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Overview

This document contains eight standalone fact sheets for each of the regions of England. London has been combined with the South East as it has such small amounts of agricultural activity. We have used data from three trusted National Statistics sources to give headline information on agricultural activity in the regions. Information on where to get more detailed evidence is included in this document.

Key facts cover:

- Total income from farming
- Total output
- Farm types
- Land areas and use
- Crops
- Livestock
- Labour
- Farm Business Income

Data sources

The data in the factsheets has been obtained from three Defra data sources that are all National Statistics publications. National Statistics are produced to high professional standards. They undergo regular quality assurance reviews to ensure that they meet customer needs. They are produced free from any political interference.

Defra June Survey of Agriculture, a large sample survey sent to a representative sample of holdings across England. The data relates to commercial holdings. Commercial holdings are defined as those with significant levels of farming activity, that is holdings with any one of the following: more than five hectares of agricultural land, or one hectare of orchards, or 0.5 hectares of vegetables or 0.1 hectares of protected crops, or more than 10 cows, or 50 pigs, or 20 sheep, or 20 goats or 1,000 poultry.

For further information on the June Survey of Agriculture, please see:

[Survey notes and guidance web page](#)

The **Farm Business Survey (FBS)** is an annual survey providing information on the financial position and physical and economic performance of farm businesses in England.

The sample of farm businesses covers all regions of England and all types of farming with the data being collected by face to face interview with farmers. Results are weighted to represent the full population of farm businesses that have at least 25 thousand Euros of standard output as recorded in the annual June Survey of Agriculture and Horticulture. In 2019, this accounted for approximately 56,521 farm businesses. In 2016 the sample was reduced from 1800 to 1750 farm businesses. In 2019/20 the sample was slightly smaller as a result of Covid-19 restrictions on data collection.

For further information please see [the Farm Business Survey web page](#)

Regional Agricultural Accounts estimates of regional accounts are published each year under the title '[Total Income from Farming for the Regions of England](#)'. Total Income from Farming (TIFF) is revenue generated by production within the agriculture industry including direct payments and represents business profits and payment for work done by owners and other unpaid workers. TIFF is the bottom line of accounts itemising agricultural outputs and inputs. The regional accounts are constructed by applying bespoke regional coefficients to each item of the England agricultural accounts. The coefficients are derived from data collected via the June Survey of Agriculture and Horticulture and the Farm Business Survey.

Data uses and users

The factsheets have been produced in response to user requests for concise information on agricultural activity at a regional level in England. They are also available to download as individual pages for each region.

Next updates

It is envisaged that the factsheets will be updated in July/August and January/February when new data is available.

June Survey of Agriculture – Summer 2021 update for data relating to 2020.

Farm Business Survey – January/February 2022 update for data relating to 2020/21.

Regional Agricultural Accounts – July/August 2021 update for first estimates of 2020 and January/February 2022 update for second estimates of 2020.

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Defra statistics:

Agricultural facts – North East

(commercial holdings at June 2019 (unless stated))



The **North East** region comprises Northumberland, Durham, Darlington, Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees, South Teeside, Tyneside and Sunderland. Parts of the Lake District, Yorkshire Dales and Peak District are in the region.

For the **North East** region:

- Total Income from Farming increased by 27% between 2015 and 2019 to £86 million.
- The biggest contributors to the value of the output (£0.8 billion), which were cattle for meat (£134 million), wheat (£97 million), sheep for meat (£87 million), and barley (£34 million), together account for 45%. (Sourced from [Defra Aggregate agricultural accounts](#))
- In the **North East** the average farm size in 2019 was 144 hectares. This is the largest average farm size of all of the English regions and larger than the English average of 87 hectares.
- Predominant farm types in the **North East** region in 2019 were Grazing Livestock farms which accounted for 55% of farmed area in the region and Cereal farms which covered an additional 22% of farmed area.

Land

	North East	England
Total farmed area (thousand hectares)	624	9,206
Average farm size (hectares)	144	87
% of farmed area that is:		
Rented (for at least 1 year)	42%	33%
Arable area(a)	32%	52%
Permanent pasture	45%	36%

(a) Includes arable crops, uncropped arable land and temporary grass. Source: Defra, June Survey

Crops

(Thousand hectares)	North East	England
Wheat	71 (4%)	1,677
Barley	40 (5%)	832
Oilseed rape	24 (5%)	492
Oats	11 (8%)	143
Potatoes	1 (1%)	109
Field veg	1 (1%)	94

Figures in brackets denote the proportion which the region contributes to the English total. Source: Defra, June Survey

Livestock

(Thousand head)	North East	England
Cattle	249 (5%)	5,100
Dairy herd	13 (1%)	1,102
Beef herd	69 (10%)	675
Pigs	122 (3%)	4,060
Poultry	1,997 (1%)	138,850
Laying flock	574 (2%)	25,388
Table chickens	1,314 (1%)	95,150
Sheep	1,906 (12%)	15,390

Figures in brackets denote the proportion which the region contributes to the English total. Source: Defra, June Survey

Labour

	North East	England
Total Labour ^(a)		
People:	10,610	306,374
Per farm ^(b)	2.5	2.9
Regular workers		
People:	2,109	68,962
Per farm ^(b)	0.5	0.6
Casual workers		
People:	764	45,843
Per farm ^(b)	0.2	0.4
% full time ^(c)	51%	44%
% part time ^(c)	39%	37%
% casual	7%	15%

(a) Farmers, partners, directors, spouses, salaried managers, regular and casual workers

(b) Averaged across all farms in region

(c) Excludes salaried managers. Source: Defra, June Survey

Farm Business Income (FBI) 2019/20 (a):

(£ per farm)	North East	England
All types	40,700	46,000
Cereals	73,300	62,800
Grazing Livestock	31,300	14,100

(a) Years ending February, excludes farms with less than 25,000 euros of standard output. Source: Defra, Farm Business Survey

Figure 1: Distribution of farms by size, percentage of farms

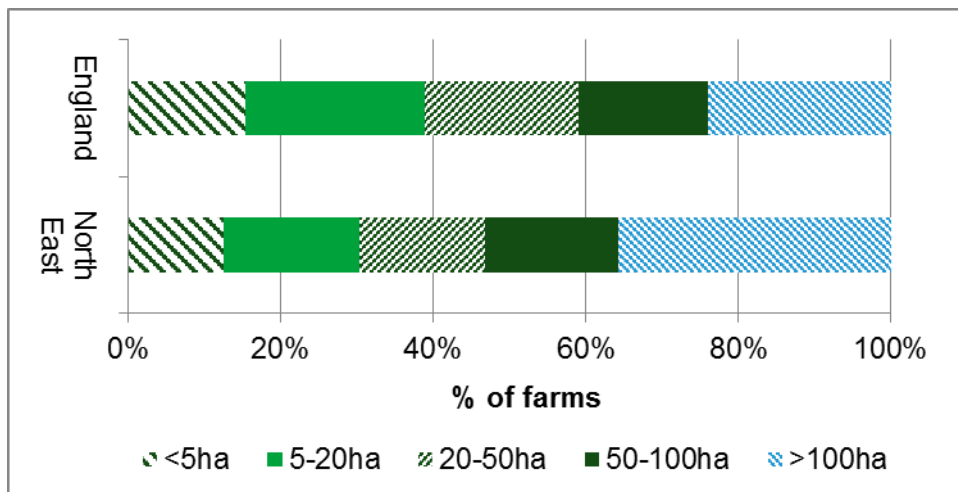


Figure 2: Distribution of farms by size, percentage of farmed area

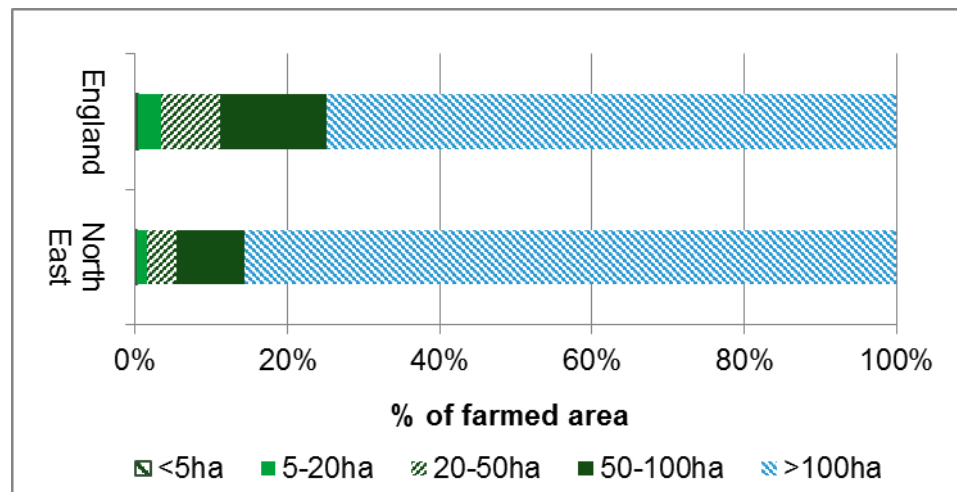


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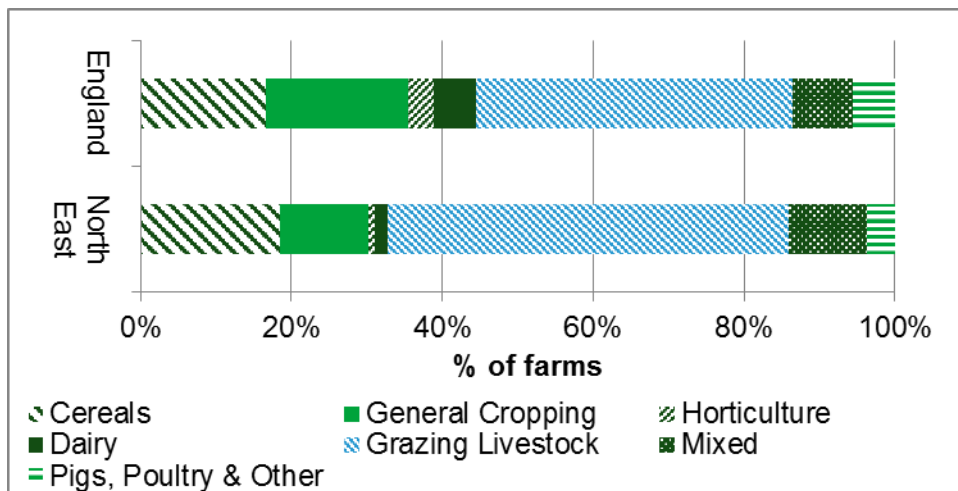
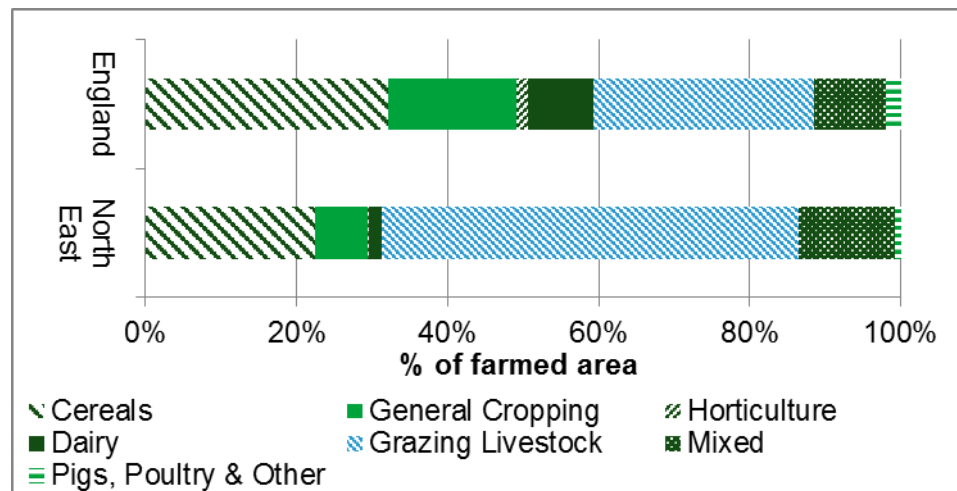
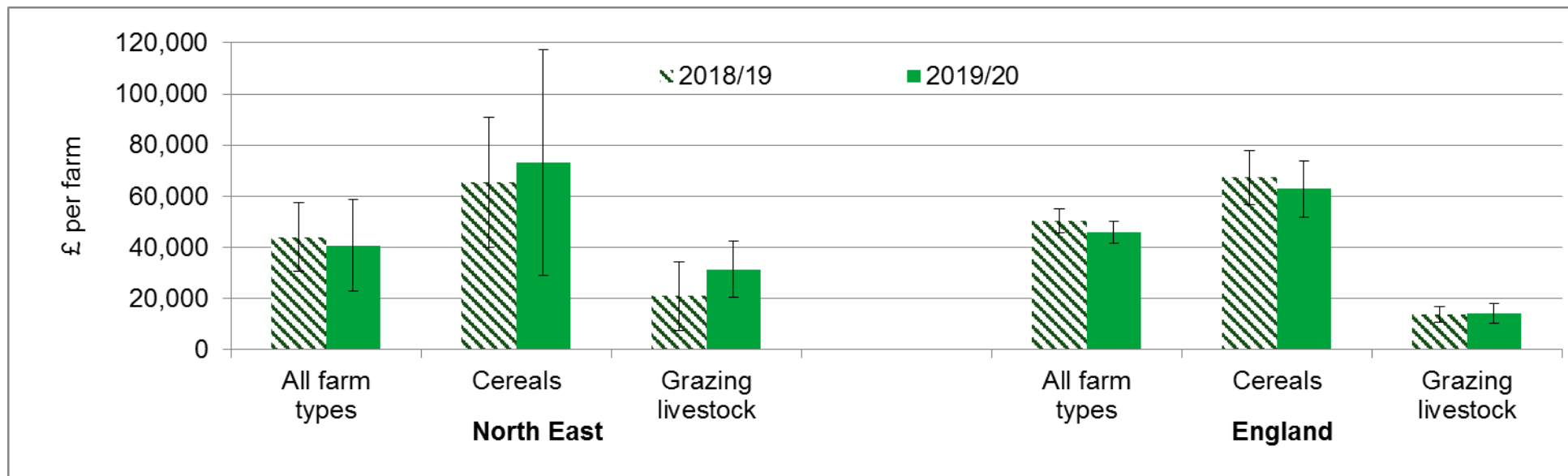


