GB ANIMAL FEED STATISTICAL NOTICE - JULY 2012

The latest national statistics on GB Animal Feed produced by Defra were released on 6th September 2012 according to the arrangements approved by the UK Statistics Authority.
Statistics on GB Animal Feed include data for the period May 2012, June 2012 and July 2012 with percentage change for corresponding period last year (tables 1 to 4 and table 6).

Statistics for the quarterly average price series show data from the period January to March 2006 upto the period April to June 2012. (table 7)

Key points:

- **In July 2012 the total GB retail production of animal feed was up 6.8% compared with July 2011**
- **In July 2012 the total GB raw material usage in the retail production of animal feed was up 7.0% compared with July 2011**
- **In July 2012 the total GB integrated feed production was down -3.6% compared with July 2011**
- **For the period April to June 2012 quarterly average prices of animal feedingstuffs were the following:-**

Cattle and calf feed -	£223	per Tonne
Pig feed -	£258	per Tonne
Poultry feed -	£268	per Tonne
Sheep feed -	£222	per Tonne

Revisions this month:
Please note there is a level of estimation.
Please check future releases or datasets for up to date information.

These results are released monthly and will be next updated at 09:30 on 11th October 2012. Average Prices of animal feedingstuffs will be updated quarterly, the next update will be at 09:30 on 8th November 2012.

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Results are typically available five weeks after the monthly collection period. They are published in a statistical release 12 times per year. Historic data from January 1997 data is available in a separate time series spreadsheet that is published at:

To access the historic datasets for the GB Retail Production of Animal Feedingstuffs (tables 1 to 4), the Integrated Feed Production (table 6a) and the quarterly average prices and historic monthly average prices of animal feedingstuffs please see the following link:
http://www.defra.gov.uk/statistics/foodfarm/food/animalfeed/
The tables are located at the bottom of the Animal feed landing page under downloads.

Table 1

RETAIL PRODUCTION OF ANIMAL FEEDINGSTUFFS IN GREAT BRITAIN

MAY TO JULY 2012

Thousand tonnes

	MAY	JUNE *	JULY	Crop Year JULY	12 Month Moving Total
CATTLE AND CALF FEED	291.3	285.1	283.1	283.1	3,857.9
All calf feed (3)	12.4	12.3	12.8	12.8	169.8
Compounds for dairy cows	156.7	161.4	154.0	154.0	1,962.4
Blends for dairy cows	51.9	52.7	52.7	52.7	752.6
All other cattle feed	44.5	37.5	40.4	40.4	602.4
All other cattle blends	21.5	17.3	19.1	19.1	307.4
Protein concentrates (1)	4.2	3.8	4.2	4.2	63.1
PIG FEED	120.9	130.7	121.2	121.2	1,504.4
Pig starters & creep feed	4.0	4.6	4.7	4.7	51.8
Link/early grower feeds	4.9	5.5	4.9	4.9	59.7
Pig growing feed	30.2	31.4	28.9	28.9	359.8
Pig finishing feed	48.1	53.1	49.6	49.6	620.3
Pig breeding feed	33.1	35.1	32.5	32.5	402.6
Protein Concentrates (1)	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.7	10.3
POULTRY FEED (2)	252.2	295.7	277.3	277.3	3,108.7
Chick rearing feed	15.0	14.8	13.6	13.6	158.6
Layer feed	81.9	84.7	78.8	78.8	979.8
Broiler chicken feed	100.5	119.6	104.3	104.3	1,266.5
Poultry breeding & rearing feed	19.4	23.0	20.8	20.8	237.5
Turkey feed	11.0	12.9	12.1	12.1	186.9
All other poultry feed	24.3	40.7	47.6	47.6	278.1
Protein concentrates (1)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.3
SHEEP FEED	47.2	28.2	25.6	25.6	723.0
Compounds for breeding sheep	15.4	3.7	3.6	3.6	340.6
Blends for breeding sheep	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.1	23.7
Compounds for growing and finishing sheep	25.7	18.6	16.7	16.7	297.9
Blends for growing and finishing sheep	4.4	4.4	3.8	3.8	53.7
Protein concentrates (1)	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	7.1
HORSE FEED	14.4	11.5	10.1	10.1	176.8
OTHER COMPOUNDS, BLENDS AND CONCENTRATES (1)	31.7	36.9	37.3	37.3	394.3
TOTAL COMPOUNDS, BLENDS AND CONCENTRATES (1)	757.8	788.1	754.7	754.7	9,765.2
OTHER PROCESSED FEEDINGSTUFFS FOR DELIVERY IN STRAIGHT FORM	11.0	10.0	11.2	11.2	134.9
Flaked maize and other maize products	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	14.9
Molassed feedingstuffs	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	14.7
All others	8.9	8.1	9.2	9.2	105.3
TOTAL ALL FEEDINGSTUFFS	768.7	798.0	765.8	765.8	9,900.1

