

# Agriculture and Fisheries

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Agriculture and fisheries offer some of the UK's longest running statistical series, with data series on fisheries available from 1866 to the present day. Statistics on farm management, income and food production are available at a country, UK, European and global level.

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- [\*Sources of Constituency Statistics \(an introduction to constituency profiles & data\)\*](#)
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## General and UK wide releases

DEFRA publishes statistics on the environment, family food, the rural economy, farming and farm management, together with livestock numbers and farm-gate commodity prices. Further DEFRA publications examine the structure of the UK's agricultural industry and organic farming. The Family Food survey is a comprehensive annual survey examining food costs and expenditure for households and individuals in the UK; statistics are broken down by income and other demographics.

- [Statistics at Defra: Subjects by Topic](#)  
(Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra); UK wide coverage)
- [Family Food statistics](#)  
(Defra; UK wide; annual release from 2002 with estimates from the National Food Survey 1940-2000)
- [Structure of the agriculture industry in England and the UK at June](#)  
(Defra; for England and the UK; annual release; from 2012)
- [Organic farming statistics](#)  
(Defra; UK wide; annual release; from 2011)

## Agricultural regional releases

The Farm Business Survey provides data for farm income, productivity, land management and other performance indicators for farms in England. Datasets with similar coverage are available for Wales and Scotland. The Statistical Review of Northern Ireland provides economic data while the Agricultural Census covers a wide range of other topics.

- [Farm Business Survey, England](#)  
(Defra; England only; annual survey into the activities, income & management of farms; from 2010/11)
- [Environment & Countryside statistics, Wales](#)  
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- [Agriculture & Fisheries statistics, Scotland](#)  
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- [Department of Agriculture and Rural Development statistics, Northern Ireland](#)  
(Dept. of Agriculture and Rural Development; Northern Ireland. See in particular the annual [Agricultural Census](#) and [Statistical Review of Northern Ireland Agriculture](#))

## International agricultural statistics

An array of historic (1990 – 2007), economic and production data is available for each country of the EU from Eurostat; the European Commission also publishes an agricultural fact sheet for each member state. The Commission's Financing the Common Agricultural Policy pages detail the historical role of the policy, its regulation and place within the European budget. The UN's FAOSTAT provides global data on food production, prices, balances and security.

- [Eurostats: Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries & Organic Farming](#)  
(European Commission, *Eurostats*)
- [Agriculture in the European Union and the Member States – Statistical Factsheets](#)  
(European Commission, Agriculture and Rural Development; factsheet per EU member country)
- [Financing the Common Agricultural Policy](#)  
(European Commission; European Union)
- [Food & Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations](#)  
(FAOSTAT, United Nations statistics division; profiles by continent and country)

## Fisheries

Fisheries statistics are available for the UK, England, England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland from the Marine Management Organisation and devolved legislatures. Fisheries statistics are one of the UK's longest running data series, extending back to 1866.

- [UK Sea Fisheries Annual Statistics](#)  
(Marine Management Organisation; annual report; since 2012)
- [UK Sea Fisheries Statistics, Archive](#)  
(Marine Management Organisation; annual report; since 1866)
- [Marine planning, pollution, licensing, funding, quotas & protected species - England](#)  
(Marine Management Organisation; England only)
- [Salmonid and freshwater fisheries statistics](#)  
(Environment Agency; England and Wales; since 2010)
- [Agriculture and Fisheries Statistics, Scotland](#)  
(Scottish Government; Scotland; 1990 to 2004)
- [Fisheries information & statistics, Northern Ireland](#)  
(Department of Agriculture and Rural Development; Northern Ireland)