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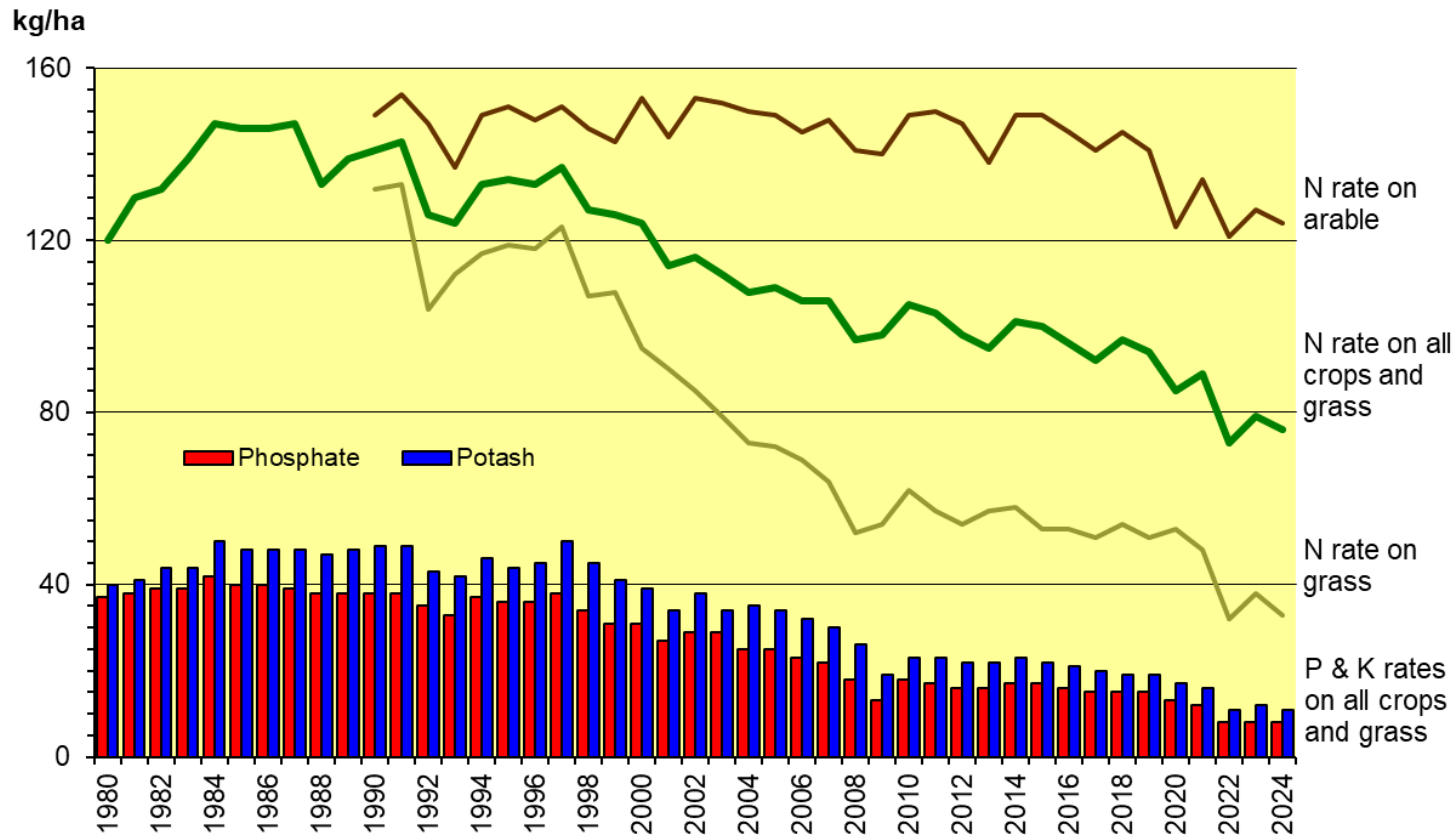
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**Fertiliser
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Changes in overall fertiliser nutrient application rates, England and Wales



Source: British Survey of Fertiliser Practice

Areas of main crops and managed grass in the UK ('000 ha)