(1) 'Protein Concentrates' includes Balancers.
(2) All production by Integrated Poultry Units are excluded from this table. These data are contained in Table 6a.
(3) Calf feed includes calf milk substitutes.

* March, June, September and December are 5 week periods. All other months are 4 week periods. There were 53 weeks in the Statistical year 2010. In order to incorporate the change January 2010 was increased to a 5 week period compared to 4 weeks in 2009. Figures rounded to the nearest final digit may not add to the totals as shown.

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Table 2

RETAIL PRODUCTION OF ANIMAL FEEDINGSTUFFS
IN GREAT BRITAIN
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FOR 2012 OVER CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 2011

	MAY	JUNE *	JULY	Crop Year JULY	12 Month Moving Total
CATTLE AND CALF FEED	21.8%	0.5%	9.9%	9.9%	0.7%
Compounds for dairy cows	17.8%	3.1%	6.8%	6.8%	0.7%
Blends for dairy cows	23.3%	0.3%	12.9%	12.9%	1.9%
All other cattle feed	29.0%	-5.7%	12.1%	12.1%	-2.6%
All other cattle blends	35.6%	-8.6%	13.0%	13.0%	2.1%
Protein concentrates (1)	20.9%	-17.6%	10.9%	10.9%	-3.8%
PIG FEED	8.7%	1.2%	4.6%	4.6%	3.7%
Pig starters & creep feed	-5.7%	-6.7%	6.4%	6.4%	-9.0%
Link/early grower feeds	-1.8%	-11.3%	-4.5%	-4.5%	-6.0%
Pig growing feed	14.9%	-1.1%	2.1%	2.1%	5.0%
Pig finishing feed	10.2%	5.9%	9.1%	9.1%	8.2%
Pig breeding feed	5.8%	0.2%	2.5%	2.5%	0.8%
Protein Concentrates (1)	-21.5%	-9.9%	-23.9%	-23.9%	-29.2%
POULTRY FEED (2)	4.5%	-1.1%	4.8%	4.8%	1.0%
Chick rearing feed	12.4%	9.0%	2.1%	2.1%	-0.9%
Layer feed	6.2%	-0.7%	2.1%	2.1%	-1.4%
Broiler chicken feed	7.0%	0.9%	7.7%	7.7%	4.4%
Poultry breeding & rearing feed	4.3%	1.3%	27.5%	27.5%	2.4%
Turkey feed	-5.4%	-14.1%	2.5%	2.5%	1.9%
All other poultry feed	-8.3%	-7.3%	-2.8%	-2.8%	-5.1%
Protein concentrates (1)	-44.4%	-28.3%	4.8%	4.8%	-2.6%
SHEEP FEED	49.2%	-11.0%	18.3%	18.3%	-0.2%
Compounds for breeding sheep	111.5%	-29.4%	1.9%	1.9%	0.2%
Blends for breeding sheep	92.0%	29.9%	44.8%	44.8%	7.1%
Compounds for growing and finishing sheep	30.1%	-10.9%	20.0%	20.0%	-1.8%
Blends for growing and finishing sheep	21.7%	5.8%	23.2%	23.2%	5.4%
Protein concentrates (1)	39.5%	-26.8%	10.4%	10.4%	-12.1%
HORSE FEED	19.0%	-1.6%	-9.8%	-9.8%	-4.5%
OTHER COMPOUNDS, BLENDS AND CONCENTRATES (1)	-10.5%	-13.0%	-0.5%	-0.5%	-2.1%
TOTAL COMPOUNDS, BLENDS AND CONCENTRATES (1)	13.0%	-1.2%	6.6%	6.6%	1.0%
OTHER PROCESSED FEEDINGSTUFFS FOR DELIVERY IN STRAIGHT FORM	4.8%	1.5%	25.6%	25.6%	-0.8%
Flaked maize and other maize products	3.1%	-5.2%	21.7%	21.7%	-1.4%
Molassed feedingstuffs	30.2%	97.0%	31.2%	31.2%	7.2%
All others	3.2%	-2.2%	25.6%	25.6%	-1.8%
TOTAL ALL FEEDINGSTUFFS	12.8%	-1.2%	6.8%	6.8%	1.0%

