

[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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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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Collection: ACRE: advisory reports on requests to release genetically modified organisms

Updated: Added the advice on a trial of GM *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (18/R51/01).

All requests to release GMOs into the environment, like GM crop trials or clinical tests of GM vaccines, are referred by government to ACRE.

ACRE assesses each request against the possible risks to human health or the environment. If more information is needed to review the application then ACRE will request this from the applicant directly.

Finally ACRE publishes a report that sets out a summary of its findings in each case. This recommends government either approves or denies the request, and may also contain conditions or monitoring measures that ACRE thinks should be included.

The most recent advisory reports from ACRE are: