

Collection: Air quality grant programme

Updated: Added a link to the latest application round for the air quality grant.

Defra's air quality grant scheme provides funding to eligible local authorities to help improve air quality.

The scheme helps local authorities to make air quality improvements and to meet their statutory duties under the Environment Act 1995. It has awarded over £57 million in funding to a variety of projects since it started in 1997.

Any queries should be sent to air.quality@defra.gsi.gov.uk.

Information on [who was awarded grants in 2015 to 2016](#) is now available on the National Archives website.

Air quality grant 2018 to 2019

Local authorities in England can now apply for the [air quality grant scheme 2018 to 2019](#). Applications must be received by midday on 30 November 2018.

In particular, we're looking for applications on projects designed to support:

- local authorities to develop and/or implement measures to improve local air quality
- innovation through trialling of low cost sensors

The grant will be competitive and will award at least £3 million to English local authorities that have one or more Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs).

National Statistics: Latest UK egg statistics

Updated: Updated with Quarter 2 2018 statistical notice and datasets.

This publication gives quarterly information on egg production, usage and prices. This includes UK egg packing station throughput by country and egg

production system (intensive, barn, free range, organic) and prices paid by UK egg packers to producers. The information about egg usage includes the number of eggs bought by UK egg processors and the quantity of egg products they produce. Monthly information about trade in eggs and egg products is also included.

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

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National Statistics: Latest cattle, sheep and pig slaughter statistics

Updated: Revised statistical notice and dataset due to revisions to supplied data.

This monthly publication gives UK statistics on the slaughter of cattle, sheep and pigs, dressed carcase weights and meat production. Additional information is provided each quarter on UK meat supplies (ie production adjusted for overseas trade).

With effect from February 2016 the statistics published in this notice are based on calendar rather than statistical months. This change simplifies our survey processes and brings our slaughter survey in line with our milk surveys which are already run on a calendar month basis, it also removes the need for the 53 week year (which would have to be 2016). Since the end of weekly slaughter survey several years ago, there is no legislative requirement for weekly data, so since then we have derived the average weekly throughput from the monthly survey data.

This notice replaces the notice published at 9.30am on the 11th October and contains large revisions to previously published sheep data.

January 2016 data includes the last week of December 2015 and is therefore classed as a 5 week month. 1st February 2016 onwards the statistics are based on calendar months.

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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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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](#).

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