

Agricultural facts: Summary

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Section 1: Key statistics

Figure 1.1: A map of England split by region



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

Key statistics for England

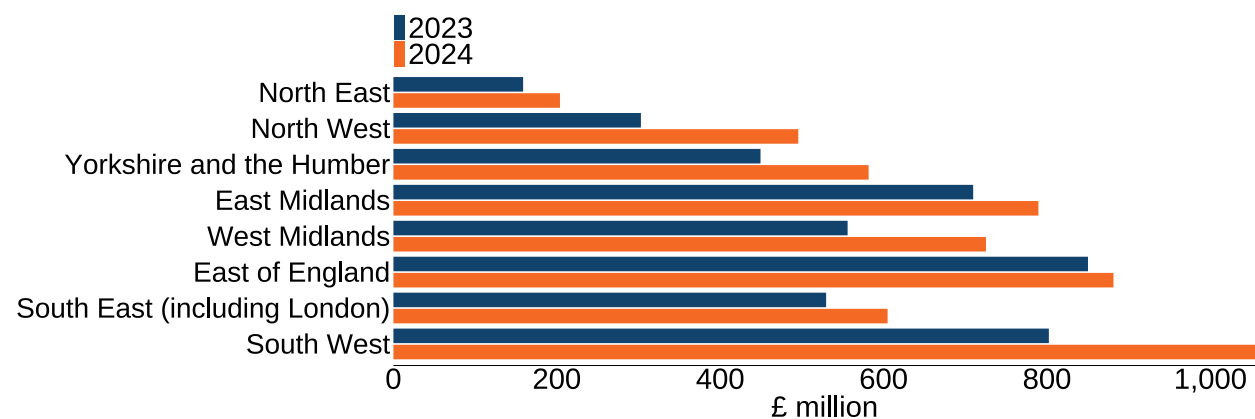
- Total Income from Farming (TIFF)¹ in England in 2024 was £5.3 billion. TIFF increased in all 8 of England's regions with an average increase of 27% between 2023 and 2024 (Figure 1.2). The largest contributor to England's TIFF in 2024 was the South West (20%) and the smallest contributor was the North East (3.8%).
- Total livestock output was the largest output² in 5 of England's 8 regions while total crop output was the largest in the other 3 regions (Figure 1.3). Subsidies less tax made up between 5.6% (West Midlands) and 13% (North East) of total outputs for the regions.
- The North East had the largest average farm size in 2024 (138 hectares) while the West Midlands had the smallest (66 hectares). The average English farm size was 87 hectares (Table 1.1).
- In England, the predominant farm types in 2024 were grazing livestock (42% of England's holdings) and general cropping (21% of England's holdings) farms. Nevertheless, the prevalence of different farm types can vary considerably across England's regions. For example, 36% of holdings in the East of England were cereal farms while only 4.4% of holdings were cereal farms in the North West (Figure 1.5).
- In 2023/24 (covering the 2023 harvest), the average Farm Business Income (FBI)³ across all farm types in England was £45,300 per farm, which was a decrease of 53% from 2022/23 (Table 1.4). The North East had the highest average FBI (£64,100 per farm) while the South West had the lowest (£35,100 per farm).
- In 2024, the South West had the highest proportion of England's total agricultural labour force (22%) and the South East (including London) region had the largest share of regular workers (23%) (Table 1.5). However, the South East (including London) region had the most workers per farm (3.8 workers) and the highest proportion of England's casual labour (30%).