(1) 'Protein Concentrates' includes Balancers.
(2) All production by Integrated Poultry Units are excluded from this table. These data are contained in Table 6a.
(3) Calf feed includes calf milk substitutes.

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Table 3

RAW MATERIALS USAGE IN RETAIL PRODUCTION OF ANIMAL FEEDINGSTUFFS
IN GREAT BRITAIN
MAY TO JULY 2012

	MAY	JUNE *	JULY	Crop Year JULY	12 Month Moving Total
Wheat	244.9	269.1	239.8	239.8	3,075.3
Barley	45.8	46.0	56.7	56.7	617.2
Oats	4.1	4.4	3.9	3.9	57.7
Whole and flaked maize	8.9	10.2	12.1	12.1	114.4
Rice bran extractions	1.4	1.1	1.6	1.6	17.2
Maize gluten feed (1)	5.8	4.0	4.5	4.5	107.6
Cereals by-products	106.8	105.5	102.8	102.8	1,341.0
of which:					
Wheat feed	68.0	70.7	70.6	70.6	836.1
Other cereals by-products	11.9	11.8	10.3	10.3	148.5
Distillery by-products	26.9	23.0	21.9	21.9	356.3
Whole oilseeds	3.8	4.3	4.3	4.3	51.1
Oilseed rape cake and meal	49.3	44.2	44.4	44.4	700.9
Soya cake and meal	87.0	96.3	91.4	91.4	1,126.7
Sunflower cake and meal	25.1	26.9	27.0	27.0	339.6
Other oilseed cake and meal (2)	36.6	32.6	33.1	33.1	473.2
Field beans	3.5	4.5	2.8	2.8	51.3
Field peas	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.2	28.3
Dried sugar beet pulp	21.8	20.9	19.7	19.7	252.4
Molasses	21.1	20.0	19.6	19.6	293.2
Citrus and other fruit pulp	5.7	5.5	4.6	4.6	57.8
All meal (Fish, Poultry and other meal) (3)	8.6	9.5	9.5	9.5	106.1
Minerals	30.3	32.2	29.9	29.9	393.7
Oil and fat	14.6	15.6	15.3	15.3	182.3
Protein concentrates (4)	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.9	12.1
Other materials (5)	25.4	25.3	24.7	24.7	307.3
Confectionery by-products	20.9	20.7	20.8	20.8	243.4
TOTAL RAW MATERIALS USED	774.3	801.9	771.7	771.7	9,949.8
Cereal Incorporation Rate	39.2%	41.1%	40.5%	40.5%	38.8%

Please Note: All raw materials usage by Integrated Poultry Units has now been excluded from this table.
The cereals usage is now included in Table 6.

