

Farming Facts and Figures, Wales 2016

INTRODUCTION

This is an annual publication produced by the Welsh Government. It provides an overview of agricultural statistics taken from the Welsh June Agricultural Survey and a range of other sources. Latest data are usually for 2015. This document is intended to be a handy pocket guide. For this reason it is selective about the range of information provided and the level of additional explanatory information is kept deliberately minimal. For more detailed information, explanation and commentary please see the full range of agricultural statistics outputs on our website.

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The most comprehensive compendium of statistics can be found in the annual publication Welsh Agricultural Statistics under the topic heading "Environment and Countryside". The following outputs can also be found on this theme page:

- Survey of Agriculture and Horticulture (June Survey)
- Agricultural Small Areas Statistics
- Aggregate Agricultural Output and Income
- Forecasts of Farm Incomes

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LIVESTOCK

Dairy sector	2005	2013	2014	2015
Dairy cows ('000) (a)	299.2	273.6	289.9	300.5
Number of holdings with dairy cows	4,390	3,130	3,094	3,054
Average size of herd	68	87	94	98
Non-dairy sector				
Non-dairy cows ('000) (a)	264.2	220.0	214.2	208.6
Number of holdings with non-dairy cows	10,743	8,910	8,613	8,436
Average size of herd	25	25	25	25
Finished cattle price (b)	100	204	186	188
Sheep sector				
Total sheep and lambs ('000)	9,510.4	9,460.7	9,738.9	9,504.0
Number of holdings	15,307	14,741	14,317	14,437
Average size of flock	621	642	680	658
Total breeding flock ('000)	4,732.2	4,275.4	4,765.5	4,742.9
All other sheep 1 year old and over ('000)	220.9	297.4	213.3	185.0
Lambs under 1 year ('000)	4,557.3	4,887.9	4,760.0	4,576.1
Finished sheep price (c)	115	180	184	168
Pig sector				
Pigs ('000)	28.4	24.9	28.4	25.3
Number of holdings	810	1,496	1,478	1,255
Average size of herd	35	17	19	20
Total breeding pigs ('000)	3.9	4.4	4.4	4.0

(a) Female cattle aged 2 years and over

Source: June Agricultural Survey

(b) Average market price (pence per kilo liveweight)

(c) Average return to producers (pence per kilo liveweight)

Cattle figures sourced from the Cattle Tracing System (CTS). Finished livestock prices sourced from the Agricultural and Horticultural Development Board (AHDB).

PLEASE NOTE: The figures give indications of size and trends. Many figures are rounded so some components may not add to the totals shown. There are often qualifications to the data, and users should therefore refer to more detailed published sources.

HOLDINGS BY FARM TYPE

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Cereals	405	380	382	392
General cropping	133	125	125	138
Horticulture	506	494	438	442
Specialist pigs	101	109	95	83
Specialist poultry	495	471	426	382
Dairy	1,845	1,788	1,753	1,744
Cattle and sheep (LFA)	11,008	11,034	10,798	10,805
Cattle and sheep (non-LFA)	2,093	2,126	2,052	2,079
Mixed (a)	853	849	841	801
Other types (b)	2,366	2,734	2,530	2,560
Minor holdings (c)	5,150	5,246	5,282	5,340
Dormant holdings (d)	16,322	16,941	10,530	11,900
All types	41,277	42,297	35,252	36,666

Source: June Agricultural Survey

(a) Combinations of cropping with various types of livestock.

(b) Mainly grass and forage or specialist horses.

(c) Holdings with small amounts of agricultural activity.

(d) Large number of obsolete holdings removed in 2014.

LABOUR

Labour on holdings ('000)	2005	2013	2014	2015
Farmers, partners & directors:				
Full-time	21.0	17.9	19.5	19.3
Part-time	22.4	22.1	23.1	22.3
Family and hired workers:				
Full-time	3.4	3.3	4.4	4.6
Part-time	3.5	3.3	4.7	4.5
Seasonal or casual workers	6.9	6.4	7.9	7.6
Total labour engaged on holdings	57.1	53.0	59.6	58.3

Source: June Agricultural Survey

AGRICULTURAL LAND USE

Agricultural area ('000 ha)	2005	2013	2014	2015
Total area	1,629	1,740	1,812	1,843
of which:				
Arable land	181	225	239	247
Permanent grass	982	998	1,048	1,069
Rough grazing (a)	401	444	437	438
Woodland and other land	65	73	87	90

(a) Includes common rough grazing.

Source: June Agricultural Survey

AVERAGE FARM BUSINESS INCOME BY FARM TYPE

In real terms (deflated by GDP deflator)

Farm Business Income	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Type of farming:			(forecast)
All farm types	30,000	29,500	24,500
Dairy	78,700	70,400	42,000
Grazing livestock (LFA)	19,600	23,400	22,500
Grazing livestock (lowland)	29,200	27,900	25,500

Source: Farm Business Survey (FBS)

BREAKDOWN OF WELSH AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

	2013	2014	2015
Production as a share of gross output:			(forecast)
Milk and milk products	32.9%	32.9%	30.6%
Cattle	24.3%	22.9%	24.7%
Sheep	15.6%	16.7%	16.6%
Poultry and eggs	7.7%	7.2%	7.6%
All crops and horticulture	4.9%	4.9%	5.4%
Others (a)	14.6%	15.4%	15.2%

Source: Aggregate Agricultural Account

(a) Includes pigs, clip wool, capital formation in livestock, other agricultural activities and 'inseparable secondary activities'.

PRINCIPAL GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES - TOTAL PAYMENT (a)

(£million)

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Single Payment Scheme (b)	246.3	251.4	208.4	.
Glastir Advanced	.	0.2	6.2	15.0
Glastir Entry	4.4	4.8	15.2	14.8
Glastir Commons	2.3	1.5	3.3	4.0
Glastir Efficiency	0.1	2.7	2.8	1.4
Glastir Woodland Management	.	.	0.3	2.0

(a) Glastir has replaced Tir Mynydd, Tir Gofal, Tir Cynnal and the Organic Farming Scheme / Organic Farming Conversion Scheme. In 2015 the Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) replaced Single Payment Scheme (SPS). The amount paid under BPS is currently £190 million

(b) Lower value in 2014 due to CAP Reform and exchange rates.

. = not applicable

Note: Payments are made on a continuous basis and as such are always subject to revision.

PEOPLE, LAND AND AGRICULTURE IN WALES AND THE UK 2015

General	WALES	UK(a)	WALES SHARE
All land (hectares)	2,100,000	24,400,000	9%
Total persons (b)	3,100,000	64,600,000	5%
Agricultural land (hectares)(c)			
Permanent pasture	1,100,000	6,100,000	18%
Sole rights	300,000	3,800,000	7%
Grassland under 5 years	200,000	1,200,000	13%
Crops and horticulture	100,000	4,900,000	2%
Farm woodland and other	100,000	1,300,000	7%
Total	1,700,000	17,200,000	10%
Livestock numbers (c)			
Sheep	9,500,000	33,300,000	29%
Cattle	1,100,000	9,900,000	11%
Dairy cows	300,000	2,300,000	13%
Non-dairy cows	200,000	2,000,000	11%
Poultry	7,800,000	167,600,000	5%
Pigs	30,000	4,700,000	1%

(a) English figures relate to commercial holdings only.

(b) 2014 mid-year estimates of resident population.

(c) Survey of Agriculture, June 2015 run by each of the 4 home countries.