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.](#)

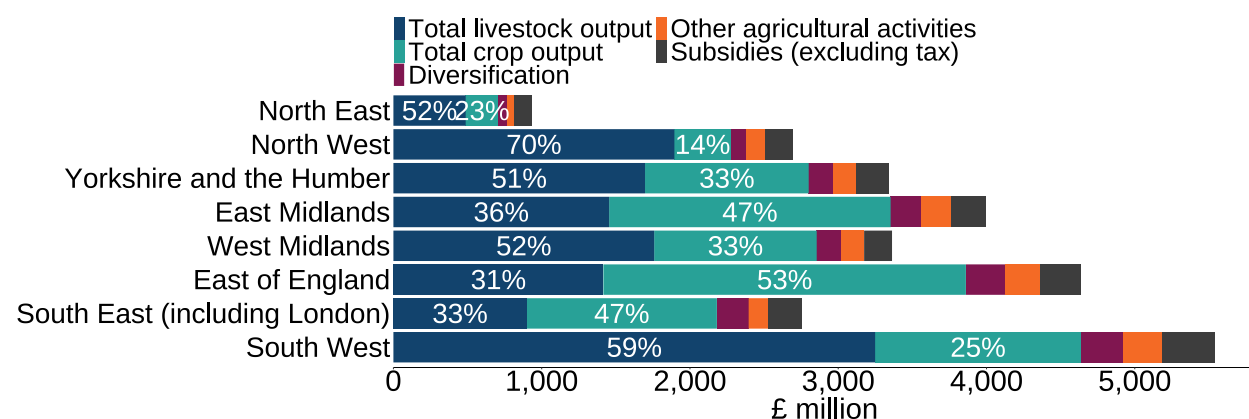
Figure 1.2: Total Income from Farming (TIFF) in 2023 and 2024 (£ million)



Region	2023	2024
North East	159	204
North West	303	496
Yorkshire and the Humber	449	582
East Midlands	710	789
West Midlands	556	725
East of England	850	881
South East (including London)	530	605
South West	802	1,055

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

Figure 1.3: Outputs and subsidies in 2024 (£ million)



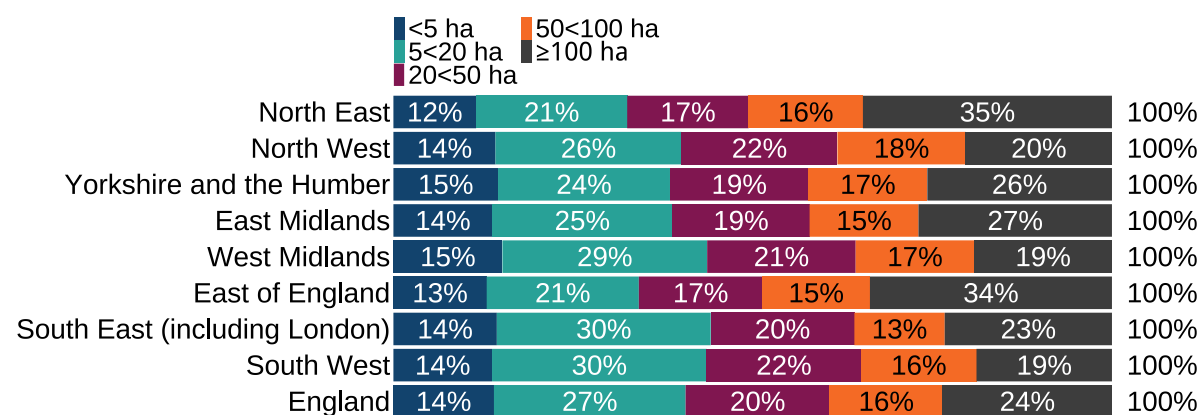
Region	Total livestock output	Total crop output	Diversification	Other agricultural activities	Subsidies (excluding tax)
North East	487 (52%)	218 (23%)	62 (6.7%)	43 (4.6%)	120 (13%)
North West	1,895 (70%)	381 (14%)	108 (4.0%)	124 (4.6%)	183 (6.8%)
Yorkshire and the Humber	1,697 (51%)	1,104 (33%)	165 (4.9%)	159 (4.8%)	217 (6.5%)
East Midlands	1,455 (36%)	1,898 (47%)	209 (5.2%)	199 (5.0%)	236 (5.9%)
West Midlands	1,759 (52%)	1,096 (33%)	169 (5.0%)	151 (4.5%)	188 (5.6%)
East of England	1,416 (31%)	2,445 (53%)	267 (5.8%)	237 (5.1%)	273 (5.9%)
South East (including London)	899 (33%)	1,283 (47%)	214 (7.8%)	136 (4.9%)	224 (8.1%)
South West	3,249 (59%)	1,388 (25%)	288 (5.2%)	258 (4.7%)	355 (6.4%)

