

National Statistics: UK Biodiversity indicators

Updated: 2018 update published.

This release and publication report on UK progress towards meeting the biodiversity goals and targets 'the Aichi targets' agreed in 2010. These targets were set out in the [Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020](#). The UK is a signatory to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

All of the 2018 Biodiversity Indicators for the UK are available on the [Joint Nature Conservation Committee](#) website.

Biodiversity is the variety of all life on Earth. It includes all species of animals and plants, and the natural systems that support them. Biodiversity matters because it supports the vital benefits we get from the natural environment. It contributes to our economy, our health and wellbeing, and it enriches our lives.

Next major update provisionally planned for July 2019.

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National Statistics: Latest cereal stock statistics

Updated: Updated cereal stocks – farm dataset.

This publication gives tonnages of wheat, barley and oats stocks held on farms in England and Wales and of wheat, barley, oats and maize stocks held by UK ports, co-operatives and merchants. The information for farm stocks is updated twice a year; in February (datasets only), and in June together with annual UK ports cooperatives and merchants data (Statistical Notice and datasets). Grain is a globally traded commodity and supply and demand is

influenced by international markets. Stocks are an important measure of grain availability and a key component of UK cereals supply and demand balance sheets. The stocks at the end of June in any particular year form the opening stocks for the following season.

Next update: The Statistical Notice published 31 August 2017 is the final publication of this series by Defra. Further publications and datasets will be published by the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB) [AHDB cereal usage data](#). Defra will continue to publish the statistical dataset for on farm stocks.

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[Statutory guidance: Radioactive contaminated land: statutory guidance](#)

Updated: We have updated the definitions to bring them in line with recent regulations.

This guidance is intended to explain how local authorities should implement the radioactive contaminated land regime, including how they should go about deciding whether land is 'contaminated land'.

[Statutory guidance: SR2009 No 4: combustion of biogas in engines at a sewage treatment works](#)

Updated: We updated SR2009 No 4: combustion of biogas in engines at a sewage treatment works.

Standard rules and generic risk assessment for compression and spark ignition engines with an aggregated total rated thermal input of less than 5 megawatts to burn biogas produced from the digestion of sewage sludge at a sewage treatment works.

You can apply online for most standard rules environmental permits.

[Apply for a standard rules environmental permit.](#)

Transparency data: Environment Agency organisation structure chart

Updated: Updated with new chart October 2018.

This shows the Environment Agency organisation structure at a high level, including some of our management team for national and area teams.

You can also see a map of our [operational areas](#).

We update the organisation chart every few months.

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