(1) Protein content 25% or below.
(2) Cake and meal derived from Copra (coconut), Palm kernels, Shea and Illipe nuts, or any other oilseed or nuts not included in the cakes and meals above
(3) Comprises feather meal, dried blood and other animal by-products except fat. This definition may include meals used in feed intended for animals to which the EU ban on feeding processed animal protein does not apply.
(4) Ready prepared products for incorporation in animal feed includes balancers.
(5) Includes all raw materials, (including other grains) not listed elsewhere.
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** 2004 is a 53 week statistical year. In order to incorporate the extra week January 2004 was increased to a five week period compared to 4 weeks in January 2005

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Table 4

RAW MATERIALS USAGE IN RETAIL PRODUCTION OF ANIMAL FEEDINGSTUFFS
IN GREAT BRITAIN
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FOR 2012 OVER CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 2011

	MAY	JUNE *	JULY	Crop Year JULY	12 Month Moving Total
Wheat	24.6%	13.4%	13.8%	13.8%	12.6%
Barley	-27.3%	-36.9%	-12.1%	-12.1%	-27.0%
Oats	-21.9%	-29.0%	-10.1%	-10.1%	-33.6%
Whole and flaked maize	-4.7%	4.9%	78.9%	78.9%	6.3%
Rice bran extractions	34.5%	-10.5%	5.5%	5.5%	1.3%
Maize gluten feed (1)	-63.4%	-81.1%	-72.2%	-72.2%	-51.2%
Cereals by-products	16.0%	-5.2%	3.8%	3.8%	-1.5%
of which:					
Wheat feed	10.8%	-4.3%	7.4%	7.4%	0.3%
Other cereals by-products	29.1%	-1.7%	0.1%	0.1%	-6.2%
Distillery by-products	25.6%	-9.3%	-4.7%	-4.7%	-3.7%
Whole oilseeds	9.0%	-2.9%	10.6%	10.6%	-8.7%
Oilseed rape cake and meal	29.3%	3.2%	10.8%	10.8%	4.6%
Soya cake and meal	3.6%	-5.2%	3.8%	3.8%	-2.6%
Sunflower cake and meal	61.6%	43.0%	52.0%	52.0%	39.7%
Other oilseed cake and meal (2)	33.5%	3.4%	16.7%	16.7%	15.9%
Field beans	-25.0%	6.7%	-29.9%	-29.9%	-42.6%
Field peas	-32.5%	-28.2%	-17.2%	-17.2%	-19.8%
Dried sugar beet pulp	41.0%	19.5%	30.9%	30.9%	-6.6%
Molasses	17.9%	-2.6%	3.7%	3.7%	5.8%
Citrus and other fruit pulp	46.7%	13.4%	17.0%	17.0%	-2.1%
All meal (Fish, Poultry and other meal) (3)	-11.0%	-18.4%	-5.9%	-5.9%	-4.6%
Minerals	10.5%	-0.1%	6.0%	6.0%	-5.5%
Oil and fat	-3.3%	-14.6%	-2.1%	-2.1%	-3.6%
Protein concentrates (4)	9.7%	-16.0%	1.5%	1.5%	0.6%
Other materials (5)	22.3%	4.4%	15.2%	15.2%	13.3%
Confectionery by-products	16.3%	0.5%	8.1%	8.1%	13.4%
TOTAL RAW MATERIALS USED	12.5%	-1.9%	7.0%	7.0%	1.0%

Please Note: All raw materials usage by Integrated Poultry Units has now been excluded from this table. The cereals useage is now included in Table 6.

(1) Protein content 25% or below.
(2) Cake and meal derived from Copra (coconut), Palm kernels, Shea and Illipe nuts, or any other oilseed or nuts not included in the cakes and meals above.
(3) Comprises feather meal, dried blood and other animal by-products except fat. This definition may include meals used in feed intended for animals to which the EU ban on feeding processed animal protein does not apply.
(4) Ready prepared products for incorporation in animal feed including balancers.
(5) Includes all raw materials, (including other grains) not listed elsewhere.