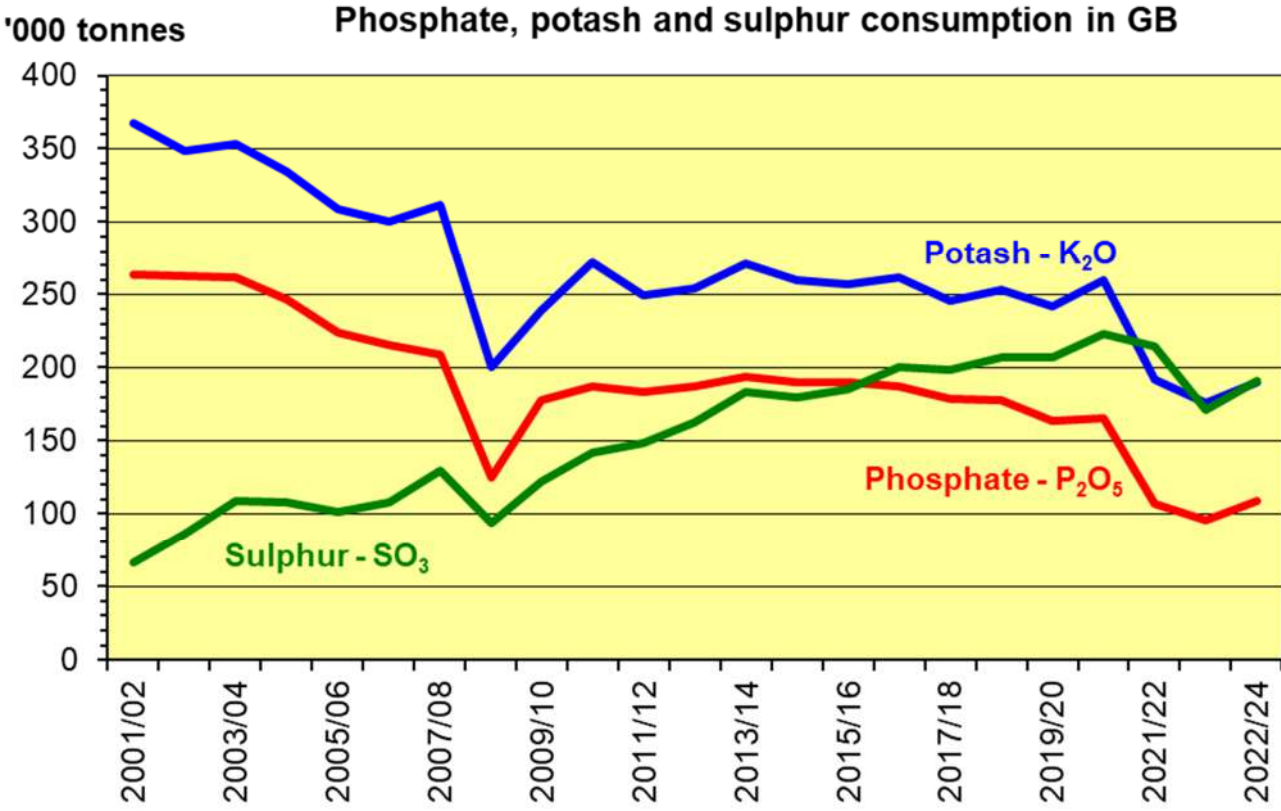
Table 1 Areas of main crops and managed grass in the UK ('000 ha)

Growing season:	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	1 year % change 2023-24	5 year % change 2020-24	crop area as % of total 2023/24
Wheat	1,387	1,790	1,813	1,720	1,531	- 11.0	+ 10.4	13.4
Barley	1,388	1,150	1,116	1,137	1,194	+ 5.0	- 14.0	10.5
Total cereals	3,038	3,211	3,173	3,088	2,966	- 4.0	- 2.4	26.0
Potatoes	142	137	127	115	118	+ 2.6	- 16.9	1.0
Sugar beet	104	91	87	99	103	+ 4.0	- 1.0	0.9
Oilseeds (inc. linseed)	415	352	399	418	317	- 24.2	- 23.6	2.8
Peas/beans (dry)	233	249	269	275	224	- 18.5	- 3.9	2.0
Other crops (excl. grass)	548	534	516	521	547	+ 5.0	- 0.2	4.8
Grass, < 5 yrs old	1,181	1,217	1,240	1,260	1,275	+ 1.2	+ 8.0	11.2
Grass, 5 yrs old+	6,118	6,071	6,158	6,074	5,865	- 3.4	- 4.1	51.4
Total UK area*	11,779	11,862	11,969	11,850	11,415	- 3.7	- 3.1	100.0
Uncropped arable land	362	265	274	311	616	+ 98.1	+ 70.2	

* Area of potentially fertilised arable land and managed grass.

