

ANALYSIS

England cereals and oilseeds harvests ranked

Background

A ranking of harvests since 1984 by overall volume for all wheat, spring and winter barley, oats and oilseed rape. Data from before 1999 is derived from multiplying yield with area, as Defra do not publish production totals prior to 1999 for England.

The [spring](#) and [summer](#) in 2025 were the warmest on record, and the spring was the driest in over 100 years in England. This has hit yields, reducing overall harvest volumes and making 2025 the second worst on record in England. Extreme rainfall in the autumn and winters of [2019/20](#) and [2023/24](#) had a major impact on arable crop production for harvests in 2020 and 2024, making these the worst and third worst harvests on record for England. This means that three of the five worst harvests on record in England have occurred this decade following periods of extreme weather.

Climate change is projected to bring warmer, wetter winters to England, as well as hotter, drier summers.

Defra data for England in 2025 is worse than previous projections estimated, due to lower per hectare yields than previously reported by the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB) in their [final harvest update](#).

Year	Wheat (tonnes)	Winter barley (tonnes)	Spring barley (tonnes)	Oats (tonnes)	Oilseed rape (tonnes)	Total (tonnes)	Rank (1 = worst)
2020	8,672,425	1,512,383	4,296,063	777,147	905,168	16,163,186	1
2025	10,610,185	1,972,264	2,183,111	754,686	721,584	16,241,830	2
2024	10,112,667	2,017,322	2,829,844	772,737	673,320	16,405,891	3
2001	10,870,276	2,275,449	2,171,380	478,931	928,649	16,724,685	4
1993	11,957,689	2,997,833	1,230,388	321,235	818,064	17,325,210	5

1994	12,400,184	3,008,002	1,176,528	409,561	841,053	17,835,329	6
2007	12,150,960	1,886,651	1,315,119	556,956	1,942,590	17,852,276	7
2013	11,111,153	1,634,274	3,209,376	743,524	2,001,040	18,699,367	8
1988	11,040,588	3,571,196	2,945,150	352,074	904,067	18,813,074	9
2012	12,382,993	2,102,954	1,462,349	488,244	2,428,301	18,864,840	10
2023	12,756,553	2,743,390	2,074,293	642,855	1,023,967	19,241,059	11
2006	13,723,666	2,123,686	1,227,214	559,367	1,718,010	19,351,941	12
1995	13,340,183	3,486,455	1,311,552	442,180	844,196	19,424,565	13
1987	11,225,997	4,361,193	2,429,245	289,930	1,163,539	19,469,904	14
2021	12,863,299	2,290,994	2,628,671	896,540	835,448	19,514,951	15
2003	13,399,584	2,383,394	1,739,849	582,343	1,418,445	19,523,615	16
2005	13,873,820	2,053,743	1,476,075	390,754	1,746,383	19,540,775	17
2010	13,698,400	2,009,169	1,328,568	513,961	2,088,063	19,638,159	18
1992	13,129,166	3,972,740	1,206,408	337,480	1,042,662	19,688,456	19
2018	12,673,896	2,267,096	2,353,436	639,523	1,867,236	19,801,187	20
1985	11,428,359	4,517,865	2,673,446	440,422	823,240	19,883,332	21
2009	13,115,791	2,186,887	2,302,267	579,967	1,795,467	19,980,379	22
2004	14,415,877	2,202,164	1,496,036	480,882	1,453,530	20,048,489	23
1999	14,106,021	2,832,045	1,581,095	390,572	1,183,663	20,093,395	24
2016	13,240,514	2,392,389	2,389,466	573,825	1,655,592	20,251,785	25
1989	13,202,029	3,868,386	2,010,340	342,042	835,207	20,258,004	26

1990	13,140,541	4,144,602	1,607,008	346,054	1,061,129	20,299,334	27
1991	13,435,062	4,128,969	1,287,846	346,928	1,131,144	20,329,950	28
2011	14,040,430	1,777,396	1,650,638	454,256	2,586,003	20,508,723	29
1998	14,445,346	3,530,380	982,627	417,846	1,283,142	20,659,340	30
2002	15,074,739	2,939,475	1,261,057	619,459	1,137,350	21,032,081	31
1997	14,057,940	4,242,309	1,196,761	416,218	1,235,568	21,148,795	32
2000	15,597,808	3,167,903	1,258,028	493,090	848,230	21,365,058	33
2022	14,267,077	2,726,394	2,422,423	799,095	1,188,655	21,403,644	34
2017	13,722,124	2,499,100	2,655,028	651,415	2,002,768	21,530,436	35
1986	13,193,981	4,572,871	2,734,920	323,186	891,503	21,716,461	36
1996	15,095,576	4,068,289	1,318,438	428,465	1,040,091	21,950,859	37
2008	16,050,694	2,294,328	1,734,343	631,061	1,846,002	22,556,428	38
2014	15,389,019	2,592,244	1,990,974	625,914	2,290,501	22,888,652	39
2015	15,184,643	2,872,039	2,298,842	601,690	2,372,903	23,330,116	40
2019	15,036,897	3,026,660	2,823,532	846,754	1,608,224	23,342,066	41
1984	14,304,147	5,044,382	3,034,627	352,774	883,861	23,619,792	42