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

Notes:

1. Proportions are respective to the total output value plus direct payments for each region.
2. Proportions may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Figure 1.4: 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
North East	12%	21%	17%	16%	35%	100%
North West	14%	26%	22%	18%	20%	100%
Yorkshire and the Humber	15%	24%	19%	17%	26%	100%
East Midlands	14%	25%	19%	15%	27%	100%
West Midlands	15%	29%	21%	17%	19%	100%
East of England	13%	21%	17%	15%	34%	100%
South East (including London)	14%	30%	20%	13%	23%	100%
South West	14%	30%	22%	16%	19%	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.

Table 1.1: Land use in 2024

Region	Total farmed area (thousand hectares)	Average farm size (hectares)	Rented (% of farmed area)	Arable (% of farmed area)	Permanent pasture (% of farmed area)
North East	581	138	42%	34%	44%
North West	893	72	37%	24%	58%
Yorkshire and the Humber	1,086	91	34%	53%	32%
East Midlands	1,165	102	33%	71%	21%
West Midlands	897	66	30%	55%	35%
East of England	1,417	130	28%	80%	11%
South East (including London)	1,119	89	31%	58%	29%
South West	1,720	68	32%	45%	44%
England	8,877	87	32%	55%	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 area in 2024 as a % of England's total

Region	Wheat	Barley	Oats	Maize	Oilseed rape	Potatoes	Field veg	Hardy nursery stock	Glasshouse	Orchards	Small fruit
North East	4.1%	4.5%	5.8%	0.2%	6.0%	1.4%	1.7%	0.4%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
North West	1.9%	4.7%	3.4%	6.4%	1.6%	5.8%	4.4%	2.3%	14%	0.5%	0.6%
Yorkshire and the Humber	14%	15%	7.6%	6.5%	15%	20%	18%	3.1%	13%	0.5%	1.2%
East Midlands	19%	17%	17%	16%	19%	15%	28%	36%	9.0%	1.4%	3.0%
West Midlands	9.7%	6.7%	14%	14%	12%	15%	6.9%	8.4%	9.5%	30%	18%
East of England	28%	24%	18%	16%	21%	33%	31%	15%	19%	7.4%	14%
South East (including London)	13%	12%	19%	12%	14%	2.7%	4.6%	10%	31%	44%	55%
South West	9.7%	15%	16%	29%	11%	7.7%	6.1%	25%	4.6%	16%	8.5%
England	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: [Defra, June Survey](#)

Notes:

