

Arable & Potatoes Dashboard – September 2018

Key Market Indicators



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Trends in UK Prices

£/tonne	Current Price	% change 3 months	% change 6 months	% change 12 months
Feed wheat* (del. East Anglia)	171.00	6.88%	17.12%	24.36%
Rapeseed* (del. Erith)	326.50	9.75%	7.93%	0.77%
Potatoes** (WAPS Free-buy)	288.90	191.35%	211.99%	184.49%

(Source: AHDB)

*w/e 14/09/18

**w/e 08/09/18

Trends in International Prices

£/tonne	Current Price*	% change 3 months	% change 6 months	% change 12 months
Paris Wheat futures	176.45	13.85%	21.35%	22.76%
US Wheat futures (Chicago)	134.62	-2.58%	9.19%	10.88%
US Maize futures	101.28	-5.43%	-6.32%	-1.47%
US Soyabean futures	230.39	-8.03%	-16.72%	-12.04%
EEX Potato Futures	275.71	94.91%	**	**

(Source: EURONEXT, CME Group, EEX)

*Nearby prices as at 14/09/18

**Data not comparable

UK Trade Data for Crop Year to Date*

000 tonnes	Imports		Exports	
	2018/19	2017/18	2018/19	2017/18
Fresh and seed potatoes	6,823	9,363	8,115	12,170
Processed potatoes**	55,986	55,359	15,341	10,822
Wheat	249	148	15	16
Barley	10	9	57	116
Rapeseed	14	5	7	17

(Source: UK HMRC)

*Jul-Jun year, YTD to Jul

**Processed potatoes reported at product weight

Trade data reported without the Below Threshold Trade Allocation (BTTA)

Farm Productivity - Crop Yields

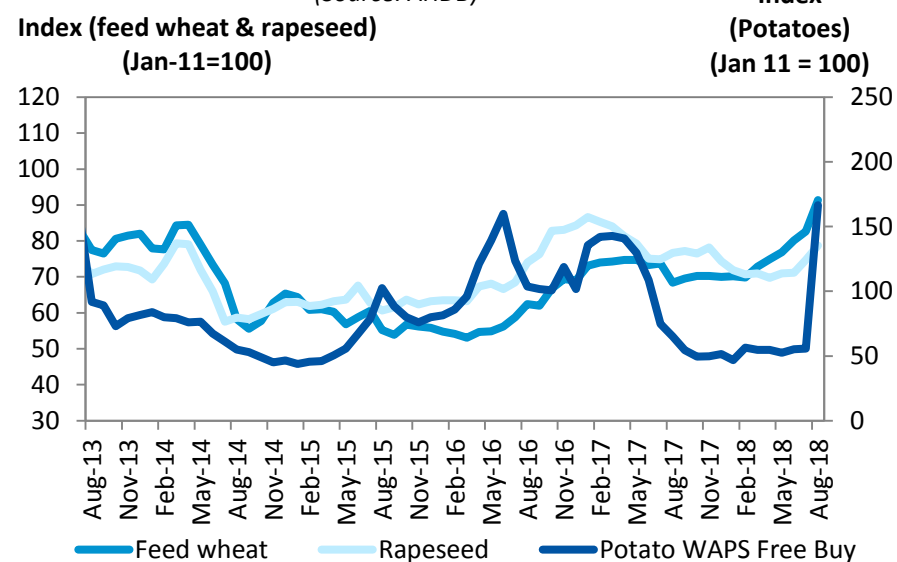
Tonnes/hectare	2017	2016	% change	2012-2016 average
Potatoes (Ave. GB net yield)	49.3	45.0	9.6%	45.1
Wheat	8.3	7.9	5.2%	7.9
Barley	6.1	5.9	2.9%	6.1
Rapeseed	3.9	3.1	27.3%	3.4

(Source: Defra/AHDB)

Data is UK related unless otherwise stated

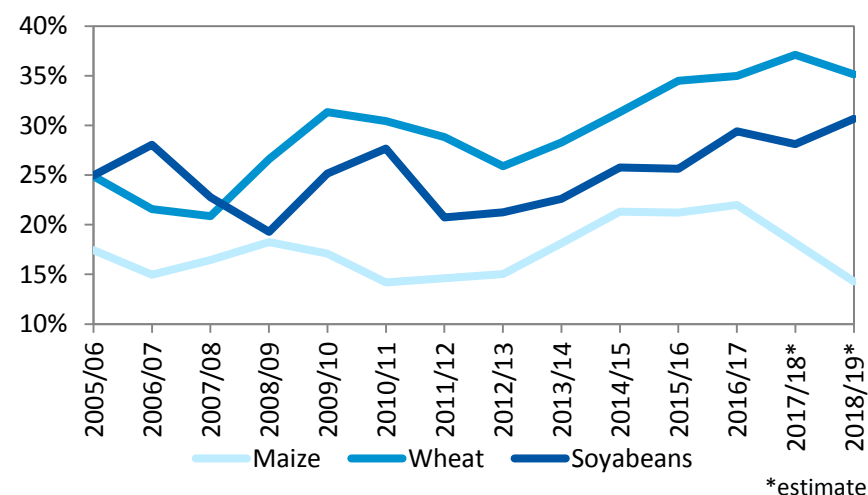
Price Trends

(Source: AHDB)