Figure 4: Distribution of farms by type, percentage of farmed area



Source: Defra, June Survey

Figure 5: Average Farm Business Income



Lines indicate the 95% confidence intervals

Source: Defra, Farm Business Survey. Excludes farms with less than 25,000 euros of standard output

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Defra statistics: Agricultural facts – North West

(commercial holdings at June 2019 (unless stated))

The **North West** region comprises Cumbria, Cheshire, Lancashire (including Blackpool), Blackburn, Greater Manchester, Merseyside (including Liverpool and Sefton), Wirral, Halton and Warrington. Parts of the Lake District, Yorkshire Dales and Peak District are in the region.



For the **North West** region:

- Total Income from Farming increased by 4% between 2015 and 2019 to £142 million.
- The biggest contributors to the value of the output (£1.8 billion), which were milk (£707 million), cattle for meat (£157 million), sheep for meat (£133 million) and poultry meat (£126 million), together account for 61%. (Sourced from [Defra Aggregate agricultural accounts](#))
- In the **North West** the average farm size in 2019 was 77 hectares. This is smaller than the English average of 87 hectares.
- Predominant farm types in the **North West** region in 2019 were Grazing Livestock farms which accounted for 59% of farmed area in the region and Dairy which covered a further 19% of farmed area.

Land

	North West	England
Total farmed area (thousand hectares)	972	9,206
Average farm size (hectares)	77	87
% of farmed area that is:		
Rented (for at least 1 year)	35%	33%
Arable area(a)	21%	52%
Permanent pasture	63%	36%

(b) Includes arable crops, uncropped arable land and temporary grass. Source: Defra, June Survey

Crops

(Thousand hectares)	North West	England
Barley	37 (4%)	832
Wheat	36 (2%)	1,677
Maize	14 (7%)	211
Potatoes	7 (7%)	109
Oilseed rape	5 (1%)	492
Field veg	5 (6%)	94

Figures in brackets denote the proportion which the region contributes to the English total. Source: Defra, June Survey

Livestock

(Thousand head)	North West	England
Cattle	900 (18%)	5,100
Dairy herd	275 (25%)	1,102
Beef herd	80 (12%)	675
Pigs	130 (3%)	4,060
Poultry	9,959 (7%)	138,850
Laying flock	2,787 (11%)	25,388
Table chickens	6,327 (7%)	95,150
Sheep	2,966 (19%)	15,390

Figures in brackets denote the proportion which the region contributes to the English total. Source: Defra, June Survey

Labour

	North West	England
Total Labour ^(a)		
People:	32,885	306,374
Per farm ^(b)	2.6	2.9
Regular workers		
People:	7,125	68,962
Per farm ^(b)	0.6	0.6
Casual workers		
People:	2,589	45,843
Per farm ^(b)	0.2	0.4
% full time ^(c)	51%	44%
% part time ^(c)	39%	37%
% casual	8%	15%

(a) Farmers, partners, directors, spouses, salaried managers, regular and casual workers

(b) Averaged across all farms in region

(c) Excludes salaried managers. Source: Defra, June Survey

Farm Business Income (FBI) 2019/20 (a):

(£ per farm)	North West	England
All types	36,000	46,000
Dairy	66,500	84,800
Grazing Livestock	25,700	14,100

(b) Years ending February, excludes farms with less than 25,000 euros of standard output. Source: Defra, Farm Business Survey

Figure 1: Distribution of farms by size, percentage of farms

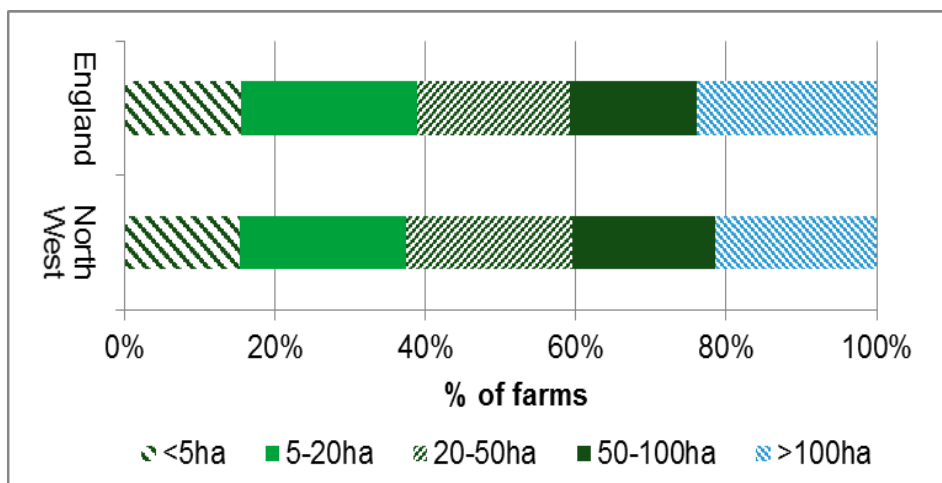


Figure 2: Distribution of farms by size, percentage of farmed area

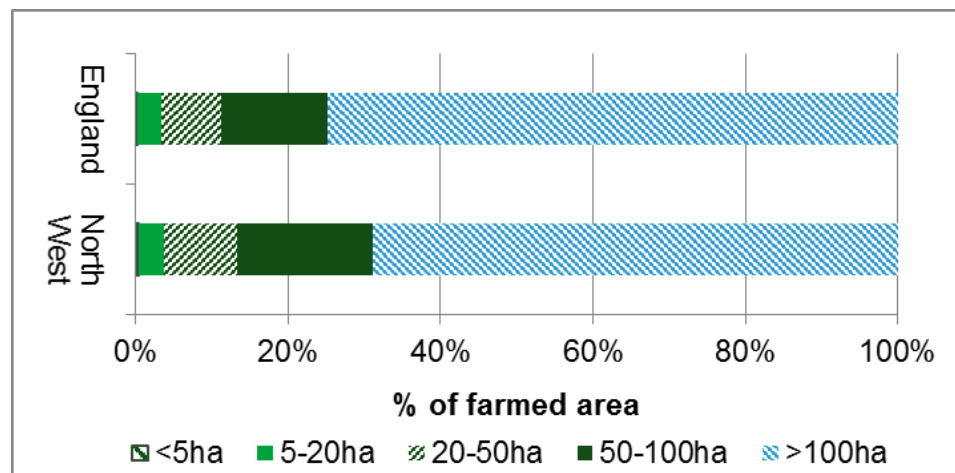


Figure 3: Distribution of farms by type, percentage of farms

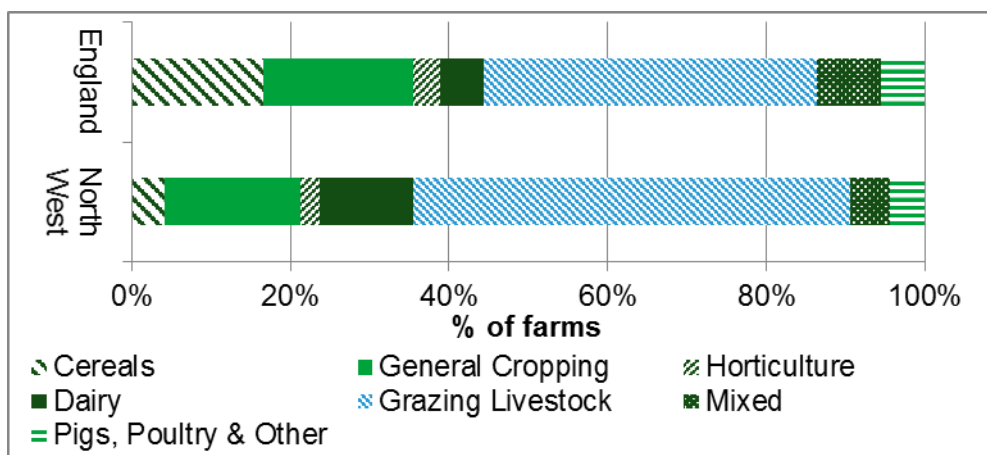
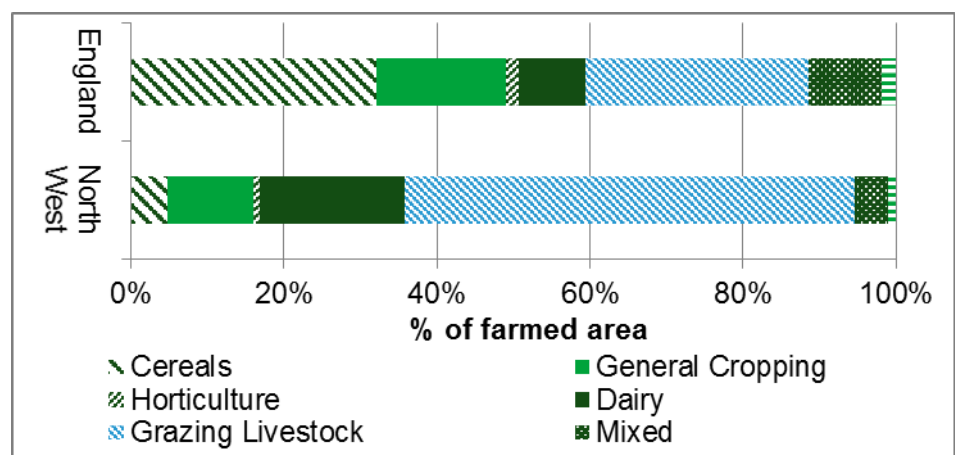
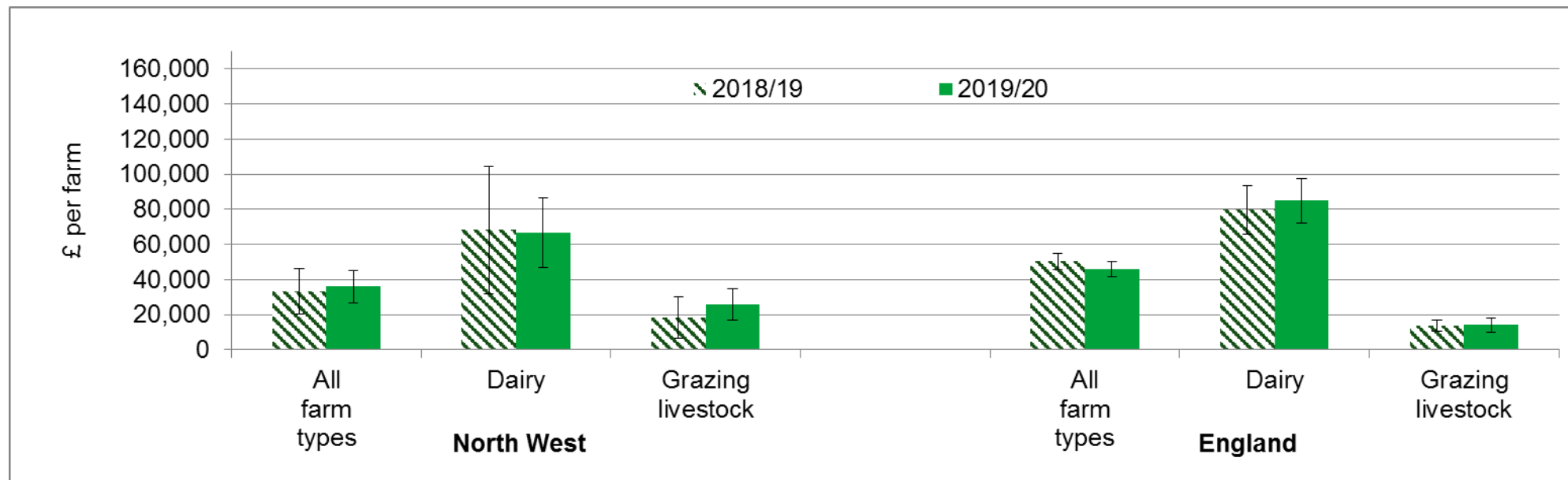