1. Proportions may not sum to 100% due to rounding.
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](#).

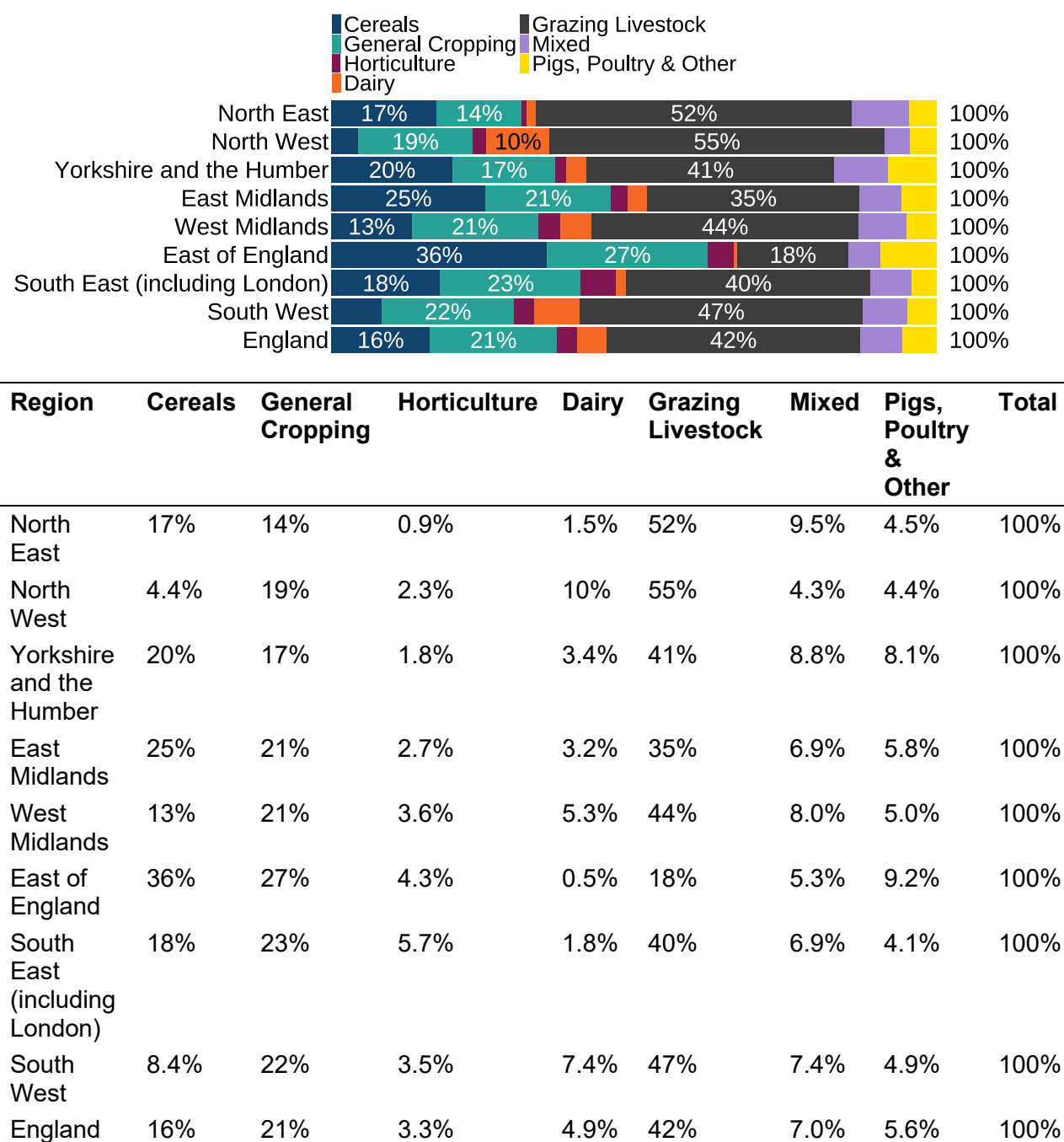
Table 1.3: Livestock numbers in 2024 as a % of England's total

Region	Cattle	Dairy herd	Beef herd	Pigs	Sheep	Poultry	Laying flock	Table chickens	Turkeys	Goats
North East	4.8%	1.2%	11%	3.8%	12%	1.5%	2.5%	1.5%	0.1%	1.6%
North West	19%	26%	12%	2.3%	20%	7.8%	12%	7.2%	4.8%	7.2%
Yorkshire and the Humber	11%	7.2%	12%	40%	14%	12%	13%	11%	17%	23%
East Midlands	8.8%	6.2%	11%	8.0%	8.3%	18%	17%	19%	27%	6.4%
West Midlands	13%	15%	11%	4.6%	14%	18%	19%	19%	10%	13%
East of England	3.4%	1.2%	6.1%	28%	2.4%	23%	9.2%	27%	33%	5.1%
South East (including London)	7.1%	4.8%	9.9%	4.0%	8.0%	5.7%	11%	3.1%	5.2%	9.2%
South West	33%	39%	27%	9.5%	20%	14%	15%	13%	3.1%	35%
England	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: [Defra, June Survey](#)

Notes:

1. Proportions may not sum to 100% due to rounding.
2. Cattle numbers relate to commercial holdings only.
3. Sheep numbers include lambs.