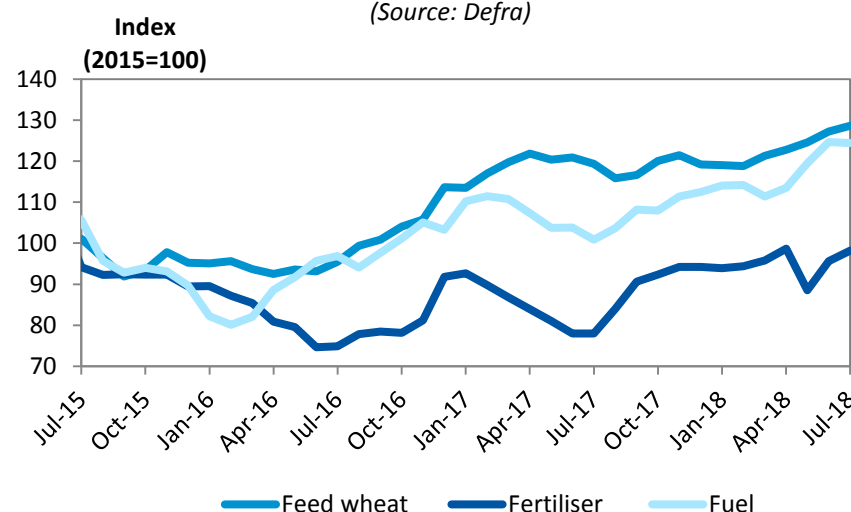
Global Stock Levels Relative to Demand

(Source: USDA)



Inputs Watch

(Source: Defra)



Demand Trends

- According to Kantar Worldpanel, expenditure on fresh potatoes was down 4.5% over the last year, driven by a fall in average price which offset a 0.7% increase in volumes sold. The share of potatoes sold on promotion was up to 31%, compared to nearly 24% in the previous year, contributing to the fall in price. The volume of prepacked potatoes sold grew by 1.5% compensating for losses by loose and baking potatoes. In the last quarter volumes went in to decline -0.2%, possibly driven by the hot weather, as maincrop potatoes volume sales were down 3.3% which outweighed growth of 4.8% for new potatoes.
- In the 2017/18 end of season UK cereals balance sheets, closing stocks of wheat and barley were 2% and 3% lower on the year respectively. Commercial end-season stocks of maize were also 9% lower compared with levels recorded in 2016/17. In contrast, oat stocks were 25% higher year on year. In 2017/18 the tighter wheat supply and demand balance was driven by a reduction in total availability, while total domestic consumption remained relatively static.

Total UK Availability and Domestic Demand for Wheat

Million tonnes	2016/17 (est)	2017/18 (est)	% Change
Total Availability	19.0	18.4	-3%
Total Domestic Demand	15.7	15.7	0%

(Source: AHDB/Defra)

Industry Outlook

- Copa Cogeca's June forecasts for the 2018 European cereal harvest show a 12.2% drop in total EU grain production to 273 million tonnes. For oilseeds, Copa Cogeca forecast total EU production at 30.7 million tonnes – compared with 33.5 million tonnes last year.
- According to Defra's final results from the 2018 June Survey of Agriculture and Horticulture, the area of wheat in England in 2018 is 1.67 million hectares (1.0% increase Vs. 2017). The total area of barley decreased by 2.0% from 842,000 ha in 2017 to 825,000 ha where winter barley fell by 4.9% to 343,000 hectares, whilst spring barley saw a small increase of 0.1% to 482,000 ha. The total area of oilseed rape rose for the first time since 2012, increasing by 7.6% from 523,000 ha in 2017 to 563,000 ha in 2018.
- The latest ADAS Harvest Report showed that as at 28th August the national average estimated wheat yield is 7.7-8.0t/ha (adjusted to 14.5% moisture), which is below the GB 5 year average yield for wheat (8.2t/ha). However, yields remain highly variable. The current GB yield estimate for winter barley is 6.8-7.0t/ha, in line with the GB five year average of 6.9t/ha and 3.3-3.5t/ha for winter oilseed rape, remaining slightly below the GB five year average of 3.5t/ha.

Horizon Scan

- The drought conditions throughout summer resulted in a variable wheat harvest with soil type and regionality affecting yield. However quality was still good for the most part and most grain came in dry. Spring crops are reported across the country as yielding variably, with spring barley estimated to be 9-11% reduced on the 5 year average; again soil type and region driving this variability.
- WOSR establishment has been affected by CSFB, leading to significant proportions of crops having to be re-drilled. A small area of wheat has gone in but the need for rain has held most growers off drilling. Numerous blackgrass chits have been achieved and cultivated out due to this delayed period which will hopefully have positive impacts on levels observed this year.
- The announced Vivergo closure has impacted the wheat market. These impacts, while important, might not be to the same extent as some may have initially feared. The true affect of the closure will be borne out in time.