Figure 4: Distribution of farms by type, percentage of farmed area



Source: Defra, June Survey

Figure 5: Average Farm Business Income



Lines indicate the 95% confidence intervals

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Defra statistics: Agricultural facts – Yorkshire & the Humber

(commercial holdings at June 2019 (unless stated))

The **Yorkshire & the Humber** region comprises the East Riding, Kingston upon Hull, N & NE Lincolnshire, City of York, North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire. Parts of the Peak District, Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors National Parks are within the region.



For the **Yorkshire & the Humber** region:

- Total Income from Farming increased by 26% between 2015 and 2019 to £452 million.
- The biggest contributors to the value of the output (£2.5 billion), which were pigs for meat (£382 million), wheat (£324 million), poultry meat (£267 million) and milk (£208 million), together account for 48%. (Sourced from [Defra Aggregate agricultural accounts](#))
- In the **Yorkshire & the Humber** the average farm size in 2019 was 93 hectares. This is larger than the English average of 87 hectares.
- Predominant farm types in the **Yorkshire & the Humber** region in 2019 were Grazing Livestock farms and Cereals farms which accounted for 32% and 30% of farmed area in the region. Although Pig farms accounted for a much smaller proportion of the farmed area, the region accounted for 37% of the English pig population.

Land

	Yorkshire & the Humber	England
Total farmed area (thousand hectares)	1,136	9,206
Average farm size (hectares)	93	87
% of farmed area that is:		
Rented (for at least 1 year)	33%	33%
Arable area(a)	52%	52%
Permanent pasture	35%	36%

(a) Includes arable crops, uncropped arable land and temporary grass. Source: Defra, June Survey

Crops

(Thousand hectares)	Yorkshire & the Humber	England
Wheat	238 (14%)	1,677
Barley	123 (15%)	832
Oilseed rape	66 (13%)	492
Potatoes	19 (18%)	109
Field veg	16 (17%)	94
Glasshouse	0.2 (13%)	1

Figures in brackets denote the proportion which the region contributes to the English total. Source: Defra, June Survey

Livestock

(Thousand head)	Yorkshire & the Humber	England
Cattle	522 (10%)	5,100
Dairy herd	79 (7%)	1,102
Beef herd	81 (12%)	675
Pigs	1,498 (37%)	4,060
Poultry	17,772 (13%)	138,850
Table chickens	12,519 (13%)	95,150
Turkeys	420 (11%)	3,802
Sheep	2,098 (14%)	15,390

Figures in brackets denote the proportion which the region contributes to the English total. Source: Defra, June Survey

Labour

	Yorkshire & the Humber	England
Total Labour ^(a)		
People:	32,397	306,374
Per farm ^(b)	2.7	2.9
Regular workers		
People:	7,171	68,962
Per farm ^(b)	0.6	0.6
Casual workers		
People:	2,785	45,843
Per farm ^(b)	0.2	0.4
% full time ^(c)	49%	44%
% part time ^(c)	39%	37%
% casual	9%	15%

(a) Farmers, partners, directors, spouses, salaried managers, regular and casual workers

(b) Averaged across all farms in region

(c) Excludes salaried managers. Source: Defra, June Survey

Farm Business Income (FBI) 2019/20 (a):

(£ per farm)	Yorkshire & the Humber	England
All types	47,800	46,000
Cereals	67,200	62,800
Dairy	109,300	84,800
Grazing Livestock	12,400	14,100

(a) Years ending February, excludes farms with less than 25,000 euros of standard output. Source: Defra, Farm Business Survey

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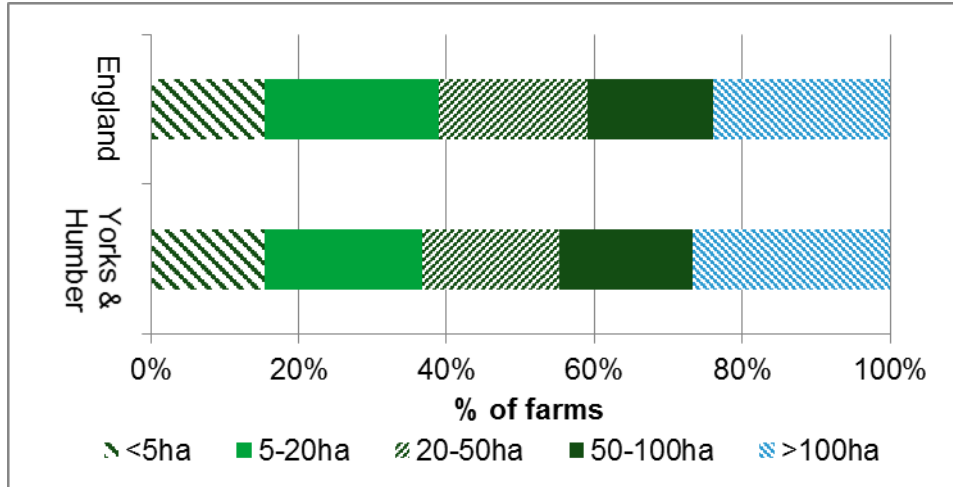


Figure 2: Distribution of farms by size, percentage of farmed area

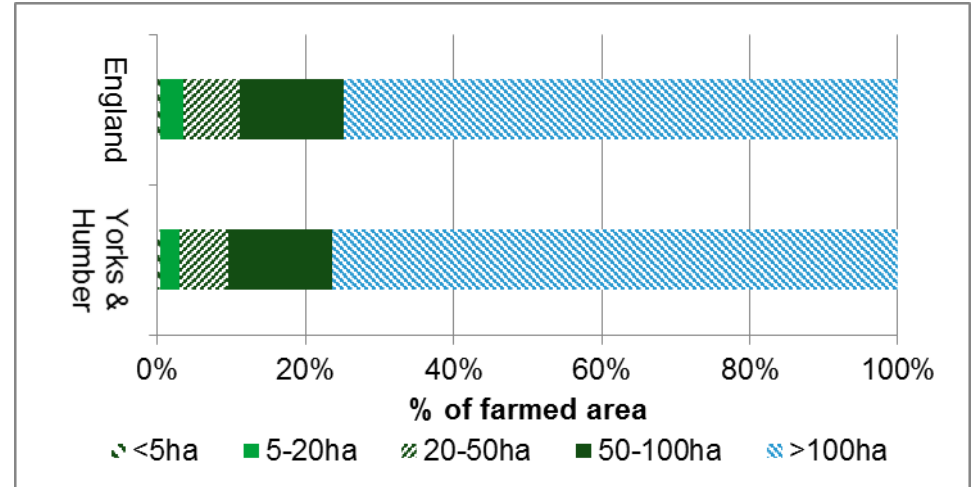


Figure 3: Distribution of farms by type, percentage of farms

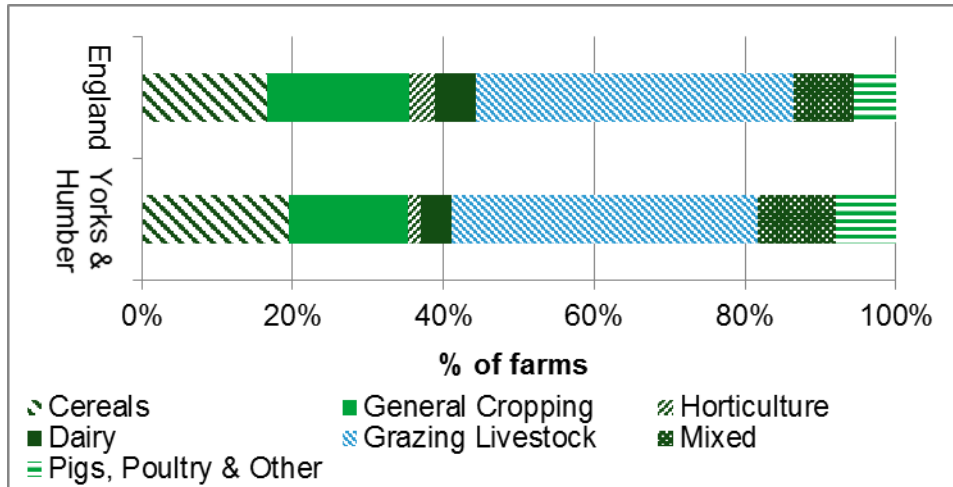
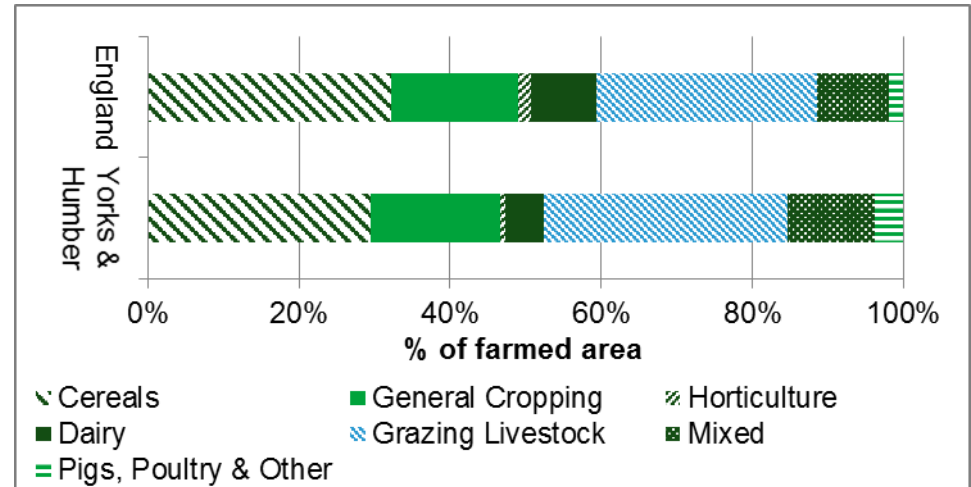
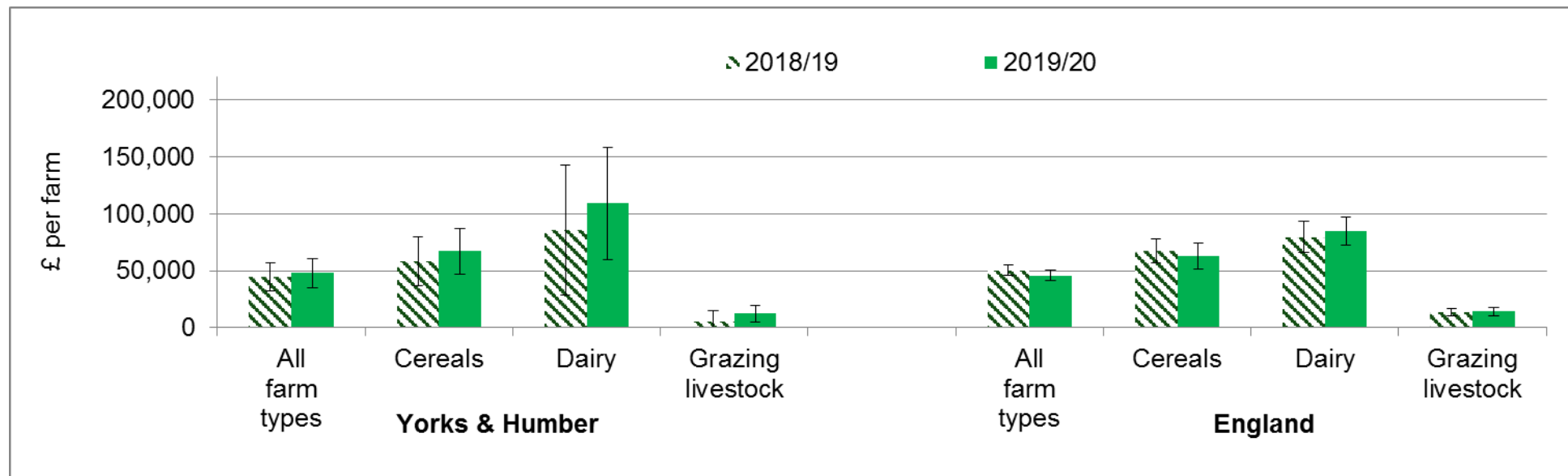


