

AHDB Supply and Demand 2015/16

- as at 25th May 2016



Key Points

Wheat

- UK wheat availability is forecast at 20.32Mt, an increase of 196Kt on February's forecast
- Wheat imports are forecast 12% lower than 2014/15, partly driven by flour millers using a higher proportion of home-grown wheat at the expense of imports.
- UK use of wheat in feed rations is forecast to increase. The price difference between feed wheat and feed barley narrowing is likely to encourage more use of wheat in animal feed rations towards the end of the season.
- Full season wheat exports are forecast at 2.75Mt, 42% higher than 2014/15. Exports to the end of March totalled 1.98Mt.
- Commercial end-season stocks are forecast at 2.5Mt, 3% higher than 2014/15.

Barley

- UK barley availability is forecast at 8.95Mt
- Barley use in feed rations is forecast to increase by 4% from 2014/15 at 3.43Mt. Since March, the price spread between ex-farm feed barley against feed wheat has discouraged barley use. Therefore, usage of the cereal in GB compound feed production in the last quarter of the season is expected to decline from the relatively high inclusions between July and March.
- Full season barley exports are forecast at 1.9Mt, 27% higher than 2014/15. Exports to the end of March totalled 1.55Mt.
- Commercial end-season stocks are forecast at 1.01Mt, 31% lower than 2014/15.

Oats

- Full season oat exports are forecast at 65Kt, 16% lower than 2014/15. Exports to the end March were 62.33Kt. Commercial end-season stocks are forecast at 89Kt, 16% lower than 2014/15.

The final UK Supply and Demand update for 2015/16 will be published in September.

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<i>000 tonnes</i>	Wheat 2015/16 Feb 2016	Wheat 2015/16 May 2016	Barley 2015/16 Feb 2016	Barley 2015/16 May 2016	Oats 2015/16 Feb 2016	Oats 2015/16 May 2016
Opening Stocks	2,426	2,426	1,457	1,457	105	105
Production	16,444	16,444	7,370	7,370	799	799
Imports	1,254	1,450	120	125	35	35
Total Availability	20,124	20,320	8,947	8,952	939	939
H&I Consumption	7,273	7,393	1,805	1,818	525	530
Usage as animal feed	7,021	7,083	3,352	3,429	239	234
Total domestic consumption	14,660	14,847	5,371	5,461	786	786
Exports	-	2,750	-	1,900	60	65
Commercial End-Season Stocks	-	2,500	-	1,009	94	89