

Monthly average prices for August 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.

	Aug-20 (£/tonne)	Jul-20 (£/tonne)	Change from previous month (%)	Aug-19 (£/tonne)	Change from previous year (%)
AN – UK produced (34.5% N)	218	207	5%	258	-15%
AN – Imported* (34.5% N)	202	191	5%	248	-19%
Granular Urea - Standard Specification (46% N)	260	244	6%	281	-8%
UAN (30% N w/w kg per 100kg)	N/a	N/a	N/a	224	N/a
Muriate of Potash (MOP)	246	248	-1%	291	-16%
Diammonium Phosphate (DAP)	N/a	307	N/a	358	N/a
Triple Super Phosphate (TSP)	247	251	-1%	308	-20%

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

Source: AHDB

Nitrogen prices rise, but remain below year ago levels

There are signs of an increase in price of nitrogen with both domestic and imported AN seeing a price rise on the previous month, in August, whilst remaining down on last year's overall price. The year-on-year reduction is still attributable to the reduction of gas and oil prices globally in the wake of coronavirus. Prices of UK produced AN were quoted in August at £218/t, down 15% year-on-year, but up £11/t on July. A similar picture was seen for imported AN at £202/t, up from £191/t in July, but down 19% from on August 2019.

Price support may be seen from increased purchasing of nitrogen by the UK and EU, as the winter planting window progresses, according to industry reports. Further support may also be on the horizon for urea values as Indian demand returns, we have seen the return of India to the market with a new tender for November delivery. ..

Values of both potash and phosphates declined in August, and remain down considerably on last year's levels. Muriate of Potash (MOP) was quoted at £246/t in August, a fall of £2/t on the month and 16% down year-on-year. Meanwhile Triple Super Phosphate (TSP) was quoted at £247/t, down 20% year-on-year.

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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