Figure 4: Distribution of farms by type, percentage of farmed area



Source: Defra, June Survey

Figure 5: Average Farm Business Income



Lines indicate the 95% confidence intervals

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Defra statistics: Agricultural facts – East Midlands

(commercial holdings at June 2019 (unless stated))

The **East Midlands** region comprises Lincolnshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire (incl. Leicester & Rutland), Northamptonshire & Nottinghamshire. Part of the Peak District National Park is within the region.

For the **East Midlands** region:

- Total Income from Farming increased by 33% between 2015 and 2019 to £751 million.
- The biggest contributors to the value of the output (£3.0 billion), which were poultry meat (£498 million), wheat (£448 million), fresh vegetables (£313 million), and plants and flowers (£303 million), together account for 51%. (Sourced from [Defra Aggregate agricultural accounts](#))
- In the **East Midlands** the average farm size in 2019 was 102 hectares. This is larger than the English average of 87 hectares.
- Predominant farm types in the **East Midlands** region in 2019 were Cereal farms which accounted for 49% of farmed area in the region, General Cropping which covered 20% and Grazing Livestock which used an additional 15% of farmed area.



Land

	East Midlands	England
Total farmed area (thousand hectares)	1,192	9,206
Average farm size (hectares)	102	87
% of farmed area that is:		
Rented (for at least 1 year)	33%	33%
Arable area(a)	69%	52%
Permanent pasture	22%	36%

(c) Includes arable crops, uncropped arable land and temporary grass. Source: Defra, June Survey

Crops

(Thousand hectares)	East Midlands	England
Wheat	330 (20%)	1,677
Oilseed rape	124 (25%)	492
Barley	126 (15%)	832
Sugar beet	25 (23%)	108
Field veg	25 (26%)	94
Hardy nursery stock	2 (21%)	10

Figures in brackets denote the proportion which the region contributes to the English total. Source: Defra, June Survey

Livestock

(Thousand head)	East Midlands	England
Cattle	467 (9%)	5,100
Pigs	365 (9%)	4,060
Poultry	26,232 (19%)	138,850
Table chickens	18,801 (20%)	95,150
Turkeys	716 (19%)	3,802
Sheep	1,248 (8%)	15,390

Figures in brackets denote the proportion which the region contributes to the English total. Source: Defra, June Survey

Labour

	East Midlands	England
Total Labour ^(a)		
People:	33,897	306,374
Per farm ^(b)	2.9	2.9
Regular workers		
People:	7,872	68,962
Per farm ^(b)	0.7	0.6
Casual workers		
People:	4,733	45,843
Per farm ^(b)	0.4	0.4
% full time ^(c)	46%	44%
% part time ^(c)	36%	37%
% casual	14%	15%

(a) Farmers, partners, directors, spouses, salaried managers, regular and casual workers

(b) Averaged across all farms in region

(c) Excludes salaried managers. Source: Defra, June Survey

Farm Business Income (FBI) 2019/20 (a):

(£ per farm)	East Midlands	England
All types	42,000	46,000
Cereals	54,300	62,800
General cropping	50,000	84,400
Grazing Livestock	10,900	14,100

(b) Years ending February, excludes farms with less than 25,000 euros of standard output. Source: Defra, Farm Business Survey

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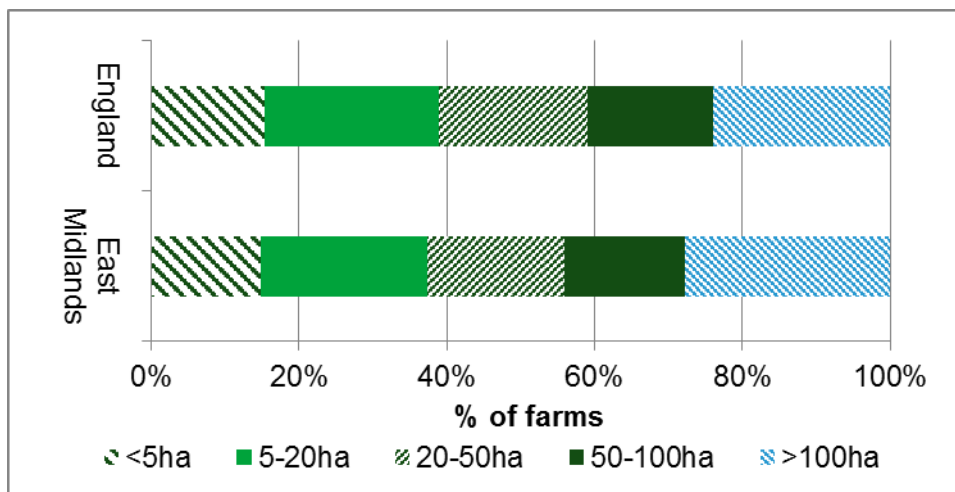


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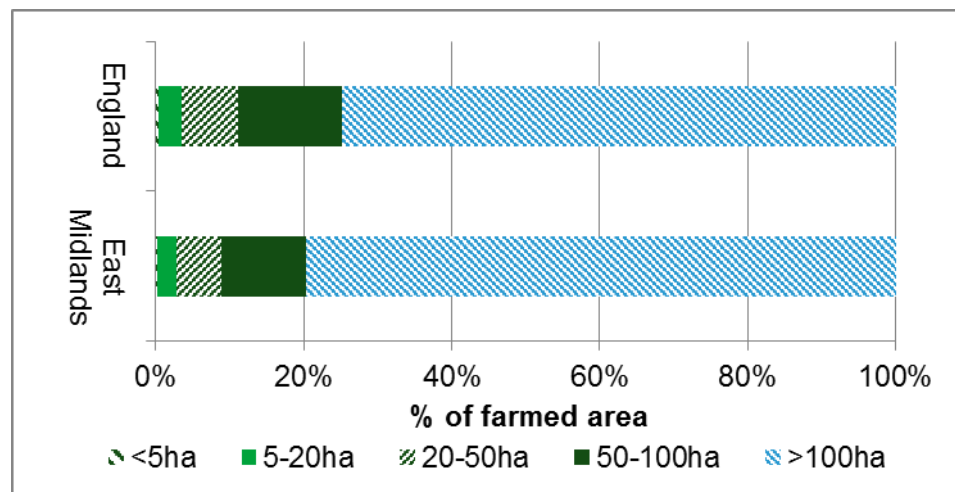


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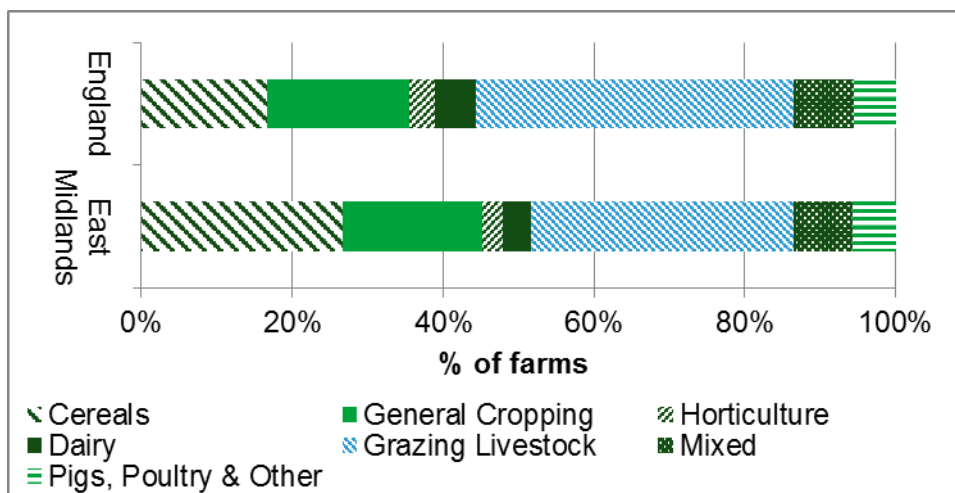
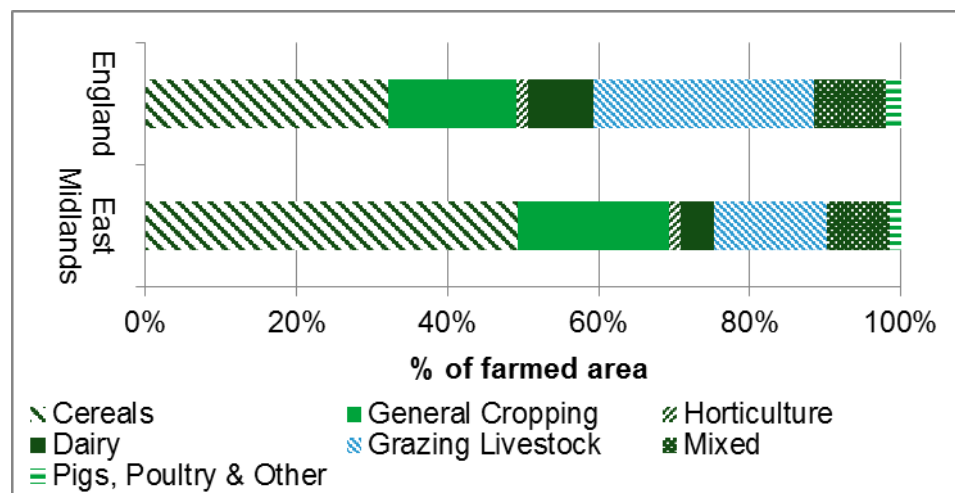
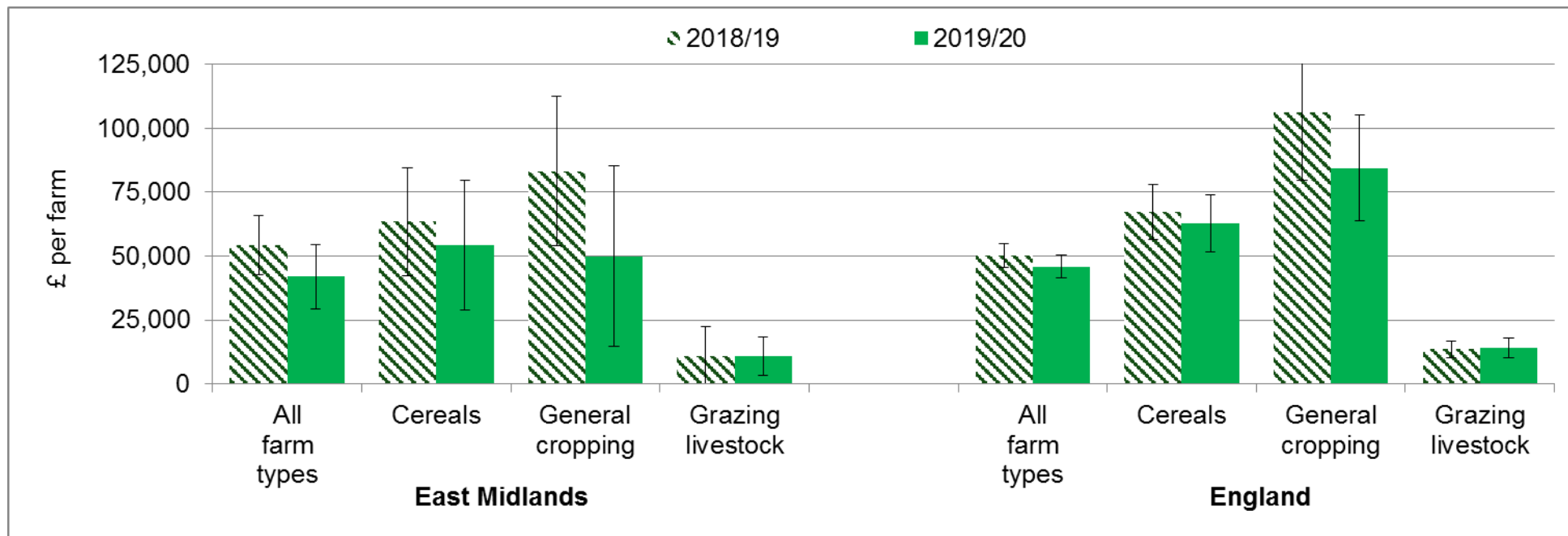


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Source: Defra, June Survey

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The **West Midlands** region comprises Shropshire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Staffordshire, Dudley and Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton, Solihull & Birmingham. Part of the Peak District National Park is within the region.



