Agricultural facts: Guidance note

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Overview

This statistical notice contains eight standalone agricultural factsheets for each of the International Territorial Level 1 (ITL1) regions of England, as well as a summary page. 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.

Data from Accredited Official Statistics sources have been used wherever possible to give headline information on agricultural activity in the regions. Information on where to get more detailed evidence is included below and throughout the publication.

Key facts cover:

- Total Income from Farming (TIFF)
- Total output
- Farm types
- Land areas and use
- Crops
- Livestock
- Labour
- Farm Business Income (FBI)

Data sources

The data in the factsheets have been obtained from three Defra data sources: the Defra June Survey of Agriculture and Horticulture, the Farm Business Survey, and the Regional Agricultural Accounts. Two of these sources are classified as “Accredited Official Statistics”. Accredited Official Statistics are produced to high professional standards and undergo regular quality assurance reviews to ensure that they meet customer needs. All of the publications are free from any political interference.

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 2025, while FBI spans March 2024 to February 2025. As these metrics reflect different reporting periods, direct comparisons between the two should be avoided.

Defra June Survey

The Defra June Survey of Agriculture and Horticulture is a large sample survey sent to a representative sample of holdings across England. The data relate to commercial holdings which are holdings with significant levels of farming activity.

These are holdings with land or livestock at or above any one of the following thresholds:

- Five hectares of agricultural land
- One hectare of orchards
- 0.5 hectares of vegetables
- 0.1 hectare of protected crops
- 10 cows
- 50 pigs
- 20 sheep
- 20 goats
- 1,000 poultry.

Detailed annual statistics on the structure of the agricultural industry produced using the results of the June Survey of Agriculture are available on GOV.UK.

Farm Business Survey

The Farm Business Survey (FBS) is an annual survey providing information on the financial position and physical and economic performance of farm businesses in England.

The sample of farm businesses covers all regions of England and all types of farming with the data being collected by face to face interviews with farmers. Results are weighted to represent the full population of farm businesses that have at least £21,000 of standard output as recorded in the annual June Survey of Agriculture and Horticulture. In 2024/25, the sample of 1,426 farms represented approximately 49,300 farm businesses in England.

The FBS measure used throughout this publication is Farm Business Income. In simple terms, Farm Business Income is the output generated by the farm business minus total farm costs. Please visit the Farm Business Income webpage on GOV.UK for further information on this measure.

Agricultural Accounts

Regional breakdowns for the England agricultural accounts are published annually in Total Income from Farming for the Regions of England. Total Income from Farming (TIFF) is revenue generated by production within the agriculture industry, including subsidies, and represents business profits and remuneration for work done by farm owners and other unpaid workers. The regional accounts estimates are produced by apportioning out each account item value for England using coefficients derived mainly from Farm Business Survey and June Survey of Agriculture and Horticulture data. TIFF estimates are routinely revised based on data availability and revisions are backdated where appropriate. For more information on TIFF methodology or revisions, please visit the “Methodology” and “Revisions” sections of the Total Income from Farming for the Regions of England and Total Income from Farming in England publications.

Data uses and users

This publication has been produced in response to user requests for concise information on agricultural activity at a regional level in England. The publication is also available to download as individual pages for each region.

Next updates

This publication will be updated on an annual basis each Autumn.

The definitive publication dates for each survey will be announced on the research and statistics webpage on GOV.UK.

What you need to know about this release

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