UK Fertiliser Price Series

July 2018 report



Monthly average prices for June 2018

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.

	Jun-18	May-18	Change from Previous Month (%)	Jun-17	Change from a year ago (%)
AN – UK produced (34.5% N)	227	228	-1%	186	22%
AN – Imported* (34.5% N)	215	214	1%	181	19%
Granular Urea - Standard Specification (46% N)	266	244	9%	N/a	N/a
UAN (30% N w/w kg per 100kg)	205	213	-4%	156	31%
Muriate of Potash (MOP)	269	264	2%	250	8%
Diammonium Phosphate (DAP)	393	375	5%	342	15%
Triple Super Phosphate (TSP)	311	293	6%	266	17%

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

Source: AHDB

Granular urea prices firm on tight supplies

The latest prices from the monthly AHDB UK Fertiliser Price Series show that granular urea prices have continued to firm this month, with tight supplies driven by lacking Chinese exports a contributing factor. In June granular urea was £266/t, up 9% on May.

Prices of AN, both imported and domestic, have been relatively unchanged on the month. Domestic AN prices fell by 1%, to £227/t, but are up 22% on the same point last year. Similarly, prices of imported AN are up 22% on the year, at £215/t in June, and 1% on the month.

Liquid nitrogen fertiliser (UAN) has seen the biggest fall over the past month, falling 4% to £205/t. Despite falling month-on-month, UAN prices are still up 31% on the year.

Potash prices have gained 2% on the month, with Muriate of Potash (MOP) £269/t in June, compared with £264/t in May and £250/t last year.

Phosphate prices have continued to firm over the past two months. Diammonium Phosphate (DAP) and Triple Super Phosphate (TSP) prices climbed £18/t between May and June, to £393/t and £311/t respectively.

About the price series

AHDB's monthly UK 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.

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