For the **West Midlands** region:

- Total Income from Farming increased by 34% between 2015 and 2019 to £500 million.
- The biggest contributors to the value of the output (£2.4 billion), which were milk (£412 million), poultry meat (£310 million), wheat (£227 million) and fruit (£195 million), together account for 47%. (Sourced from [Defra Aggregate agricultural accounts](#))
- In the **West Midlands** the average farm size in 2019 was 67 hectares. This is the smallest average farm size of each of the English regions and smaller than the English average of 87 hectares.
- Predominant farm types in the **West Midlands** region in 2019 were Grazing Livestock which accounted for 28% of farmed area in the region and Cereal farms which covered an additional 26% of farmed area.

Land

	West Midlands	England
Total farmed area (thousand hectares)	944	9,206
Average farm size (hectares)	67	87
% of farmed area that is:		
Rented (for at least 1 year)	30%	33%
Arable area(a)	52%	52%
Permanent pasture	39%	36%

(d) Includes arable crops, uncropped arable land and temporary grass. Source: Defra, June Survey

Crops

(Thousand hectares)	West Midlands	England
Wheat	167 (10%)	1,677
Barley	59 (7%)	832
Oats	21 (15%)	143
Potatoes	15 (14%)	109
Top fruit	6 (30%)	21
Small fruit	2 (21%)	10

Figures in brackets denote the proportion which the region contributes to the English total. Source: Defra, June Survey

Livestock

(Thousand head)	West Midlands	England
Cattle	677 (13%)	5,100
Dairy herd	158 (14%)	1,102
Beef herd	80 (12%)	675
Pigs	222 (5%)	4,060
Poultry	22,799 (16%)	138,850
Table chickens	15,892 (17%)	95,150
Turkeys	502 (13%)	3,802
Sheep	2,379 (15%)	15,390

Figures in brackets denote the proportion which the region contributes to the English total. Source: Defra, June Survey

Labour

	West Midlands	England
Total Labour ^(a)		
People:	42,660	306,374
Per farm ^(b)	3.0	2.9
Regular workers		
People:	7,930	68,962
Per farm ^(b)	0.6	0.6
Casual workers		
People:	9,283	45,843
Per farm ^(b)	0.7	0.4
% full time ^(c)	41%	44%
% part time ^(c)	35%	37%
% casual	22%	15%

(a) Farmers, partners, directors, spouses, salaried managers, regular and casual workers

(b) Averaged across all farms in region

(c) Excludes salaried managers. Source: Defra, June Survey

Farm Business Income (FBI) 2019/20 (a):

(£ per farm)	West Midlands	England
All types	44,000	46,000
Cereals	61,100	62,800
Grazing Livestock	9,300	14,100

(c) Years ending February, excludes farms with less than 25,000 euros of standard output. Source: Defra, Farm Business Survey

Figure 1: Distribution of farms by size, percentage of farms

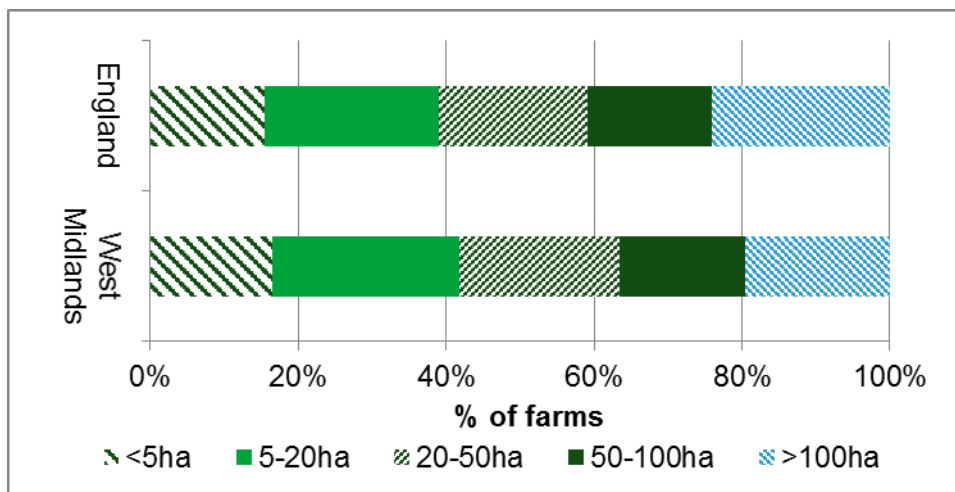


Figure 2: Distribution of farms by size, percentage of farmed area

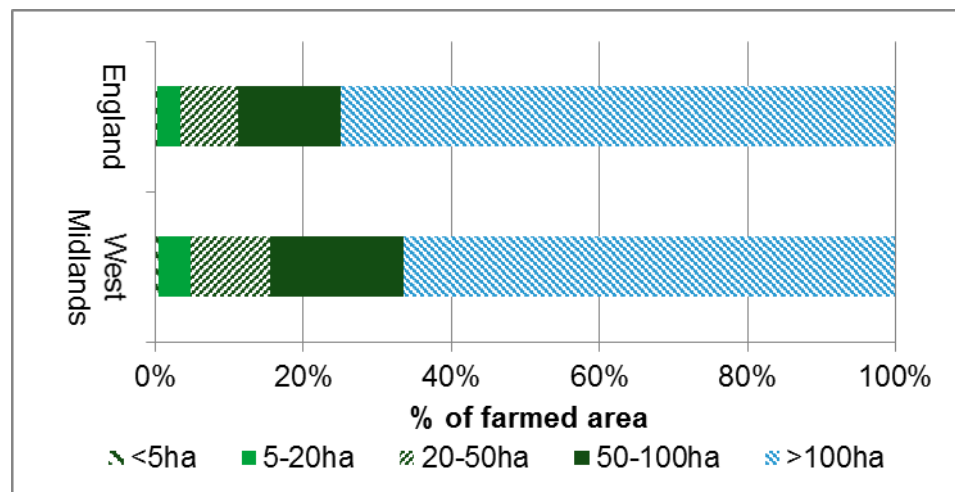


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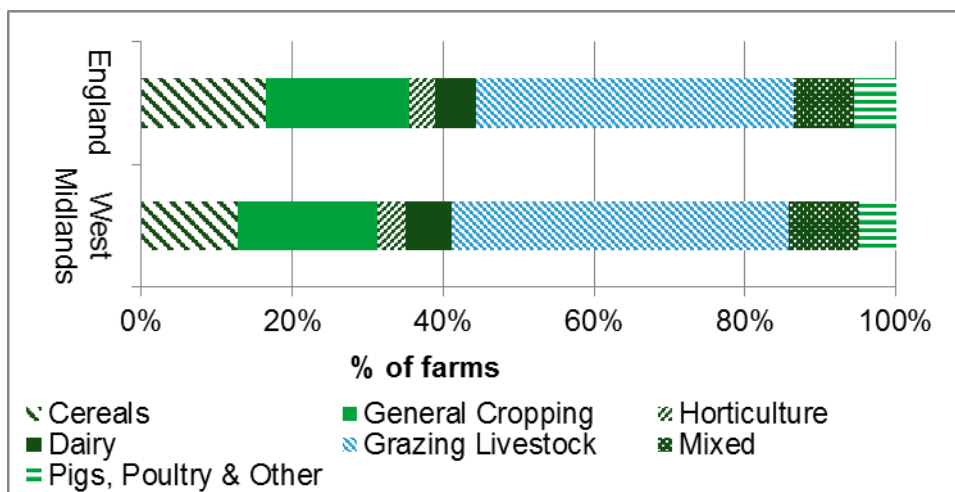
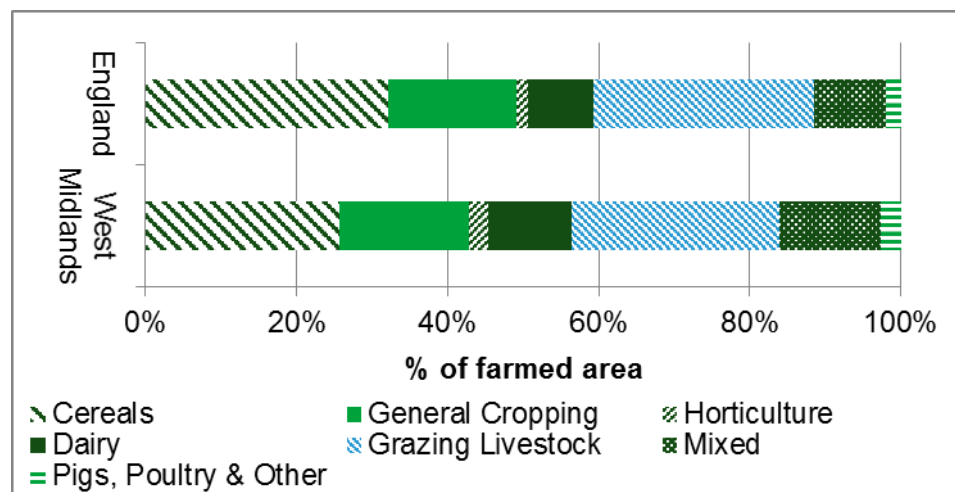
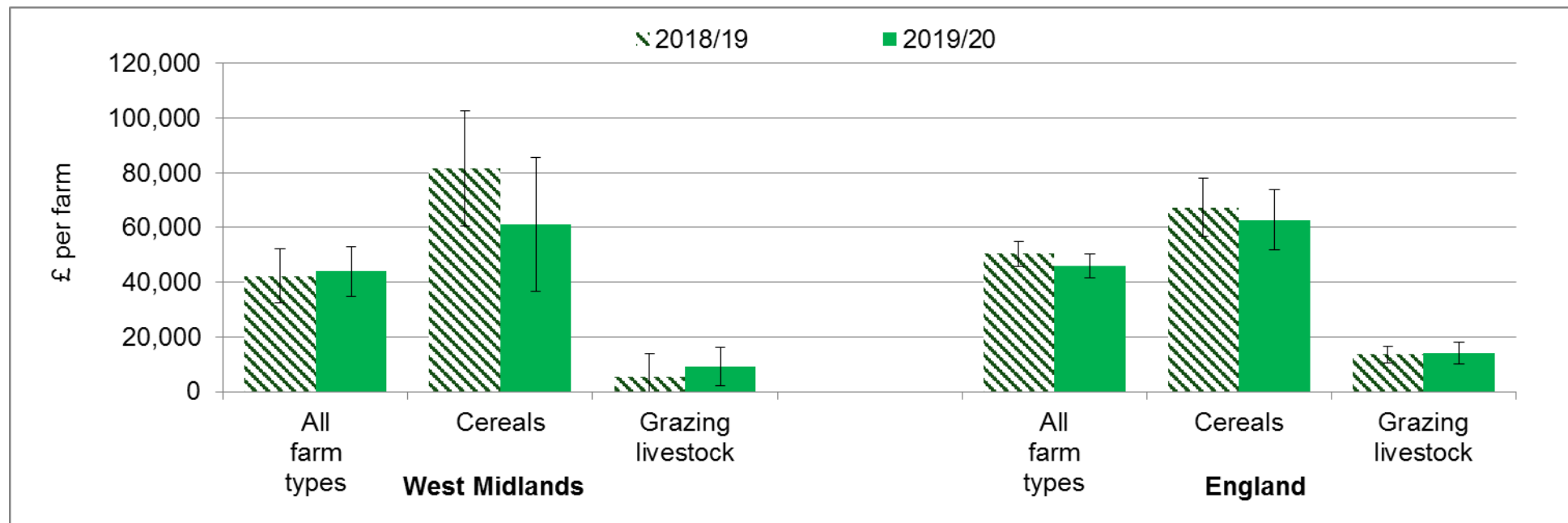


Figure 4: Distribution of farms by type, percentage of farmed area



Source: Defra, June Survey

Figure 5: Average Farm Business Income



Lines indicate the 95% confidence intervals

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Defra statistics: Agricultural facts – East of England

(commercial holdings at June 2019 (unless stated))



The **East of England** region comprises Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Luton, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Thurrock and Southend-on-Sea and Essex. The Broads National Park lies within the region.

