



# Farming Facts and Figures, Wales 2020

## INTRODUCTION

This is an annual publication produced by the Welsh Government. It provides an overview of agricultural statistics taken from the Welsh June Agricultural Survey and a range of other sources. Latest data are usually for 2019. This document is intended to be a handy pocket guide. For this reason it is selective about the range of information provided and the level of additional explanatory information is kept deliberately minimal. For more detailed information, explanation and commentary please see the full range of agricultural statistics outputs on our website.

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The following outputs can be found under the “Farming and Countryside” topic:

- Survey of Agriculture and Horticulture (June Survey)
- Agricultural Small Areas Statistics
- Aggregate Agricultural Output and Income
- Forecasts of Farm Incomes

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## LIVESTOCK

<b>Dairy sector</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Dairy breeding herd ('000) (a)	221.4	251.2	254.3	251.6
Number of holdings with dairy herd	3,442	2,741	2,666	2,584
Average size of herd	64	92	95	97
<b>Beef sector</b>				
Beef breeding herd ('000) (a)	182.6	167.8	166.6	163.8
Number of holdings with beef herd	8,710	7,302	7,202	7,128
Average size of herd	21	23	23	23
Finished cattle price (b)	145	193	193	182
<b>Sheep sector</b>				
Total sheep and lambs ('000)	8,237.7	10,037.5	9,530.8	9,533.6
Number of holdings	14,827	13,738	13,755	14,135
Average size of flock	556	731	693	674
Total breeding flock ('000)	3,995.9	4,963.5	4,758.4	4,706.0
All other sheep 1 year old and over ('000)	204.1	183.7	187.1	187.2
Lambs under 1 year ('000)	4,037.7	4,890.3	4,585.3	4,640.4
Finished sheep price (c)	176	188	199	191
<b>Pig sector</b>				
Pigs ('000)	22.3	24.5	23.2	24.4
Number of holdings	860	1,395	1,357	1,335
Average size of herd	26	18	17	18
Total breeding pigs ('000)	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.3

Source: June Agricultural Survey

(a) Female cattle aged 2 years and over that have calved

(b) Average market price (pence per kilo liveweight)

(c) Average return to producers (pence per kilo liveweight)

Cattle figures sourced from the Cattle Tracing System (CTS). Finished livestock prices sourced from the Agricultural and Horticultural Development Board (AHDB).

**PLEASE NOTE:** The figures give indications of size and trends. Many figures are rounded so some components may not add to the totals shown. There are often qualifications to the data, and users should therefore refer to more detailed published sources.

## FARMS, OUTPUT AND LAND AREA BY FARM TYPE 2019

	Farms	Output (a) (€million)	Land ('000ha)
Crops and horticulture	535	112	59
Specialist pig & poultry	150	138	12
Dairy	1,508	837	181
SDA grazing	4,495	394	610
DA grazing	2,006	150	164
Non-LFA Grazing	1,176	88	86
Mixed & others	561	82	54
Very small (b)	14,376	105	240
<b>All types</b>	<b>24,807</b>	<b>1,906</b>	<b>1,407</b>

Source: June Agricultural Survey

Excludes a large number of dormant holdings who remain registered but have no activity at present.

(a) Standard Output - a proxy measure of turnover.

(b) Holdings with small amounts of agricultural activity are grouped together irrespective of farm type.

## LABOUR

Labour on holdings ('000)	2009	2017	2018	2019
Farmers, partners & directors:				
Full-time	19.5	18.3	18.3	18.1
Part-time	24.3	21.7	21.0	21.6
Family and hired workers:				
Full-time	3.7	..	..	..
Part-time	4.6	..	..	..
Seasonal or casual workers	4.5	..	..	..
Total farm workers	12.8	12.0	12.9	13.2
<b>Total labour engaged on holdings</b>	<b>56.6</b>	<b>51.9</b>	<b>52.2</b>	<b>52.9</b>

.. = not available

Source: June Agricultural Survey

## AGRICULTURAL LAND USE

<b>Agricultural area ('000 ha)</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Total area	1,670	1,867	1,903	1,944
of which:				
Arable land	172	246	251	256
Permanent grass	1,027	1,084	1,108	1,126
Rough grazing (a)	394	429	431	434
Woodland and other land	78	109	113	128

(a) Includes common rough grazing.

Source: June Agricultural Survey

## AVERAGE FARM BUSINESS INCOME BY FARM TYPE (a)

In real terms (deflated by GDP deflator)

<b>Farm Business Income</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
Type of farming:			
All farm types	24,500	34,500	23,500
Dairy	31,300	82,500	46,500
Grazing livestock (LFA)	23,100	27,000	19,000
Grazing livestock (lowland)	22,700	24,000	17,000

(a) Forecasts for 2019-20 not available

Source: Farm Business Survey (FBS)

## BREAKDOWN OF WELSH AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Production as a share of gross output:			(forecast)
Milk and milk products	32.5%	33.7%	32.6%
Cattle	25.5%	24.0%	23.7%
Sheep	16.6%	16.7%	16.9%
Poultry and eggs	5.7%	5.8%	6.7%
All crops and horticulture	6.3%	6.3%	5.9%
Others (a)	12.7%	12.9%	13.6%

Source: Aggregate Agricultural Account

(a) Includes pigs, clip wool, other livestock, other livestock products, capital formation in livestock, other agricultural activities and 'inseparable secondary activities'.

**PRINCIPAL GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES - TOTAL PAYMENT**

(£million)

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Basic Payment Scheme	224.2	235.3	235.6	233.4
Glastir Advanced	16.3	11.7	14.2	15.1
Glastir Entry	12.7	20.1	17.5	15.7
Glastir Commons	1.1	5.3	5.2	5.3
Glastir Woodland	2.8	3.5	4.4	2.6
Glastir Organic	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.7
Glastir Small Grants	.	1.1	2.1	2.2

.= not applicable

**Note:** Payments are made on a continuous basis and as such are always subject to revision.**PEOPLE, LAND AND AGRICULTURE IN WALES AND THE UK 2019**

<b>General</b>	<b>WALES</b>	<b>UK</b>	<b>WALES SHARE</b>
All land (hectares)	2,100,000	24,400,000	9%
Total persons (a)	3,150,000	66,800,000	5%
<b>Agricultural land (hectares)(b)</b>			
Permanent pasture	1,130,000	6,210,000	18%
Sole rights	250,000	3,990,000	6%
Grassland under 5 years	160,000	1,190,000	14%
Crops and horticulture	90,000	4,940,000	2%
Farm woodland and other	130,000	1,330,000	10%
Total	1,760,000	17,650,000	10%
<b>Livestock numbers (b)</b>			
Sheep	9,530,000	33,580,000	28%
Cattle	1,120,000	9,740,000	11%
Dairy breeding herd	250,000	1,870,000	13%
Beef breeding herd	160,000	1,530,000	11%
Poultry	8,490,000	186,980,000	5%
Pigs	20,000	5,080,000	0.5%

(a) 2018 mid-year estimates of resident population.

(b) Survey of Agriculture, June 2019 run by each of the 4 home countries.