

Monthly average prices for June 2020

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-20 (£/tonne)	May-20 (£/tonne)	Change from previous month (%)	Jun-19 (£/tonne)	Change from previous year (%)
AN – UK produced (34.5% N)	200	226	-11%	258	-22%
AN – Imported* (34.5% N)	185	210	-12%	245	-25%
Granular Urea - Standard Specification (46% N)	232	N/a	N/a	280	-17%
UAN (30% N w/w kg per 100kg)	N/a	N/a	N/a	242	N/a
Muriate of Potash (MOP)	254	262	-3%	279	-9%
Diammonium Phosphate (DAP)	312	323	-3%	376	-17%
Triple Super Phosphate (TSP)	257	270	-5%	311	-17%

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

Source: AHDB

Nitrogen prices hit seasonal low, but is a rise on the way?

Delivered nitrogen values, both domestically produced and imported AN have hit their lowest point since June 2017. Fertiliser prices traditionally hit their season low in June, but prices of fertilisers have moved significantly lower this year. Lacking demand through the season as a result of reduced winter planting and coronavirus have pushed prices lower.

However, a prices could well firm by more than usual in the coming months. India has a high level of demand for fertiliser at present, and having failed to secure the volume of urea it required in a recent tender has had to re-tender. This has pushed the global price of urea up. Egyptian urea, the primary source for the UK imports has reportedly increased in value by \$10/t.

This rise in the value of urea is likely to filter into AN values in the coming months. Further support could be seen for AN values if we see the area of winter crops rebound for harvest 2021.

Finally, the British survey of fertiliser practice results for 2019 were released in June. The results show that applications of fertilisers on tillage crops (nitrogen, phosphates, potash and sulphur) declined year-on-year. The level of nitrogen use continues to hover around 140Kg N/ha, at 137Kg N/ha. Applications have fluctuated around 140Kg N/ha since 2006.

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), granular urea, liquid nitrogen (UAN), potash and phosphates.

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