

Farmer Numbers – UK & Ireland

2025 Report and Data

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Key Benefits

- Unique analysis of real farm business numbers in the UK and Ireland, unavailable elsewhere.
- Robust dataset of historic and current farm business numbers with forecasts to 2040.
- Concise report with commentary on the major trends that businesses need to be aware of.
- Interactive MS Excel data file containing all data outputs to permit further scenario planning and analysis.
- Ability to segment by Region which will become more important as both agricultural and trade policy changes.
- Regional level analysis providing clear guidance to sales teams on where opportunities are likely to be.
- Permits users to undertake market share analysis.

Sample: Number of Farm Businesses by Country ('000) (2010 – 2030)

Country	2010	2020	2023	2025	2030
England	76.4	75.5	75.3	75.0	73.8
Scotland	18.4	17.8	17.5	16.8	16.5
Wales	16.8	15.9	15.6	15.4	14.9
Northern Ireland	19.4	19.1	18.8	18.5	18.0
UK Total	131.0	128.3	127.2	125.7	123.2
Ireland (IRL)	121.4	120.1	115.0	114.8	113.9
UK and IRL Total	252.4	248.4	242.2	240.5	237.1

Note: all sample data is hypothetical, not based on actuals.

Key Issues Addressed

- How many farmers are there in the UK & Ireland?
- How are farm business numbers likely to evolve over the next decade?
- How profitable are farms across the UK and Ireland?
- How many commercial and 'hobby' farms are there in each country / region?

Applicable To

- Ag-chemical manufacturers
- Fertiliser & feed suppliers
- Machinery & inputs suppliers
- New market entrants
- Government agencies
- Agri-tech companies
- Financial sector: agricultural & investment banks, insurance providers etc.

Analysis Presented

Time Periods

- Historical: 2000, 2010, 2015 & 2020
- Base Year: 2025
- Forecasts: 2030, 2035 & 2040

Measures

- Number of farm businesses

Market Segmentation

By Geography

- Devolved Regions of the UK
- English Government Office Regions
- Ireland (Republic)

By Sector

- **In-depth analysis of:**
 - Cropping (Cereals & General Cropping)
 - Dairy
 - Grazing Livestock (Beef, Sheep)
- **General Comments:** pigs, poultry and horticulture.

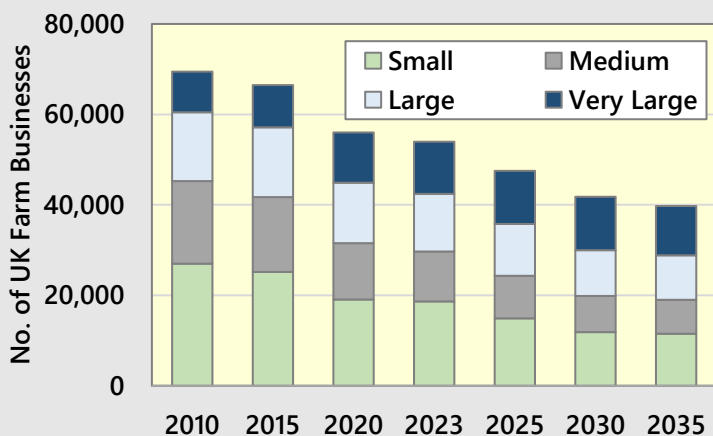
By Farm Size

- **Area:** Spare (Part) Time, Small, Medium, Large, Very Large.
- **No. of Labour Units:** <1 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) (part-time), 1-2 FTE, 2-<3 FTE, 3-<5 FTE, ≥5 FTE.
- **Average herd /flock sizes:** for dairy and grazing livestock farms.

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Sample Charts and Data Tables

Trends in UK Farm Businesses (2010 – 2035)



Farm Business Income by Country, 2022/23 (£/Farm)

Sector	Dairy	Beef & Sheep (Grazing Livestock)	Arable (Cropping)
England	230,000	31,200	150,400
Scotland	224,900	34,300	101,200
Wales	178,000	24,800	76,100
N. Ireland	135,100	20,500	124,400
Rep. of Ireland	128,300	22,900	78,900

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Key Deliverables

- Detailed Report (PDF) with commentary and analysis on each segmentation
- Data Tables (Historic and Forecasts) in MS Excel format (pivotable).
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