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Table 5

ANALYSIS OF RETAIL PRODUCTION BY COMPANY TYPE
JULY 2012

	INDEPENDENTS		CO-OPERATIVES & NATIONALS		G. B. TOTAL	
	MONTH	CROP YR	MONTH	CROP YR	MONTH	CROP YR
	% OF TOTAL		% OF TOTAL		000 TONNES	
CATTLE AND CALF FEED	62.3%	62.3%	37.7%	37.7%	207.2	207.2
Calf feed	63.7%	63.7%	36.3%	36.3%	12.8	12.8
Compounds for dairy cows	61.4%	61.4%	38.6%	38.6%	154.0	154.0
All other cattle feed	65.2%	65.2%	34.8%	34.8%	40.4	40.4
PIG FEED	19.5%	19.5%	80.5%	80.5%	120.5	120.5
Pig starters & creep feed	66.5%	66.5%	33.5%	33.5%	4.7	4.7
Link/early grower feeds	60.0%	60.0%	40.0%	40.0%	4.9	4.9
Pig growing feed	16.7%	16.7%	83.3%	83.3%	28.9	28.9
Pig finishing feed	15.0%	15.0%	85.0%	85.0%	49.6	49.6
Pig breeding feed	16.2%	16.2%	83.8%	83.8%	32.5	32.5
POULTRY FEED	26.3%	26.3%	73.7%	73.7%	277.1	277.1
Chick rearing feed	24.5%	24.5%	75.5%	75.5%	13.6	13.6
Layer feed	20.5%	20.5%	79.5%	79.5%	78.8	78.8
Poultry breeding & rearing feed	20.4%	20.4%	79.6%	79.6%	20.8	20.8
Broiler chicken, turkey and all other poultry feed	30.0%	30.0%	70.0%	70.0%	164.0	164.0
SHEEP FEED	62.1%	62.1%	37.9%	37.9%	20.3	20.3
Compounds for breeding sheep	40.3%	40.3%	59.7%	59.7%	3.6	3.6
Compounds for growing & finishing sheep	66.7%	66.7%	33.3%	33.3%	16.7	16.7
HORSE FEED	32.2%	32.2%	67.8%	67.8%	10.1	10.1
OTHER COMPOUNDS, BLENDS AND CONCENTRATES (1)	48.4%	48.4%	51.6%	51.6%	119.4	119.4
TOTAL COMPOUNDS, BLENDS AND CONCENTRATES (1)	39.7%	39.7%	60.3%	60.3%	754.7	754.7
OTHER PROCESSED FEEDINGSTUFFS FOR DELIVERY IN STRAIGHT FORM	98.1%	98.1%	1.9%	1.9%	11.2	11.2
TOTAL ALL FEEDINGSTUFFS	40.5%	40.5%	59.5%	59.5%	765.8	765.8

(1) 'Protein Concentrates' includes Balancers.

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POULTRY FEED PRODUCTION BY INTEGRATED POULTRY UNITS (IPUs) IN GREAT BRITAIN

MAY TO JULY 2012

Table 6a

	MAY	JUNE *	JULY	Crop Year JULY	12 Month Moving total
FEED PRODUCED BY IPUs		*Amount in thousand tonnes*			
Broiler chicken feed	156.9	183.3	159.0	159.0	2,014.5
Turkey feed	27.4	32.1	26.1	26.1	335.1
Layer feed	14.5	15.7	13.5	13.5	182.8
Poultry breeding & rearing feed (1)	11.8	12.6	11.1	11.1	137.6
TOTAL (2)	210.7	243.7	209.7	209.7	2,670.0
		Percentage change on year			
Broiler chicken feed	-2.0%	-7.5%	-0.6%	-0.6%	-3.2%
Turkey feed	13.1%	4.8%	-13.8%	-13.8%	6.4%
Layer feed	-6.2%	-11.5%	-15.5%	-15.5%	-12.5%
Poultry breeding & rearing feed (1)	4.9%	-6.9%	-1.6%	-1.6%	-5.4%
TOTAL (2)	-0.2%	-6.3%	-3.6%	-3.6%	-2.9%
CEREAL USAGE BY IPUs		*Amount in thousand tonnes*			
Wheat	128.2	149.3	125.8	125.8	1,606.8
Barley	3.6	3.9	4.3	4.3	53.2
Others	0.6	1.0	0.9	0.9	11.5
TOTAL	132.4	154.3	131.0	131.0	1,671.5
		Percentage change on year			
Wheat	1.2%	-2.5%	0.4%	0.4%	-0.6%
Barley	-41.1%	-46.9%	-45.4%	-45.4%	-23.7%
TOTAL	-2.4%	-6.0%	-3.0%	-3.0%	-2.1%
CEREAL INCORPORATION RATE	62.4%	62.8%	62.0%	62.0%	62.1%