For the **East of England** region:

- Total Income from Farming increased by 31% between 2015 and 2019 to £885 million.
- The biggest contributors to the value of the output (£3.4 billion), which were wheat (£625 million), poultry meat (£527 million), fresh vegetables (£320 million), and pigs (£265 million), together account for 51%. (Sourced from [Defra Aggregate agricultural accounts](#))
- In the **East of England** the average farm size in 2019 was 121 hectares. This is larger than the English average of 87 hectares.
- Predominant farm types in the **East of England** region in 2019 were Cereal farms which accounted for 51% of farmed area in the region and General cropping farms which covered an additional 33% of farmed area.

Land

	East	England
Total farmed area (thousand hectares)	1,411	9,206
Average farm size (hectares)	121	87
% of farmed area that is:		
Rented (for at least 1 year)	29%	33%
Arable area(a)	79%	52%
Permanent pasture	11%	36%

(e) Includes arable crops, uncropped arable land and temporary grass. Source: Defra, June Survey

Crops

(Thousand hectares)	East	England
Wheat	457 (27%)	1,677
Barley	199 (24%)	832
Oilseed rape	109 (22%)	492
Field veg	28 (30%)	94
Potatoes	37 (34%)	109
Sugar beet	67 (62%)	108

Figures in brackets denote the proportion which the region contributes to the English total. Source: Defra, June Survey

Livestock

(Thousand head)	East	England
Cattle	187 (4%)	5,100
Dairy herd	14 (1%)	1,102
Beef herd	41 (6%)	675
Pigs	1,049 (26%)	4,060
Poultry	29,037 (21%)	138,850
Table chickens	21,200 (22%)	95,150
Turkeys	1,596 (42%)	3,802
Sheep	354 (2%)	15,390

Figures in brackets denote the proportion which the region contributes to the English total. Source: Defra, June Survey

Labour

	East	England
Total Labour ^(a)		
People:	40,220	306,374
Per farm ^(b)	3.4	2.9
Regular workers		
People:	11,115	68,962
Per farm ^(b)	1.0	0.6
Casual workers		
People:	7,136	45,843
Per farm ^(b)	0.6	0.4
% full time ^(c)	43%	44%
% part time ^(c)	33%	37%
% casual	18%	15%

(a) Farmers, partners, directors, spouses, salaried managers, regular and casual workers

(b) Averaged across all farms in region

(c) Excludes salaried managers. Source: Defra, June Survey

Farm Business Income (FBI) 2019/20 (a):

(£ per farm)	East	England
All types	78,600	46,000
Cereals	81,000	62,800
General cropping	110,000	84,400

(d) Years ending February, excludes farms with less than 25,000 euros of standard output. Source: Defra, Farm Business Survey

Figure 1: Distribution of farms by size, percentage of farms

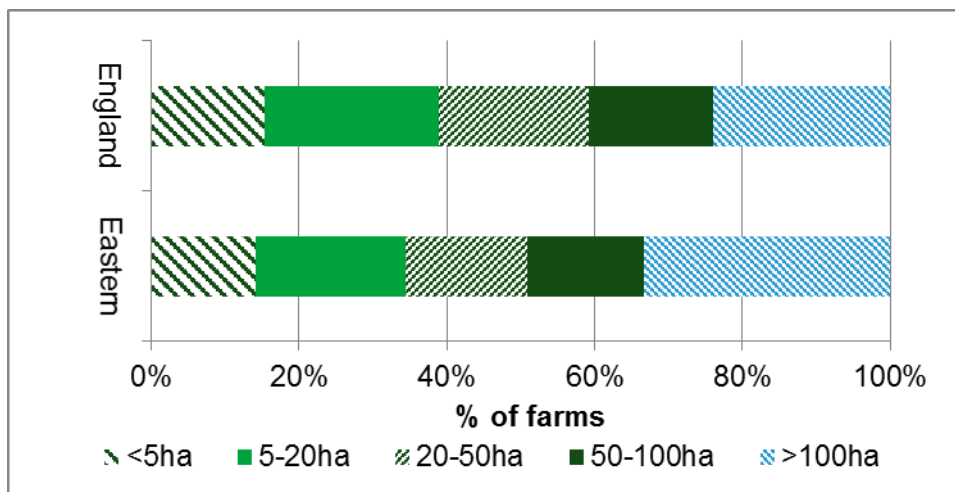


Figure 2: Distribution of farms by size, percentage of farmed area

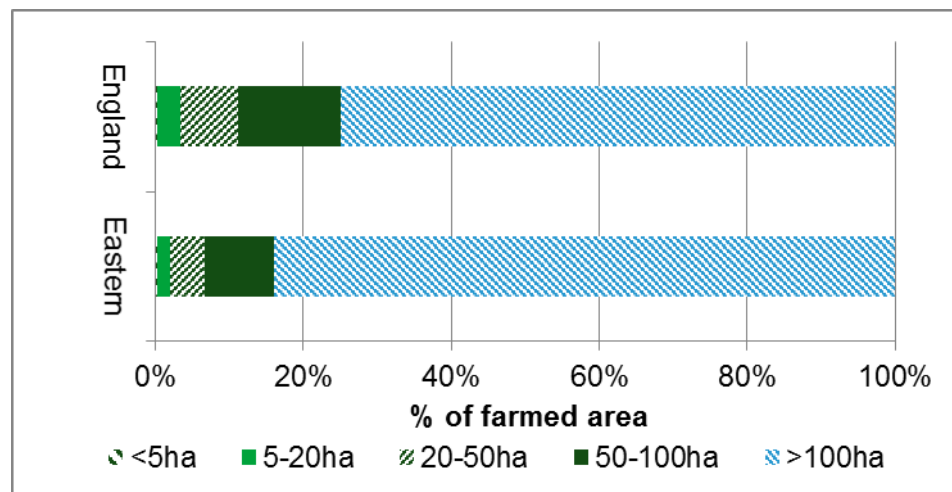


Figure 3: Distribution of farms by type, percentage of farms

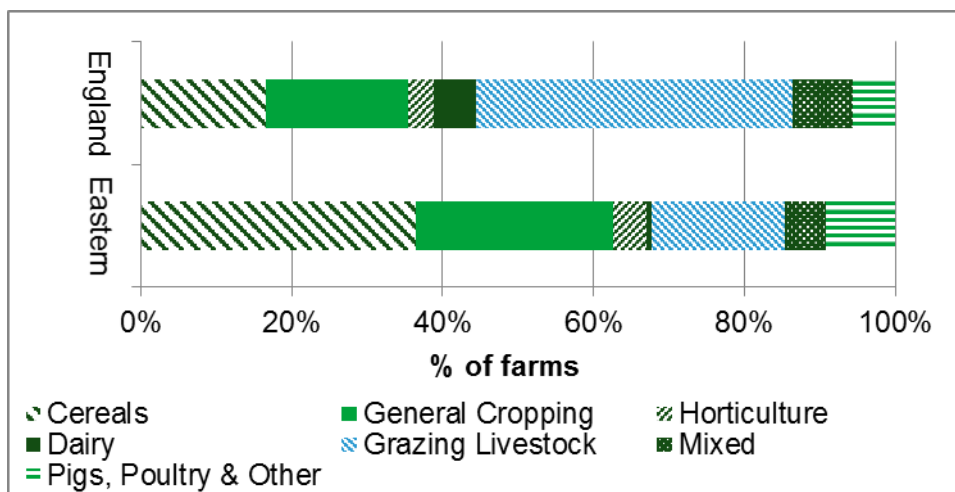
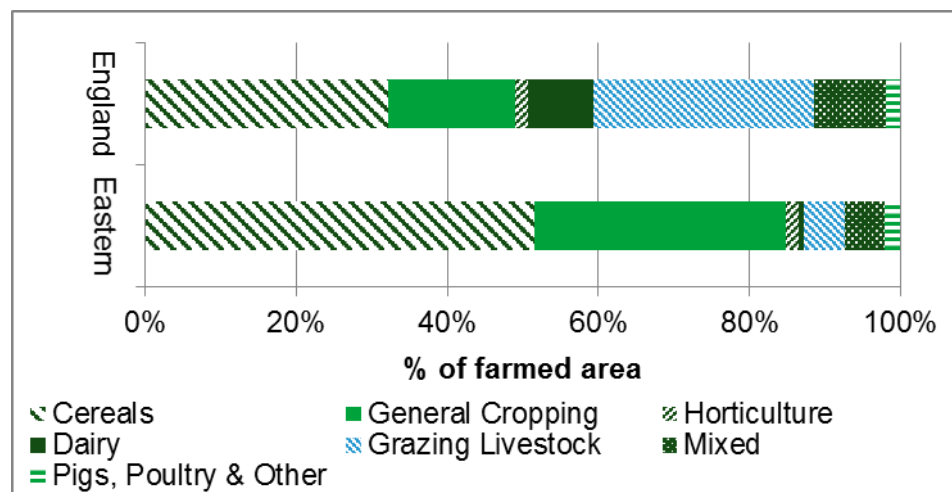
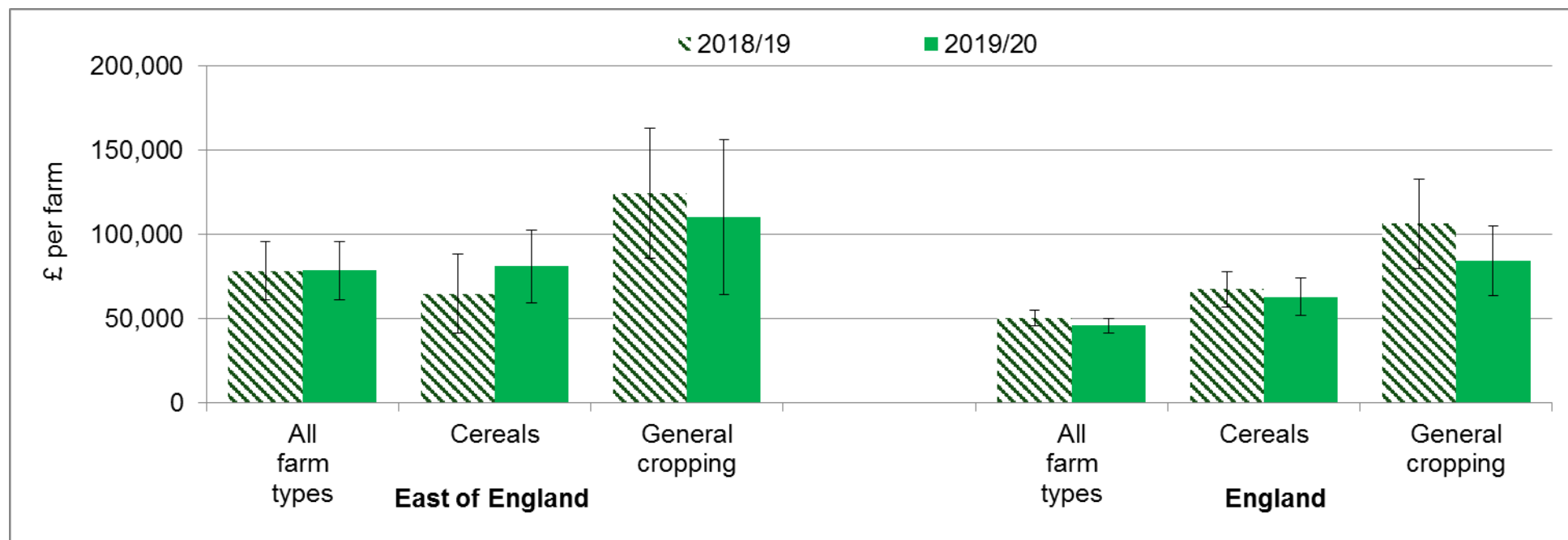


Figure 4: Distribution of farms by type, percentage of farmed area



Source: Defra, June Survey

Figure 5: Average Farm Business Income



Lines indicate the 95% confidence intervals

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Defra statistics: Agricultural facts – South East

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The **South East** region comprises Berkshire, Buckinghamshire (incl. Milton Keynes), Oxfordshire, Surrey, East and West Sussex (incl. Brighton), Hampshire (incl. Portsmouth and Southampton), Kent, Medway and the Isle of Wight. London has been included. Parts of the New Forest National Park are in the region.

