



Farming Facts and Figures, Wales 2018

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 2017. 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	2007	2015	2016	2017
Dairy cows ('000) (a)	289.1	300.5	298.1	301.4
Number of holdings with dairy cows	4,153	3,054	3,030	2,965
Average size of herd	70	98	98	102
Non-dairy sector				
Non-dairy cows ('000) (a)	246.4	208.6	208.6	210.3
Number of holdings with non-dairy cows	10,345	8,436	8,379	8,238
Average size of herd	24	25	25	26
Finished cattle price (b)	106	188	182	189
Sheep sector				
Total sheep and lambs ('000)	8,987.0	9,504.0	9,810.5	10,037.5
Number of holdings	15,054	14,437	14,023	13,738
Average size of flock	597	658	700	731
Total breeding flock ('000)	4,529.3	4,742.9	4,918.1	4,963.5
All other sheep 1 year old and over ('000)	231.2	185.0	187.6	183.7
Lambs under 1 year ('000)	4,226.6	4,576.1	4,704.8	4,890.3
Finished sheep price (c)	105	168	178	186
Pig sector				
Pigs ('000)	23.8	25.3	23.2	24.5
Number of holdings	959	1,255	1,369	1,395
Average size of herd	25	20	17	18
Total breeding pigs ('000)	3.7	4.0	3.8	3.5

(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

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Cereals	253	270	260	268
General cropping	82	93	92	101
Horticulture	188	186	186	191
Specialist pigs or poultry	123	117	118	143
Dairy	1,680	1,664	1,628	1,581
Cattle and sheep (LFA)	6,577	6,551	6,510	6,548
Cattle and sheep (non-LFA)	1,138	1,161	1,166	1,181
Mixed (a)	429	419	398	384
Other types (b)	218	218	174	170
Very small (c)	14,034	14,087	13,994	13,983
Dormant holdings (d)	10,530	11,900	12,756	13,920
All types	35,252	36,666	37,282	38,470

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 are grouped together irrespective of farm type.

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

LABOUR

Labour on holdings ('000)	2007	2015	2016	2017
Farmers, partners & directors:				
Full-time	20.1	19.3	18.6	18.3
Part-time	23.1	22.3	21.3	21.7
Family and hired workers:				
Full-time	3.6	4.6
Part-time	5.0	4.5
Seasonal or casual workers	5.1	7.6
Total farm workers	13.8	16.7	13.6	12.0
Total labour engaged on holdings	57.0	58.3	53.5	51.9

.. = not available

Source: June Agricultural Survey

AGRICULTURAL LAND USE

Agricultural area ('000 ha)	2007	2015	2016	2017
Total area	1,636	1,843	1,857	1,867
of which:				
Arable land	162	247	247	246
Permanent grass	1,001	1,069	1,066	1,084
Rough grazing (a)	390	438	441	429
Woodland and other land	83	90	104	109

(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	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Type of farming:			(forecast)
All farm types	23,100	25,000	31,000
Dairy	34,100	31,900	65,000
Grazing livestock (LFA)	22,700	23,500	25,500
Grazing livestock (lowland)	16,900	23,200	24,500

Source: Farm Business Survey (FBS)

BREAKDOWN OF WELSH AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

	2015	2016	2017
Production as a share of gross output:			(forecast)
Milk and milk products	29.9%	26.9%	32.3%
Cattle	25.2%	26.5%	25.5%
Sheep	17.4%	18.8%	16.6%
Poultry and eggs	6.4%	6.2%	6.1%
All crops and horticulture	5.6%	6.8%	6.1%
Others (a)	15.5%	14.8%	13.4%

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)

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Single Payment Scheme (b)	208.4	.	.	.
Basic Payment Scheme	.	189.4	224.2	233.8
Glastir Advanced	6.2	15.0	16.3	22.6
Glastir Entry	15.2	14.8	12.7	20.3
Glastir Commons	3.3	4.0	1.1	4.2
Glastir Woodland	0.3	2.0	2.8	3.4
Glastir Organic	.	.	3.9	4.1
Glastir Small Grants	.	.	.	1.1

(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).

(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 2017

General	WALES	UK	WALES SHARE
All land (hectares)	2,100,000	24,400,000	9%
Total persons (a)	3,100,000	65,600,000	5%
Agricultural land (hectares)(b)			
Permanent pasture	1,100,000	6,100,000	18%
Sole rights	200,000	4,000,000	6%
Grassland under 5 years	200,000	1,100,000	13%
Crops and horticulture	100,000	5,000,000	2%
Farm woodland and other	100,000	1,400,000	8%
Total	1,700,000	17,600,000	10%
Livestock numbers (b)			
Sheep	10,000,000	34,800,000	29%
Cattle	1,100,000	10,000,000	11%
Dairy cows	300,000	2,200,000	13%
Non-dairy cows	200,000	2,000,000	11%
Poultry	7,700,000	181,800,000	4%
Pigs	20,000	5,000,000	0.5%

(a) 2016 mid-year estimates of resident population.