TOTAL POULTRY FEED PRODUCTION

Table 6b

TOTAL PRODUCTION OF POULTRY COMPOUNDS		*Amount in thousand tonnes*			
Broiler chicken feed	257.4	302.9	263.2	263.2	3,281.0
Layer feed	96.4	100.4	92.3	92.3	1,162.6
Poultry breeding & rearing feed (1)	46.2	50.4	45.5	45.5	533.7
TOTAL (2)	438.5	498.6	439.2	439.2	5,499.3
		Percentage change on year			
Broiler chicken feed	1.3%	-4.3%	2.5%	2.5%	-0.4%
Turkey feed	7.1%	-1.4%	-9.2%	-9.2%	4.8%
Layer feed	4.1%	-2.6%	-1.0%	-1.0%	-3.4%
Poultry breeding & rearing feed (1)	6.9%	1.2%	11.2%	11.2%	-0.7%
TOTAL (2)	3.0%	-3.2%	1.5%	1.5%	-0.6%

Note:
(1) Includes Chick Rearing Feed
(2) Total excludes Protein Concentrates and Other Poultry Compounds

* March, June, September and December are 5 week periods. All other months are 4 week periods.
** 2010 is a 53 week statistical year. In order to incorporate the extra week January 2010 was increased to a five week period compared to 4 weeks in January 2009.

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Table 7

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AVERAGE COMPOUND FEED PRICES BY MAIN LIVESTOCK CATEGORIES
GREAT BRITAIN

(£ per Tonne)

Period	CATTLE & CALF FEED (1)	PIG FEED	POULTRY FEED (2)	SHEEP FEED (3)
Jan to Mar 06	127	148	139	124
Jul to Sep 06	127	152	151	132
Oct to Dec 06	131	158	149	131
Jan to Mar 07	134	162	158	132
Apr to Jun 07	138	164	165	140
Jul to Sep 07	147	173	176	154
Oct to Dec 07	165	197	191	167
Jan to Mar 08	171	209	215	172
Apr to Jun 08	192	218	236	185
Jul to Sep 08	206	219	240	205
Oct to Dec 08	199	210	213	187
Jan to Mar 09	198	210	215	183
Apr to Jun 09	189	214	225	186
Jul to Sep 09	180	209	222	184
Oct to Dec 09	177	204	206	170
Jan to Mar 10	181	210	209	169
Apr to Jun 10	178	208	217	174
Jul to Sept 10	180	214	224	182
Oct to Dec 10	198	236	242	196
Jan to Mar 11	208	253	264	205
Apr to Jun 11	219	261	280	216
Jul to Sept 11	222	258	278	218
Oct to Dec 11	222	248	257	215
Jan to Mar 12	221	247	253	213
Apr to Jun 12	223	258	268	222

Notes:
(1) Excludes prices for Calf Milk Substitutes.
(2) The average poultry feed price is weighted by production of compounds from sales compounders only and excludes production from Integrated Poultry Units.
(3) The above trends in sheep feed prices may not reflect those of individual compounds.
They are weighted by the very seasonal production of compounds in each month.
Summer prices are largely influenced by changes to the prices of finishing compounds,
whereas winter prices are largely influenced by breeding compounds.

