# Cereal usage

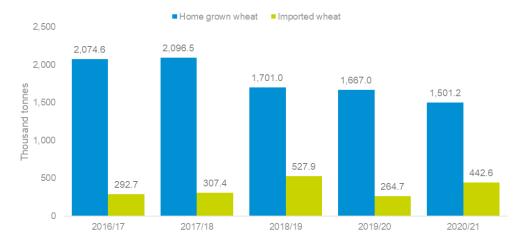


## **UK HUMAN AND INDUSTRIAL USAGE**

## **KEY POINTS**

- In October 2020 wheat usage by the UK milling industry<sup>(1)</sup> was 3.6% lower on the year at 470.2 thousand tonnes. Home grown wheat usage was down 22.4% to 333.3 thousand tonnes and imported wheat usage was 134% more at 136.9 thousand tonnes.
- Season to date (Jul-Oct), wheat usage by UK millers<sup>(1)</sup> is up 0.6% compared to year earlier levels at 1.944 million tonnes. Over the same period, home grown usage was down by 9.9% and imported wheat usage increased by 67.2%
- Barley usage by UK brewers, maltsters and distillers decreased by 7.2% year on year to 143.1 thousand tonnes in October. Wheat usage by UK brewers, maltsters and distillers in October was 49.7% higher than the same period last year at 80.4 thousand tonnes.

# Season to date (3) wheat usage by UK millers (1)



Source: AHDB, Defra

Thousand tonnes	Latest month	%Chg <sup>(2)</sup>	Season to date (3)	%Chg <sup>(2)</sup>
FLOUR MILLERS (1)				
Total milled	470.2	-3.6%	1,944.0	0.6%
Home grown milled	333.3	-22.4%	1,501.2	-9.9%
Imported milled	136.9	134.0%	442.6	67.2%
Wheat closing stocks (4)	268.6	11.7%	-	-
Total flour production	373.6	-3.3%	1,546.5	0.7%
Flour closing stocks (4)	49.3	-4.3%	-	-
BREWERS, MALTSTERS & DISTILLERS				
Barley usage	143.1	-7.2%	544.3	-12.8%
Wheat usage (5)	80.4	49.7%	259.6	5.9%

(1) Including starch and bioethanol; (2) % change relates to the same period in the previous year; (3) Season to date comprises of July 2020 to October 2020 data; (4) As at end-October 2020. Due to rounding, totals may not agree with the sum of the individual items.

Datasets for UK flour millers and brewers, maltsters and distillers have been published to accompany this notice—click here. Figures in this publication are provisional and subject to revision.

### **USAGE OF STATISTICS**

The information in the publication is used by the UK government and the EU Commission as evidence for assessing market conditions and evaluating agricultural policy. A key use of the statistics is to produce the UK cereals supply and demand balance sheets which are published on the AHDB website – click here.

#### **ENOUIRIES**

If you have any enquiries regarding the UK cereals usage data please get in contact with the AHDB Balance Sheet Team (balance.sheet.team@ahdb.org.uk).