

National Statistics: Latest agricultural price indices

Updated: Updated to include August 2018 figures, statistic notice and dataset.

The Agricultural Price Index (API) is a monthly publication that measures the price changes in agricultural outputs and inputs for the UK. The output series reflects the price farmers receive for their products, also referred to as farm gate price. Information is collected for all major crops (for example wheat and potatoes) and on livestock and livestock products (for example sheep, milk and eggs). The input series reflects the price farmers pay for goods and services. This is split into two groups: goods and services currently consumed; and goods and services contributing to investment. Goods and services currently consumed refer to items that are used up in the production process, for example fertiliser, or seed. Goods and services contributing to investment relate to items that are required but not consumed in the production process, such as tractors or buildings.

A price index is a way of measuring relative price changes compared to a reference point or base year which is given a value of 100. The year used as the base year needs to be updated over time to reflect changing market trends. In accordance with the standardised methodology agreed across the EU the latest data are now presented with a base year of 2015=100. This replaces the previous data series which used a base year of 2010. Details of this methodology is described in the [Handbook for EU agricultural price statistics](#).

Next update: see the [statistics release calendar](#)

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National Statistics: Historical

statistics notices on Agriculture in the English regions

Updated: Added 2016 2nd estimate statistical notice.

This publication gives previously published copies of the National Statistics publication, since June 2013, about agricultural performance in the English regions. The regions are defined according to the European Union Nomenclature of Units for Territorial Statistics – level 1 (NUTS1), which for England means the North West, North East etc. The publication summarises key components of the production and income accounts for UK agriculture and describes the relative growth in Total Income from Farming in the short and medium term. The contribution that the agricultural industry makes to the regional economy is compared with that for England as a whole.

This information is published biannually, currently in June and December. Each publication gives the figures available at that time. The figures are subject to revision as new information becomes available.

The latest publication and accompanying data set can be found [here](#)

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Statutory guidance: SR2010 No 14: 500t composting biodegradable waste

Updated: Added to 'details' section: You can apply online for most standard rules environmental permits.

Standard rules guidance to operate a composting activity involving the storage, physical treatment and composting of specified biodegradable wastes in an open or closed (in-vessel) composting system.

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Statutory guidance: SR2011 No 1 500t: composting biodegradable waste (in open and closed systems)

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Official Statistics: Rural economic bulletin

Updated: Published today, revised version to correct some rural redundancy rates due to an error in original ONS figures.

The indicators currently used are:

- claimant count
- economic activity
- redundancies
- house prices
- business insolvencies

Additional information:

- [older versions of the rural economic bulletins](#)
- [Defra commissioned research on the rural economy](#)

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