

## Northern Ireland Animal Feed Statistics

The latest national statistics on Northern Ireland Animal Feed produced by DARD were released on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012 according to the arrangements approved by the UK Statistics Authority. This monthly notice will be updated at 9.30am on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

### Key Points

This release shows the latest animal feed statistics.

- In December 2011 total deliveries of compound and other processed animal feedstuff by Northern Ireland feedstuffs manufacturers were 192.8 thousand tonnes, 9.6 per cent lower than December 2010.
- In the period October to December 2011 the usage of raw materials in the production of compound and other processed animal feedstuffs was 580.0 thousand tonnes, 2.5 per cent higher than in October to December 2010.
- In the period October to December 2011 the amount of raw materials sold direct to Northern Ireland farmers and distributing merchants was 44.7 thousand tonnes, 3.7 per cent higher than in October to December 2010. This notice and additional information is available at:

<http://www.dardni.gov.uk/index/dard-statistics/agricultural-statistics/animal-feed.htm>

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**Table 1:** Total deliveries of compound and other processed animal feedstuff by Northern Ireland feedstuffs manufacturers (thousand tonnes).

2011	Oct	Nov	Dec
Calf milk substitutes	0.1	0.1	0.3
Other calf compounds	5.4	5.4	7.2
Beef cattle compounds	12.9	12.9	13.2
Dairy cow compounds	40.4	35.2	37.5
All other cattle compounds	0.8	0.8	0.9
Beef - Coarse mixes or blends	22.7	23.8	25.5
Dairy - Coarse mixes or blends	22.1	20.9	22.9
Protein concentrates	0.3	0.3	0.3
<b>Total cattle and calf</b>	<b>104.8</b>	<b>99.4</b>	<b>107.7</b>
Pig starter and creep feed	0.8	0.8	0.9
Pig link/early grower feed	1.9	1.8	1.9
Pig growing feed	3.2	2.8	2.6
Pig finishing feed	7.4	5.7	5.8
Pig breeding feed	4.5	4.1	4.5
Protein concentrates	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total pig</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>15.7</b>
Chick rearing feed	1.4	1.5	1.6
Layer and breeder feed	19.0	15.9	17.3
Broiler feed	35.2	29.5	32.6
Turkey and other poultry feed	12.0	12.4	4.7
<b>Total poultry</b>	<b>67.6</b>	<b>59.3</b>	<b>56.2</b>
Breeding sheep compounds	0.5	0.6	1.6
Growing and finishing sheep compounds	1.7	1.5	2.0
Coarse mixes or blends	1.6	2.0	2.3
Protein concentrates	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total sheep</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>
Flaked maize and maize meal	4.0	4.4	5.2
Flaked barley and barley meal	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other	1.5	1.6	1.9
<b>Total other</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>7.2</b>
<b>Total all feed</b>	<b>199.6</b>	<b>184.4</b>	<b>192.8</b>

**Table 2:** Usage of raw materials in the production of compound and other processed animal feedstuffs (thousand tonnes)

	<b>QTR 4 2011</b>	<b>QTR 4 2010</b>
Wheat	152.7	125.6
Barley	37.1	30.4
Whole and Flaked Maize	80.3	66.0
Maize Gluten Feed	17.1	18.2
By-Products of Malting, Brewing and Distilling	24.4	18.2
Other Grains & Cereal By-Products	32.2	31.1
Rape Seed Cake and Meal	35.0	20.4
Soya Cake and Meal	90.3	73.9
Whole Oilseeds & Other Oilseed Cakes and Meals	23.0	22.5
Fish Meal	0.2	0.3
Meat and Bone Meal	0.0	0.0
Milk Products/By-Products & Other Animal By-Products (excluding fats)	1.2	0.8
Roots and Tubers	0.2	0.3
Citrus and Other Fruit Pulp	10.2	10.6
Molasses and Sugar	15.1	11.9
Oils and Fats	7.5	6.8
Dried forages & Dried Sugar Beet Pulp	5.2	3.8
Minerals, Vitamins etc	17.9	13.7
Other materials	30.4	22.2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>580.0</b>	<b>476.8</b>

**Table 3:** Raw materials sold direct to Northern Ireland farmers and distributing merchants

	<b>QTR 4 2011</b>	<b>QTR 4 2010</b>
Wheat	2.4	3.6
Barley	3.9	4.4
Whole and Flaked Maize	7.5	6.7
Maize Gluten Feed	2.6	3.0
By-Products of Malting, Brewing and Distilling	2.7	4.0
Other Grains & Cereal By-Products	0.3	0.6
Soya Cake and Meal	16.1	13.0
Whole Oilseeds & Other Oilseed Cakes and Meals	2.4	1.9
Fish Meal	0.0	0.0
Other Animal By-Products (excluding fats)	0.0	0.2
Roots and Tubers	0.0	0.0
Citrus and Other Fruit Pulp	1.9	1.6
Molasses and Sugar	1.5	0.9
Oils and Fats	0.4	0.4
Dried forages & Dried Sugar Beet Pulp	1.1	0.9
Minerals, Vitamins etc	0.3	0.3
Other materials	1.5	1.5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>44.7</b>	<b>43.1</b>

## **Methodology, Notes and Revisions Policy**

### **User Statement**

The information in the animal feed statistics is used by the Northern Ireland government as evidence for assessing market conditions and evaluating agricultural policy. The animal feed data is used to estimate the feed component of the Aggregate Agricultural Account for Northern Ireland. DEFRA also use the data in the UK Agricultural Account which is required by EU legislation. Other users include the food and farming industry, academia and the general public. Contact details are available within the publication, for you to send feedback or ask questions about the information provided.

### **Survey Methodology**

Feed manufacturers are required to provide this information to the Department under the Statistics of Trade & Employment (Northern Ireland) Order 1988.

### **Animal Feed Statistics**

The data quoted in the publication are from the survey returns of all of the major Northern Ireland animal feed companies. Data on raw material use, stocks and production of the various categories of compound animal feed are recorded. The major producers typically cover 90% of total animal feed production are surveyed each month. The remaining smaller companies are sampled annually in December for their figures in the preceding 12 months. The survey data on compound animal feed is published each month and data on raw material usage is published quarterly. Weighting is used for the monthly results to include a suitable estimate for the smaller companies that have not been sampled to provide more robust and realistic monthly estimates.

### **Accuracy and Reliability of the Results**

The accuracy of the survey results is very high because a review is carried out of all companies and the typical response rate is 100% per year.

### **Revisions policy**

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- b. survey respondents occasionally supply amended figures for previous periods.