For the **South East** region:

- Total Income from Farming decreased by 54% between 2015 and 2019 to £534 million.
- The biggest contributors to the value of the output (£2.3 billion), which were fruit (£308 million), wheat (£294 million), milk (£162 million) and plants and flowers (£152 million), together account for 41%. (Sourced from [Defra Aggregate agricultural accounts](#))
- In the **South East** the average farm size in 2019 was 86 hectares. This less than overall English average of 87 hectares.
- Predominant farm types in the **South East** region in 2019 were Cereals farms which accounted for 46% of farmed area in the region and Grazing Livestock farms which covered an additional 21% of farmed area.

Land

	South East	England
Total farmed area (thousand hectares)	1,137	9,206
Average farm size (hectares)	86	87
% of farmed area that is:		
Rented (for at least 1 year)	32%	33%
Arable area(a)	55%	52%
Permanent pasture	31%	36%

(f) Includes arable crops, uncropped arable land and temporary grass. Source: Defra, June Survey

Crops

(Thousand hectares)	South East	England
Wheat	217 (13%)	1,677
Barley	117 (14%)	832
Oilseed rape	67 (14%)	492
Top fruit	10 (44%)	21
Small fruit	5 (50%)	10
Glasshouse (ha)	283 (24%)	1,195

Figures in brackets denote the proportion which the region contributes to the English total. Source: Defra, June Survey

Livestock

(Thousand head)	South East	England
Cattle	389 (8%)	5,100
Dairy herd	61 (6%)	1,102
Beef herd	67 (10%)	675
Pigs	225 (6%)	4,060
Poultry	10,826 (8%)	138,850
Table chickens	6,168 (6%)	95,150
Turkeys	247 (7%)	3,802
Sheep	1,279 (8%)	15,390

Figures in brackets denote the proportion which the region contributes to the English total. Source: Defra, June Survey

Labour

	South East	England
Total Labour ^(a)		
People:	49,094	306,374
Per farm ^(b)	3.7	2.9
Regular workers		
People:	12,234	68,962
Per farm ^(b)	0.9	0.6
Casual workers		
People:	13,099	45,843
Per farm ^(b)	1.0	0.4
% full time ^(c)	37%	44%
% part time ^(c)	31%	37%
% casual	27%	15%

(a) Farmers, partners, directors, spouses, salaried managers, regular and casual workers

(b) Averaged across all farms in region

(c) Excludes salaried managers. Source: Defra, June Survey

Farm Business Income (FBI) 2019/20 (a):

(£ per farm)	South East	England
All types	42,000	46,000
Cereals	62,000	62,800
Horticulture	39,000	42,400
Grazing Livestock	12,800	14,100

(e) Years ending February, excludes farms with less than 25,000 euros of standard output. Source: Defra, Farm Business Survey

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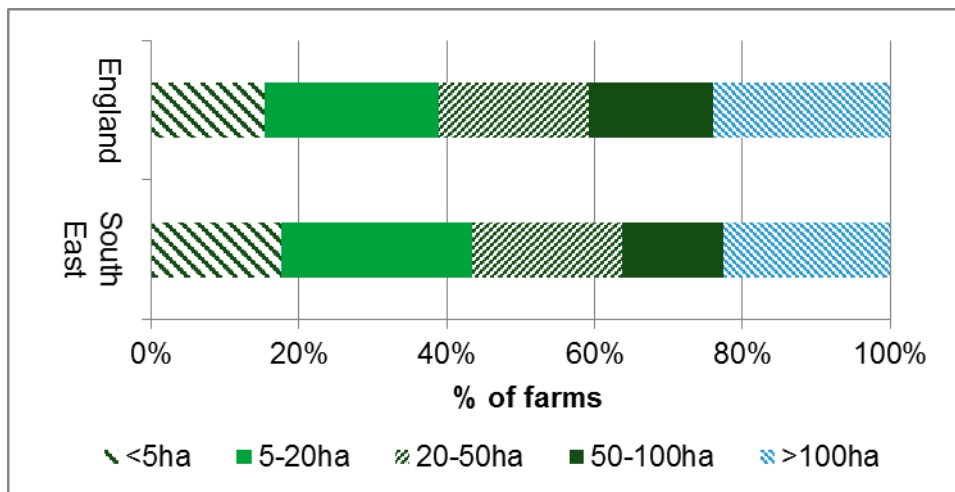


Figure 2: Distribution of farms by size, percentage of farmed area

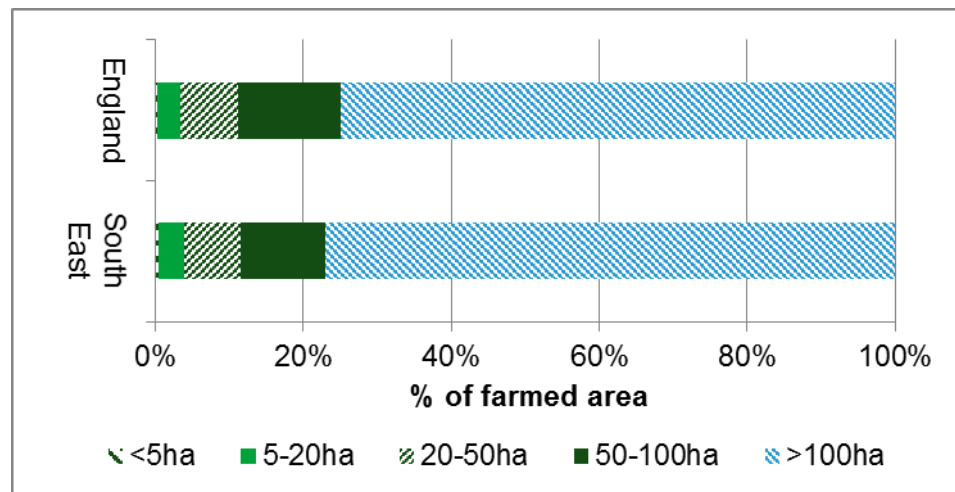


Figure 3: Distribution of farms by type, percentage of farms

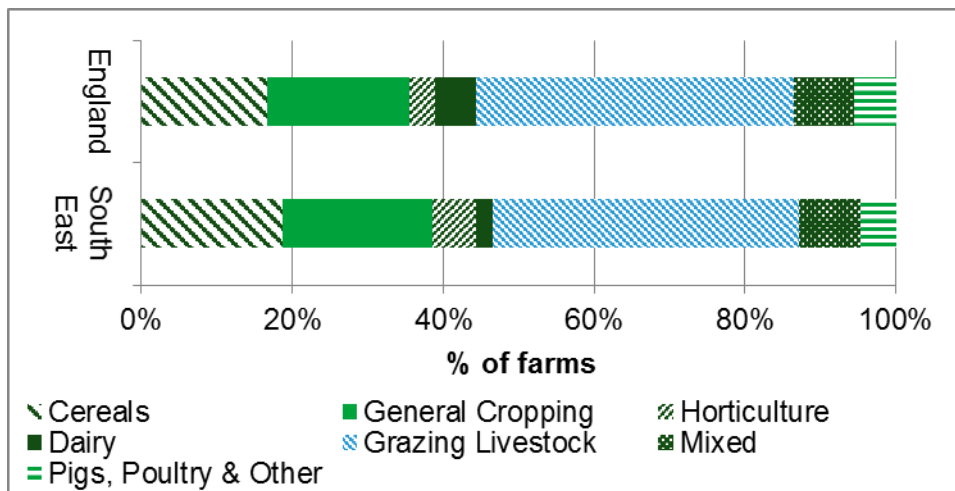
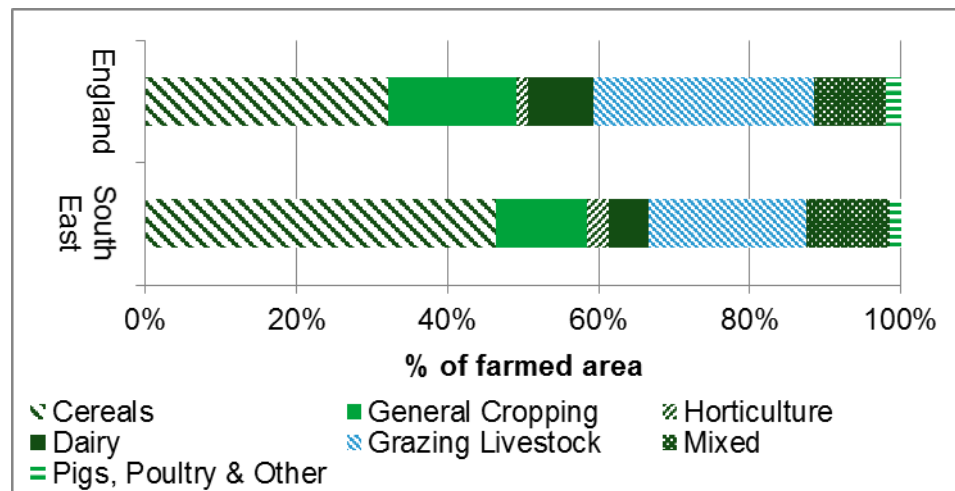
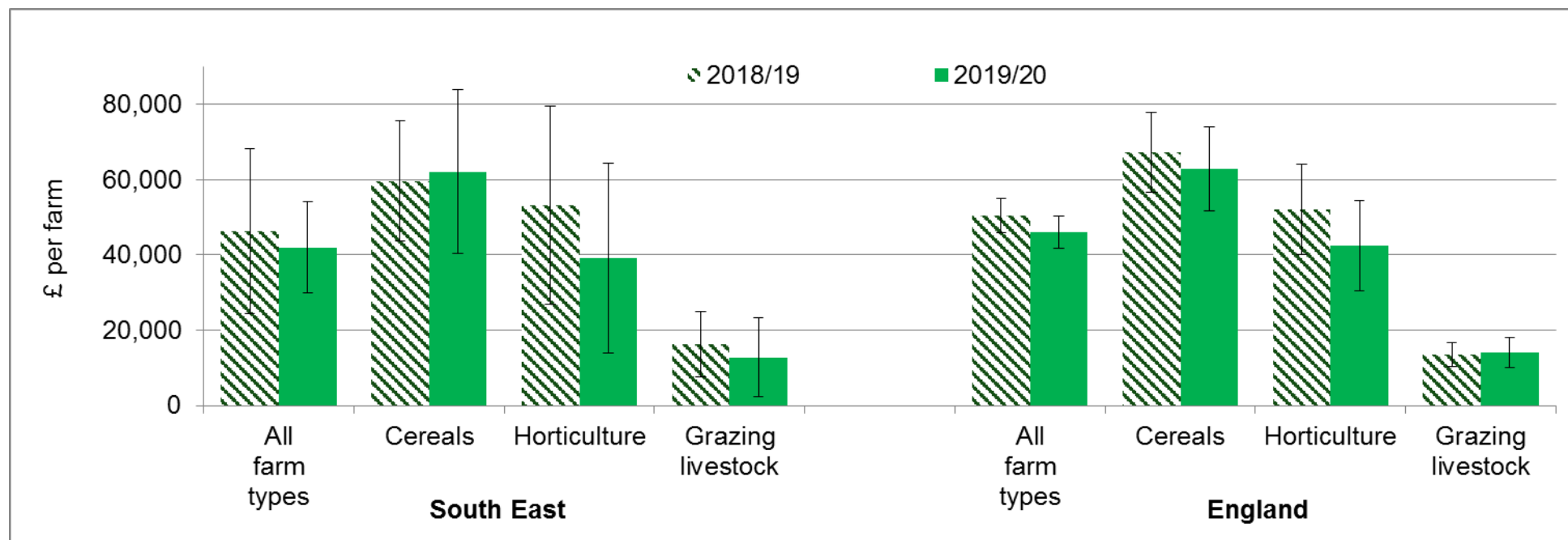


Figure 4: Distribution of farms by type, percentage of farmed area



Source: Defra, June Survey

Figure 5: Average Farm Business Income



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Defra statistics: Agricultural facts – South West

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The **South West** region comprises Cornwall & Isles of Scilly, Devon, Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire and Bristol / Bath area. Dartmoor and Exmoor National Parks are within the region.



