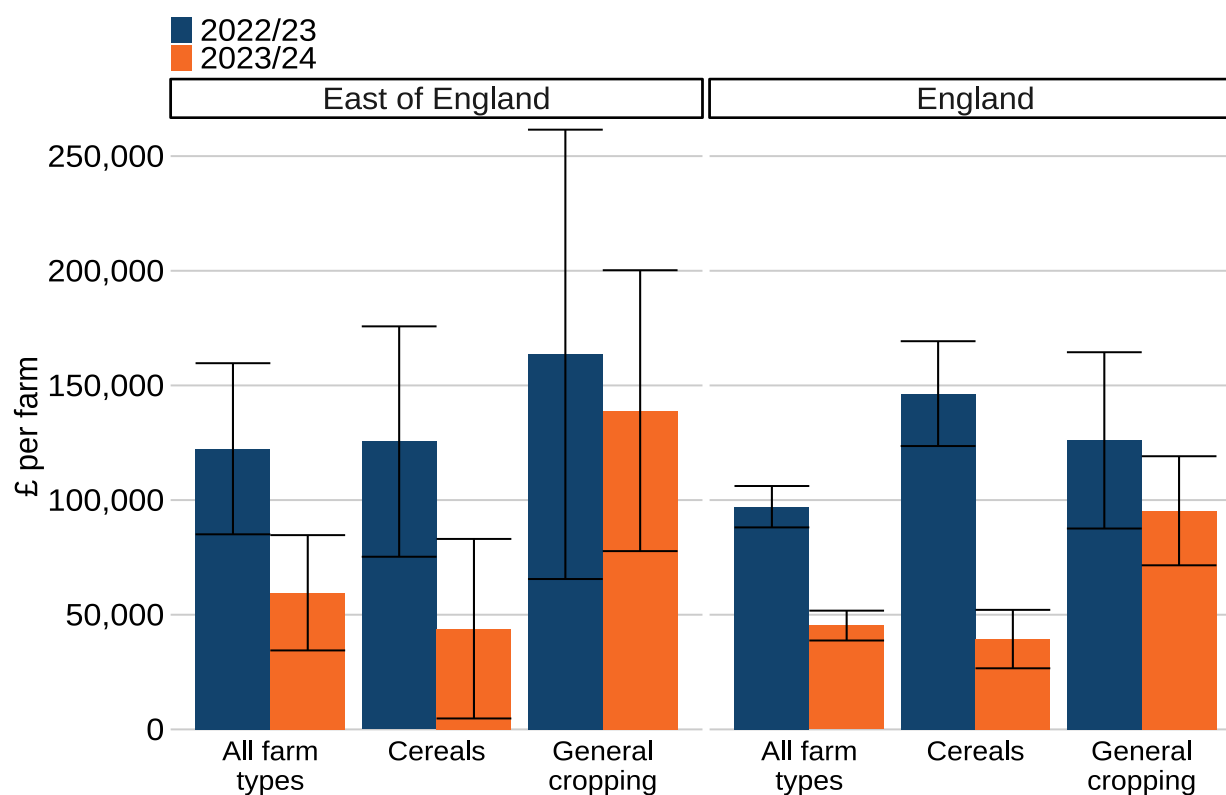


Source: [Defra, June Survey](#)

Notes:

- 1. Proportions may not sum to 100% due to rounding.
- 2. “Other” refers to unclassified farm types.

Figure 1.9: Average Farm Business Income in 2022/23 and 2023/24 (£ per farm)



Farm type	East of England	England
All farm types (2023/24)	59,600 (±25,100)	45,300 (±6,500)
Cereals (2023/24)	43,900 (±39,100)	39,400 (±12,700)
General cropping (2023/24)	139,000 (±61,200)	95,300 (±23,800)
All farm types (2022/23)	122,400 (±37,300)	97,100 (±9,000)
Cereals (2022/23)	125,500 (±50,200)	146,400 (±22,900)
General cropping (2022/23)	163,600 (±98,000)	126,000 (±38,400)

Source: Defra, Farm Business Survey (regional breakdown not published elsewhere)

Notes:

1. The Farm Business Survey year runs, on average, from March to February.
2. Excludes farms with less than £21,000 of standard output.
3. Farm types displayed are those more predominant in the area.
4. Lines or values in parentheses indicate the 95% confidence intervals.

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5. In a given Farm Business Survey year, the sample size for some farm types can be relatively small. This means that individual farms can have a large influence on the results, and the results should be treated with caution. See the [Farm Business Income by type of farm in England](#) publication for more information.
6. Values are rounded to the nearest £100.
7. Data correct as at October 2025.

Table 1.4: Labour force in 2024 (number of people)

Measure	East of England	England	East of England as % of England
Total labour	34,496	284,797	12%
Total labour per farm	3.2	2.8	[z]
Regular workers	9,555	65,556	15%
Regular workers per farm	0.9	0.6	[z]
Casual workers	4,835	34,309	14%
Casual workers per farm	0.4	0.3	[z]
% full time	47%	47%	[z]
% part time	33%	37%	[z]
% casual	14%	12%	[z]

Source: [Defra, June Survey](#)

Notes:

1. “[z]” means “not applicable”.
2. Total labour includes farmers, partners, directors, spouses, salaried managers, regular and casual workers.
3. Casual workers are those usually employed for less than 20 weeks of the year.
4. Number of workers per farm calculations are averages based on the total number of farm holdings in the region.
5. Part time workers are those employed for less than 39 hours a week.
6. Percentage calculations for full and part time workers do not include salaried managers.

Section 2: Data notes

Figures are for commercial holdings as at June 2024 (unless stated otherwise). Commercial holdings are those with levels of farming activity above a specified threshold as detailed in this publication's [guidance note](#). For further information about the June Survey of Agriculture and Horticulture please visit our [survey notes and guidance page](#) on GOV.UK.

“Region” in this statistical notice refers to [International Territorial Level 1 \(ITL1\)](#) for England. The ITL1 regions for Greater London and the South East have been combined in this statistical notice due to the fact that London has such a small farming infrastructure.

This release contains the latest data available at the time of publishing. As a result, reference periods may vary. TIFF and FBI represent data from distinct time periods: TIFF covers January to December 2024, while FBI spans March 2023 to February 2024. As these metrics reflect different reporting periods, direct comparisons between the two should be avoided.

Section 3: Other geographical breakdowns

Defra June Survey data aggregated at other geographical classifications can be found in the [Structure of the agricultural industry in England and the UK at June](#) statistical data set on GOV.UK.

England regional data for aggregate agricultural accounts (including data at ITL2 and ITL3) can be found in the [Total Income from Farming for the regions of England](#) publication on GOV.UK.

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