



Farming Facts and Figures, Wales 2019

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 2018. 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 following outputs can be found under the “Farming and Countryside” topic:

- 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	2008	2016	2017	2018
Dairy breeding herd ('000) (a)	228.6	248.7	251.2	254.3
Number of holdings with dairy herd	3,643	2,793	2,741	2,666
Average size of herd	63	89	92	95
Beef sector				
Beef breeding herd ('000) (a)	189.5	168.1	167.8	166.6
Number of holdings with beef herd	8,817	7,435	7,302	7,202
Average size of herd	21	23	23	23
Finished cattle price (b)	142	182	189	191
Sheep sector				
Total sheep and lambs ('000)	8,517.6	9,810.5	10,037.5	9,530.8
Number of holdings	15,160	14,023	13,738	13,755
Average size of flock	562	700	731	693
Total breeding flock ('000)	4,529.3	4,918.1	4,963.5	4,758.4
All other sheep 1 year old and over ('000)	188.798	187.6	183.7	187.1
Lambs under 1 year ('000)	4,133.3	4,704.8	4,890.3	4,585.3
Finished sheep price (c)	133	178	186	196
Pig sector				
Pigs ('000)	20.8	23.2	24.5	23.2
Number of holdings	983	1,369	1,395	1,357
Average size of herd	21	17	18	17
Total breeding pigs ('000)	3.3	3.8	3.5	3.4

Source: June Agricultural Survey

(a) Female cattle aged 2 years and over that have calved

(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.

FARMS, OUTPUT AND LAND AREA BY FARM TYPE 2018

	Farms	Output (a) (€million)	Land ('000ha)
Crops and horticulture	503	86	59
Specialist pig & poultry	163	132	14
Dairy	1,549	839	185
SDA grazing	4,324	389	611
DA grazing	1,879	145	158
Non-LFA Grazing	1,087	86	89
Mixed & others	473	82	56
Very small (b)	14,424	98	207
All types	24,402	1,858	1,379

Source: June Agricultural Survey

Excludes a large number of dormant holdings who remain registered but have no activity at present.

(a) Standard Output - a proxy measure of turnover.

(b) Holdings with small amounts of agricultural activity are grouped together irrespective of farm type.

LABOUR

Labour on holdings ('000)	2008	2016	2017	2018
Farmers, partners & directors:				
Full-time	19.5	18.6	18.3	18.3
Part-time	24.4	21.3	21.7	21.0
Family and hired workers:				
Full-time	3.5
Part-time	4.4
Seasonal or casual workers	5.3
Total farm workers	13.3	13.6	12	12.9
Total labour engaged on holdings	57.6	53.5	51.9	52.2

.. = not available

Source: June Agricultural Survey

AGRICULTURAL LAND USE

Agricultural area ('000 ha)	2008	2016	2017	2018
Total area	1,636	1,857	1,867	1,903
of which:				
Arable land	164	247	246	251
Permanent grass	1,017	1,066	1,084	1,108
Rough grazing (a)	380	441	429	431
Woodland and other land	75	104	109	113

(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	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Type of farming:			(forecast)
All farm types	24,500	35,000	29,500
Dairy	31,300	84,500	64,500
Grazing livestock (LFA)	23,100	27,000	24,500
Grazing livestock (lowland)	22,700	24,000	17,000

Source: Farm Business Survey (FBS)

BREAKDOWN OF WELSH AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

	2016	2017	2018
Production as a share of gross output:			(forecast)
Milk and milk products	26.8%	32.5%	33.9%
Cattle	26.5%	25.5%	23.9%
Sheep	18.8%	16.6%	16.6%
Poultry and eggs	6.2%	5.7%	5.8%
All crops and horticulture	6.9%	6.3%	6.5%
Others (a)	14.8%	13.4%	13.2%

Source: Aggregate Agricultural Account

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

PRINCIPAL GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES - TOTAL PAYMENT (a)

(£million)

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Basic Payment Scheme	189.4	224.2	235.3	230.7
Glastir Advanced	15.0	16.3	11.7	14.2
Glastir Entry	14.8	12.7	20.1	17.5
Glastir Commons	4.0	1.1	5.3	5.2
Glastir Woodland	2.0	2.8	3.5	4.4
Glastir Organic	.	3.9	4.1	4.0
Glastir Small Grants	.	.	1.1	2.1

(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).

. = 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 2018

General	WALES	UK	WALES SHARE
All land (hectares)	2,100,000	24,400,000	9%
Total persons (a)	3,100,000	66,000,000	5%
Agricultural land (hectares)(b)			
Permanent pasture	1,110,000	6,210,000	18%
Sole rights	250,000	3,900,000	6%
Grassland under 5 years	160,000	1,160,000	13%
Crops and horticulture	100,000	5,040,000	2%
Farm woodland and other	110,000	1,360,000	8%
Total	1,720,000	17,680,000	10%
Livestock numbers (b)			
Sheep	9,530,000	33,780,000	29%
Cattle	1,130,000	9,890,000	11%
Dairy breeding herd	250,000	1,880,000	13%
Beef breeding herd	170,000	1,560,000	11%
Poultry	8,180,000	188,440,000	4%
Pigs	20,000	5,010,000	0.5%

(a) 2017 mid-year estimates of resident population.

(b) Survey of Agriculture, June 2018 run by each of the 4 home countries.