For the **South West** region:

- Total Income from Farming increased by 46% between 2015 and 2019 to £644 million.
- The biggest contributors to the value of the output (£4.1 billion), which were milk (£1,105 million), plants and flowers (£545 million), cattle for meat (£357 million) and poultry meat (£304 million), together accounting for 57%. (Sourced from [Defra Aggregate agricultural accounts](#))
- In the **South West** the average farm size in 2019 was 68 hectares. This is smaller than the English average of 87 hectares.
- Predominant farm types in the **South West** region in 2019 were Grazing Livestock farms which accounted for 36% of farmed area in the region, Cereals farms and Dairy farms which covered an additional 20% and 18% of farmed area each.

Land

	South West	England
Total farmed area (thousand hectares)	1,789	9,206
Average farm size (hectares)	68	87
% of farmed area that is:		
Rented (for at least 1 year)	31%	33%
Arable area ^(a)	41%	52%
Permanent pasture	48%	36%
Severely Disadvantaged Area	7%	13%

(a) Includes arable crops, uncropped arable land and temporary grass. Source: Defra, June Survey

Crops

(Thousand hectares)	South West	England
Wheat	161 (10%)	1,677
Barley	130 (16%)	832
Maize	64 (30%)	211
Oilseed rape	47 (10%)	492
Oats	26 (18%)	143
Hardy nursery stock	4 (40%)	10
Top fruit	3 (15%)	21

Figures in brackets denote the proportion which the region contributes to the English total. Source: Defra, June Survey

Livestock

(Thousand head)	South West	England
Cattle	1,708 (33%)	5,100
Dairy herd	428 (39%)	1,102
Beef herd	182 (27%)	675
Pigs	449 (11%)	4,060
Poultry	20,227 (15%)	138,850
Sheep	3,159 (21%)	15,390
Goats	30 (33%)	89

Figures in brackets denote the proportion which the region contributes to the English total. Source: Defra, June Survey

Labour

	South West	England
Total Labour ^(a)		
People:	64,610	306,374
Per farm ^(b)	2.5	2.9
Regular workers		
People:	13,406	68,962
Per farm ^(b)	0.5	0.6
Casual workers		
People:	5,455	45,843
Per farm ^(b)	0.2	0.4
% full time ^(c)	46%	44%
% part time ^(c)	43%	37%
% casual	8%	15%

(a) Farmers, partners, directors, spouses, salaried managers, regular and casual workers

(b) Averaged across all farms in region

(c) Excludes salaried managers. Source: Defra, June Survey

Farm Business Income (FBI) 2019/20 (a):

(£ per farm)	South West	England
All types	34,100	46,000
Dairy	104,100	84,800
Grazing Livestock	7,000	14,100
Cereals	45,500	62,800

(b) Years ending February, excludes farms with less than 25,000 euros of standard output. Source: Defra, Farm Business Survey

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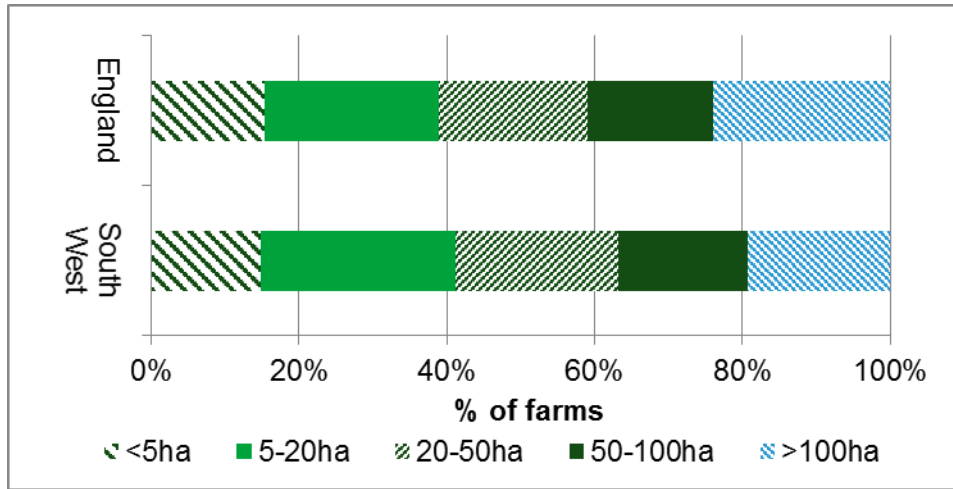


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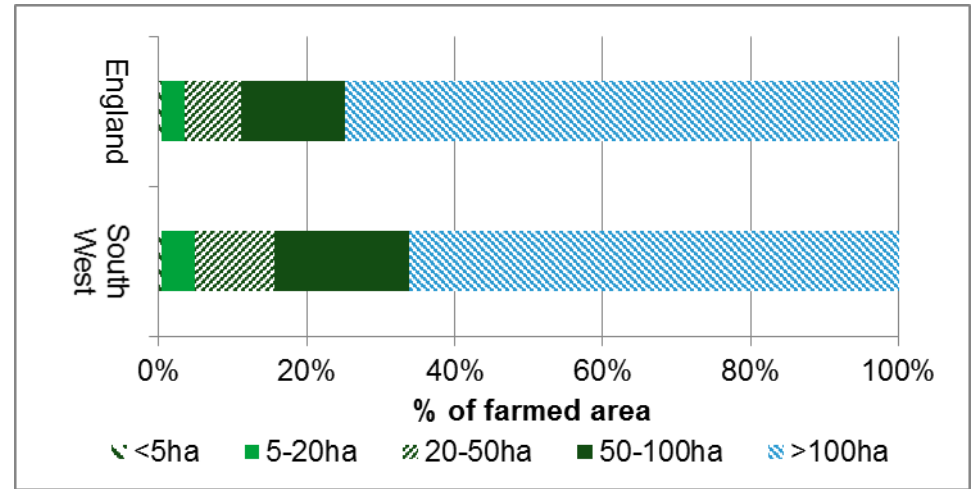


Figure 3: Distribution of farms by type, percentage of farms

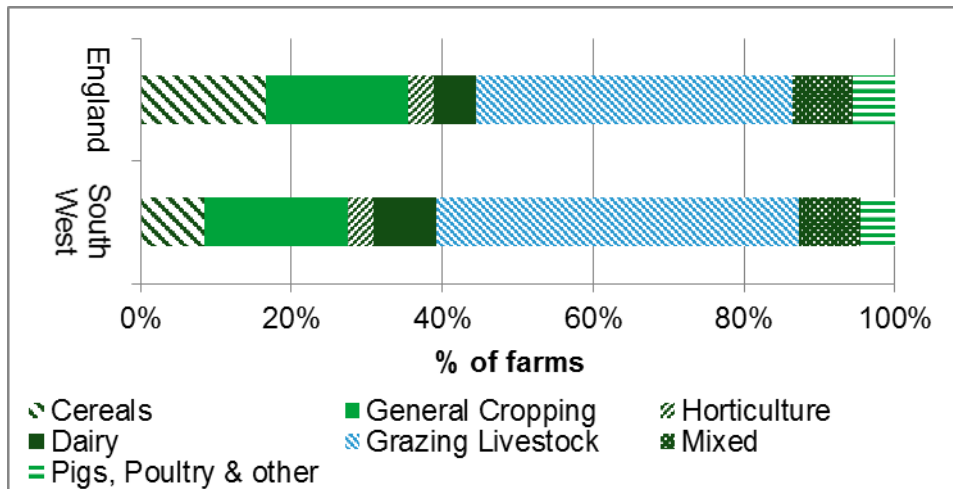
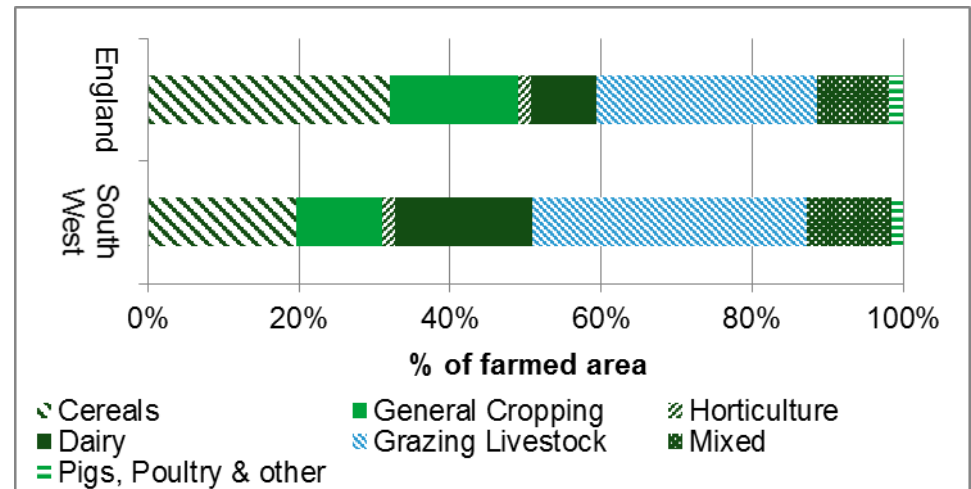
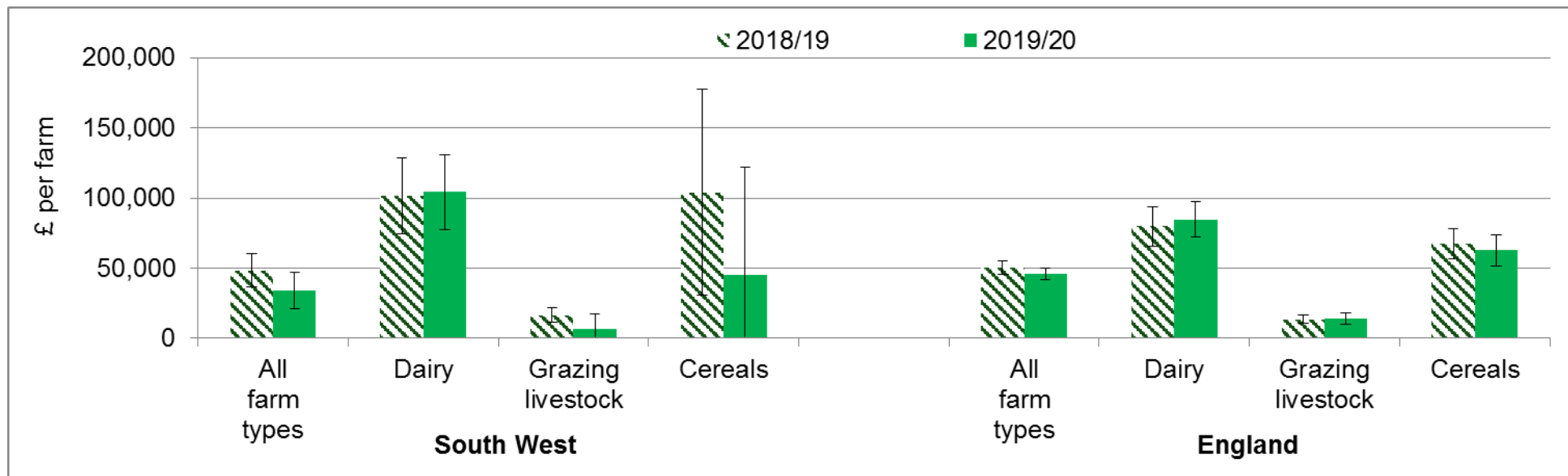


Figure 4: Distribution of farms by type, percentage of farmed area



Source: Defra, June Survey

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