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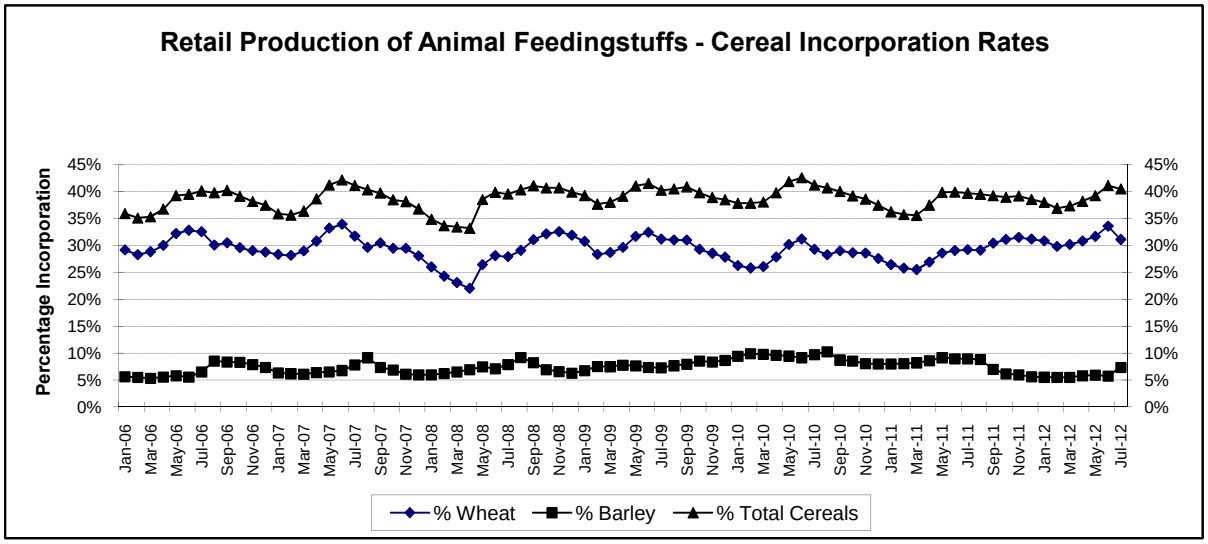

