Cereal usage



UK HUMAN AND INDUSTRIAL USAGE

KEY POINTS

- In November 2020 wheat usage by the UK milling industry⁽¹⁾ was 7.9% lower on the year at 466.1 thousand tonnes. Home grown wheat usage was down 29.9% to 315.6 thousand tonnes and imported wheat usage was 170.2% more at 150.5 thousand tonnes.
- From July to November 2020, UK millers⁽¹⁾ used 1.1% less wheat year on year. Home grown wheat usage declined by 14.2% whilst imported increased by 85.1% over the same period.
- In November 2020 barley usage by UK brewers, maltsters and distillers was 11.8% lower than the same period in 2019 at 139.0 thousand tonnes. Wheat used by UK brewers, maltsters and distillers was 33.8% higher year on year at 73.2 thousand tonnes.

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



Source: AHDB, Defra

Thousand tonnes	Latest month	%Chg ⁽²⁾	Season to date ⁽³⁾	%Chg ⁽²⁾
FLOUR MILLERS ⁽¹⁾				
Total milled	466.1	-7.9%	2,410.1	-1.1%
Home grown milled	315.6	-29.9%	1,816.8	-14.2%
Imported milled	150.5	170.2%	593.1	85.1%
Wheat closing stocks ⁽⁴⁾	259.4	-0.3%	-	-
Total flour production	375.5	-6.7%	1,922.0	-0.8%
Flour closing stocks ⁽⁴⁾	48.0	1.5%	-	-
BREWERS, MALTSTERS & DISTILLERS				
Barley usage	139.0	-11.8%	684.2	-12.5%
Wheat usage	73.2	33.8%	334.0	11.4%

(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 November 2020 data; (4) As at end-November 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– <u>click here</u>. Figures in this publication are provisional and subject to revision.

USAGE OF STATISTICS

The information in the publication is used by the UK government 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.

ENQUIRIES

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

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