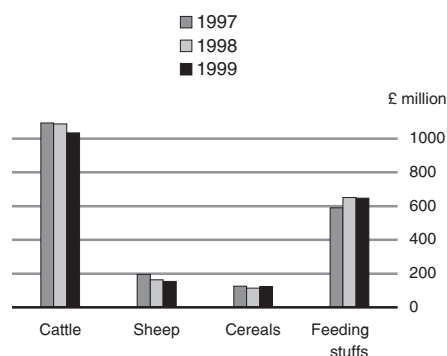




Selected Output and Input Items



Output, Input and Income in Agriculture 1999 - Preliminary estimate

	Gross Output	Inputs	Net Subsidies	Income
1998	£3,270m	£1,765m	£1,012m	£1,866m
1999	£3,172m	£1,750m	£899m	£1,637m
% change	-3.0%	-0.9%	-11.1%	-12.3%

Agriculture income down 12.3% in 1999

A preliminary estimate of 1999 agricultural income shows a decrease of 12.3%. The estimate is based on information available in January. *See Table 1.*

There was a decrease of 3.0% in the value of gross agricultural output. The cost of inputs of materials and services fell by 0.9%. *See Table 1.*

There was a decrease of 11.1% or £113m in the value of net subsidies. *See graph.*

A comparison of the 1998 and the 1999 figures shows that (*see Table 1*):

- ◆ The value of cattle output was down 4.8% or £53m. The value of pigs and sheep output fell by 14.4% and 5.6% respectively.
- ◆ The value of milk output was down 3.5% or £40m.
- ◆ The value of cereals output increased by 10.4% while that of root crops decreased by 3.6%.
- ◆ The cost of feeding stuffs fell by 0.6% while the cost of fertilizers decreased by 9.2%.

The cost of energy and maintenance and repairs all rose significantly. These items are not published separately until final estimates are issued next June.

Estimates for 1998 for all EU countries are given on page 4.

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Table 1 Output, Input and Income in Agriculture, 1999
Preliminary estimate

Description	Estimated Value			Change 1999/1998	
	1997	1998	1999	Value	Volume
	£m			Percent	
Livestock (incl. stock changes)	1,760.6	1,686.9	1,612.3	-4.4 %	-2.6 %
<i>of which: cattle</i>	1,093.0	1,086.7	1,034.1	-4.8 %	-3.4 %
<i>pigs</i>	254.3	212.0	181.5	-14.4 %	-0.6 %
<i>sheep and lambs</i>	196.2	162.6	153.5	-5.6 %	2.4 %
Livestock Products	1,145.3	1,157.0	1,116.6	-3.5 %	0.4 %
<i>of which: milk</i>	1,116.3	1,134.1	1,094.5	-3.5 %	0.3 %
Crops (incl. stock changes ¹)	409.5	426.5	443.3	3.9 %	3.4 %
<i>of which: cereals</i>	125.9	112.5	124.2	10.4 %	6.3 %
<i>root crops</i>	95.9	119.8	115.5	-3.6 %	3.1 %
Gross agricultural output	3,315.4	3,270.4	3,172.2	-3.0 %	-1.0 %
Total inputs of materials and services	1,643.3	1,764.9	1,749.5	-0.9 %	-0.3 %
<i>of which: feeding stuffs</i>	589.9	651.1	647.1	-0.6 %	2.6 %
<i>fertilizers</i>	258.4	260.6	236.7	-9.2 %	-10.3 %
Gross agricultural product at market prices	1,672.1	1,505.6	1,422.8	-5.5 %	-1.7 %
Subsidies ² less agricultural levies	916.8	1,011.7	898.9	-11.1 %	
Gross agricultural product at factor cost	2,588.9	2,517.3	2,321.6	-7.8 %	
Depreciation	433.3	454.7	487.2	7.1 %	
Net agricultural product at factor cost³	2,155.6	2,062.5	1,834.4	-11.1 %	
Wages, salaries and land annuities	193.7	196.3	197.8	0.8 %	
Income from self-employment and other trading income⁴	1,961.8	1,866.3	1,636.5	-12.3 %	

¹ Principally cereals and potatoes

² Based on data received from the Department of Agriculture, Food & Rural Development

³ Income arising in agriculture

⁴ This is calculated before deduction of interest payments on borrowed capital. The estimates of overall interest payable by Agriculture are:- 1997, £183 million; 1998, £197 million; 1999, £181 million.

Background notes

Gross agricultural product	Gross agricultural product at market prices is obtained when total inputs of materials and services are deducted from gross agricultural output. Gross agricultural product at factor cost is derived when subsidies are added to and agricultural levies deducted from gross agricultural product at market prices.
Income arising in agriculture	Net agricultural product at factor cost or income arising in agriculture is obtained when the estimated depreciation of agricultural machinery and equipment and farm buildings is deducted from gross agricultural product at factor cost.
Income from self-employment and other trading income	Income from self-employment and other trading income is derived when the rent element in land annuities as well as wages and salaries paid to employees are deducted from income arising in agriculture. This is the amount available to remunerate farmers, their families and other agricultural producers for their labour and management and to cover interest on borrowed capital.
Interest on borrowed capital	As not all interest payable on borrowings for non-agricultural purposes could be removed, these estimates should be viewed as establishing an upper bound for the interest payable on productive borrowings. The figures have not been adjusted to allow for any interest received by agricultural producers on monies held in interest-bearing accounts.
References	Comparable Output, Input and Income results from the EU member states for 1998 are contained in the European Statistical Office (Eurostat) publication <i>Statistics in Focus, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, 1999, Theme5-24/1999</i> . Advance estimates for 1999 should be available shortly.

Net income from agricultural activity of total labour input

million

Country	1996	1997	1998	% change 1998/1997
European Union	98,392	95,936	92,188	-3.9%
Austria	1,615	1,415	1,324	-6.4%
Belgium	1,465	1,468	1,285	-12.5%
Denmark	1,888	1,706	1,183	-30.7%
Finland	1,794	1,643	1,524	-7.2%
France	22,360	21,600	21,334	-1.2%
Germany	9,228	8,997	8,655	-3.7%
Greece	6,945	6,922	6,933	0.1%
Ireland ¹	2,434	2,503	2,368	-5.4%
Italy	19,203	19,230	19,614	2.0%
Luxembourg	86	79	82	3.8%
Netherlands	4,692	5,554	5,007	-9.8%
Portugal	2,510	2,133	1,882	-11.8%
Spain	16,264	15,665	15,210	-2.9%
Sweden	339	432	465	7.6%
United Kingdom	7,569	6,589	5,322	-19.2%

¹Converted at the European Union official exchange rate conversion factor, fixed at 0.787564, effective from 1 January 1999

Source: New Cronos database, Eurostat