GB Fertiliser Price Market Update

March 2019 report



Monthly average prices for February 2019

Price data has been aggregated and anonymised to produce the monthly averages shown below. This series is an average of spot prices and therefore should be used as an indicator of pricing trends.

	Feb-19	Jan-19	Change from Previous Month (%)	Feb-18	Change from a year ago (%)
AN – UK produced (34.5% N)	278	278	0%	243	15%
AN – Imported* (34.5% N)	262	272	-3%	233	13%
Granular Urea - Standard Specification (46% N)	274	285	-4%	252	9%
UAN (30% N w/w kg per 100kg)	245	248	-1%	214	14%
Muriate of Potash (MOP)	279	279	0%	260	7%
Diammonium Phosphate (DAP)	403	409	-1%	364	11%
Triple Super Phosphate (TSP)	333	337	-1%	285	17%

*Imported prices are based upon product delivered via a range of sea ports

Source: AHDB

Nitrogen prices drop off January and February

From December to January a considerable fall was recorded in both domestic and imported AN prices. While this levelled off in February for domestic prices, the trend continued for imported. The drop has been driven by large stocks. As we move into March and demand for nitrogen picks up it is expected that prices will receive support. Similarly prices of granular urea have fallen in the New Year. Good levels of Urea stocks we reportedly held in many UK ports with importers looking to clear stocks before farm demand starts to wane.

Prices of Diammonium Phosphate (DAP) have largely held firm since the beginning of the 2018/19 season. Similarly Triple Super Phosphate (TSP) has moved within a £5/t range since August. Strong competition for supply is potentially keeping prices subdued. Muriate of Potash (MOP) prices are unchanged on the month.

About the price series

AHDB's monthly GB fertiliser prices was launched in January 2018, with the aim of increasing transparency in the market and helping levy payers understand price trends for a key input. The prices cover the most commonly used products: ammonium nitrate (UK produced and imported), liquid nitrogen (UAN), potash and phosphates.

For more information on this price series, including the specification and validation ranges, please click here: Key Information

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