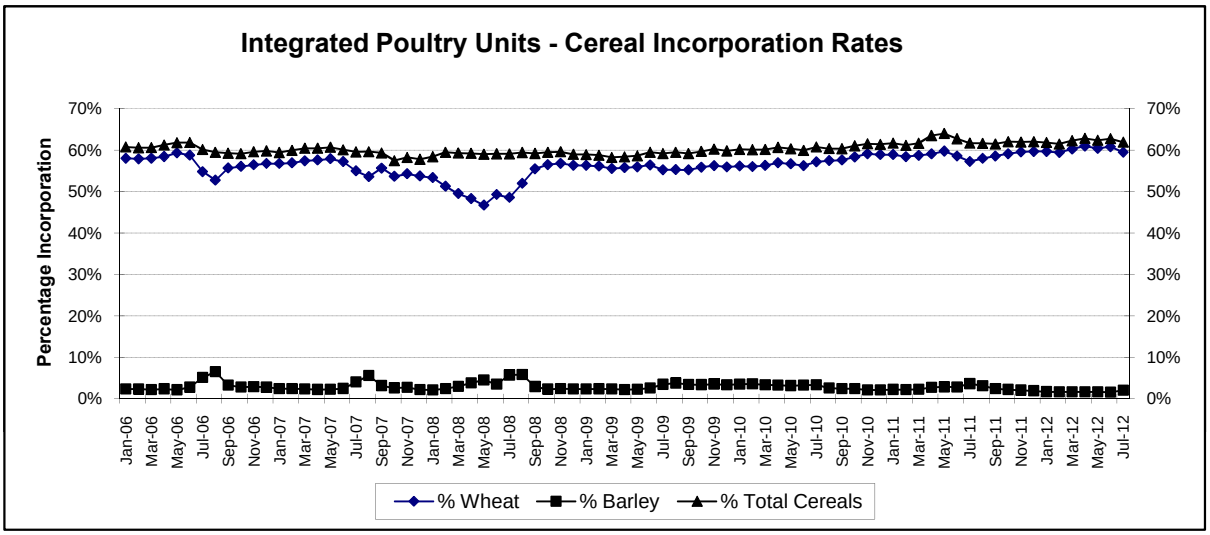

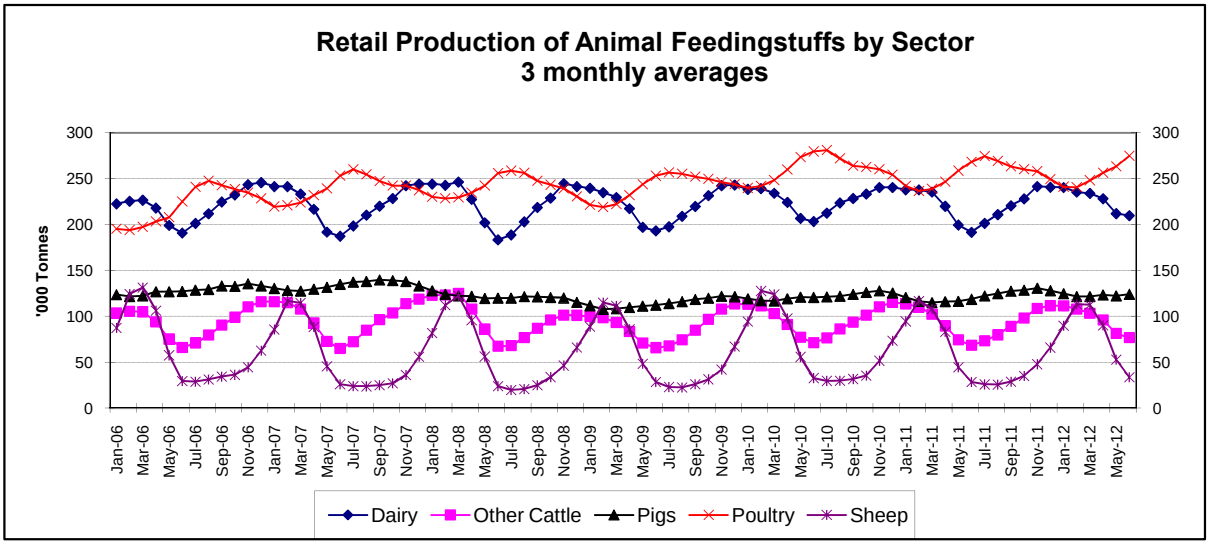

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User Statement

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Survey Methodology

The Retail Production of Animal Feedingstuffs and the Animal Compound Feedingstuffs: Sales Value and Volume are compulsory surveys which collect data under the Statistics of Trade Act 1947.

Retail Production of Animal Feedingstuffs
The data quoted in this release are from the survey returns of all of the major GB animal feed companies. Data on raw material use, stocks and production of the various categories of compound animal feed are recorded. The major producers typically cover 90% of total animal feed production surveyed each month. The remaining smaller companies are sampled annually in December for their figures in the preceeding 12 months. The survey data is published each month. Weighting is used for the monthly results to include a suitable estimate for the smaller companies that have not been sampled to provide more robust and realistic monthly estimates. This reduces the chance of a large increase in the crop-year to date totals when the actual annual returns are incorporated into the data. This usually occurs in May when estimates for the previous year are replaced with the actual data; seasonality is also factored in where this is relevant ie sheep and cattle and calf feed. Totals for the current crop year to date are shown (July onwards) as well as the most recent month.

Average Compound Feed Prices by Main Livestock Categories
The data quoted in this release are from the survey returns of all of the major GB animal feed companies. Data on sales relating to the volume of animal feed sold and the value of sales are recorded. This data is collected on a quarterly basis and published in February, May, August and November.

Poultry Feed Production by Integrated Poultry Units
The data quoted in this release are from the voluntary survey returns of all of the major GB poultry feed manufacturers of integrated poultry units. Data on raw material use, stocks and production of the various categories of poultry feed are recorded.

Accuracy and Reliability of the Results

The accuracy of the survey results is very high because a census is carried out of all companies and the typical response rate is 100% per year. Occasionally data is not published when it fails strict disclosure and dominance checks. This ensures that statistics cannot be traced back to a particular company.

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a. if we have not received survey data from respondents we make an estimate based on their previous returns. These estimates will be replaced with actual survey data when it is received.
b. survey respondents occasionally supply amended figures for previous periods.
c. we may also revise the methodology used to raise the survey data to give UK totals.

Publications

This survey is conducted every month and results are typically available five weeks after the collection period. They are published in a statistical release 12 times per year at pre-announced dates and the separate time series spreadsheets are updated monthly too.
Defra statistical releases and details of future publication dates can be viewed on the Defra website at https://www.defra.gov.uk/statistics

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