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

Source: [Defra, June Survey](#)

Notes:

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

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Table 1.4: Farm Business Income in 2023/24 (£ per farm)

Region	All farm types	Cereals	General cropping	Horticulture	Dairy	Grazing livestock	Mixed	Specialist pigs	Specialist poultry
North East	64,100 (±28,700)	101,100 (±69,200)	[x]	[x]	[x]	36,900 (±26,800)	75,800 (±90,800)	[x]	[x]
North West	42,100 (±20,900)	19,400 (±27,700)	119,000 (±127,200)	[x]	82,300 (±77,000)	25,400 (±11,800)	25,600 (±28,500)	[x]	-109,300 (±155,400)
Yorkshire and the Humber	50,700 (±21,300)	31,900 (±20,500)	180,100 (±40,600)	[x]	54,300 (±30,100)	9,800 (±10,400)	8,400 (±37,800)	109,800 (±49,100)	411,100 (±153,600)
East Midlands	37,300 (±24,100)	21,800 (±28,000)	107,600 (±61,200)	[x]	99,300 (±35,900)	11,500 (±10,400)	50,400 (±67,100)	[x]	-204,900 (±557,400)
West Midlands	56,200 (±19,400)	28,600 (±19,900)	75,200 (±48,400)	95,800 (±170,400)	42,300 (±26,200)	20,100 (±14,200)	21,200 (±20,500)	181,900 (±233,200)	261,000 (±163,300)
East of England	59,600 (±25,100)	43,900 (±39,100)	139,000 (±61,200)	47,900 (±73,900)	[x]	-8,200 (±15,700)	50,200 (±49,700)	124,500 (±71,300)	[x]
South East (including London)	35,200 (±14,100)	69,000 (±36,700)	49,100 (±54,500)	19,100 (±23,000)	6,600 (±129,200)	19,000 (±11,700)	12,100 (±40,000)	[x]	[x]
South West	35,100 (±11,400)	20,600 (±16,900)	23,700 (±35,200)	80,700 (±110,400)	87,300 (±46,500)	22,700 (±6,100)	3,800 (±14,900)	132,900 (±120,800)	82,100 (±146,700)
England	45,300 (±6,500)	39,400 (±12,700)	95,300 (±23,800)	59,100 (±41,100)	70,900 (±23,500)	19,500 (±4,000)	22,700 (±13,200)	135,800 (±44,500)	143,600 (±125,100)

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

Notes:

1. “[x]” means “not available”.
2. The Farm Business Survey year runs, on average, from March to February.
3. Excludes farms with less than £21,000 of standard output.

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4. Values in parentheses indicate the 95% confidence intervals.
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 1.5: Agricultural labour force in 2024 (number of people)

Region	Total labour	Average labour per farm	Total labour as % of England	Regular workers as % of England	Casual workers as % of England
North East	9,756	2.3	3.4%	2.8%	1.6%
North West	31,883	2.6	11%	11%	6.0%
Yorkshire and the Humber	29,782	2.5	10%	9.5%	5.8%
East Midlands	30,690	2.7	11%	11%	9.5%
West Midlands	38,026	2.8	13%	11%	18%
East of England	34,496	3.2	12%	15%	14%
South East (including London)	47,842	3.8	17%	23%	30%
South West	62,323	2.5	22%	18%	15%
England	284,797	2.8	100%	100%	100%

Source: [Defra, June Survey](#)

Notes:

1. Proportions may not sum to 100% due to rounding.
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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