Source: Defra Statistics

Phosphate, potash and sulphur consumption in GB



Source: British Survey of Fertiliser Practice and AIC Statistics



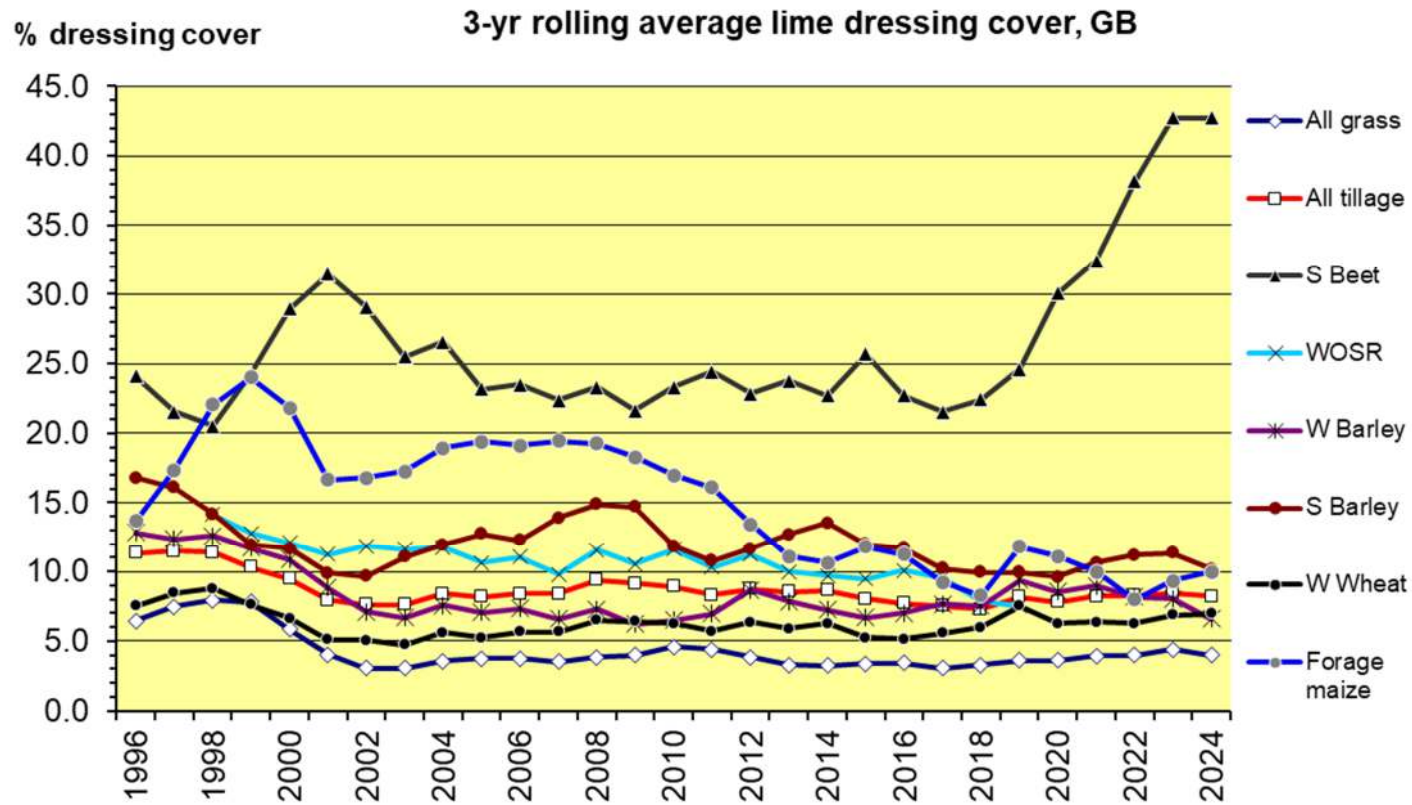
Overall rates of fertiliser usage, Great Britain

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			kg/ha				
			2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Arable	Total Nitrogen		121	130	118	125	121
	Compound N	N	11	12	10	9	8
	Straight N		110	118	108	116	113
	Total Phosphate	P₂O₅	24	22	17	17	17
	Total Potash	K₂O	29	28	24	23	22
	Total Sulphur	SO₃	31	30	27	28	29
Grass	Total Nitrogen		53	51	34	38	34
	Compound N	N	24	25	13	14	12
	Straight N		29	26	21	24	22
	Total Phosphate	P₂O₅	8	7	4	4	4
	Total Potash	K₂O	11	11	6	6	6
	Total Sulphur	SO₃	5	5	3	5	4
Arable & Grass	Total Nitrogen		83	87	71	77	74
	Compound N	N	18	19	12	12	11
	Straight N		65	68	59	65	63
	Total Phosphate	P₂O₅	15	14	10	10	10
	Total Potash	K₂O	19	18	14	14	13
	Total Sulphur	SO₃	16	16	14	15	15

Source: British Survey of Fertiliser Practice

Lime use in GB - % Crop areas receiving Lime



Source: British Survey of Fertiliser Practice

UK consumption of fertiliser nutrients ('000 tonnes)

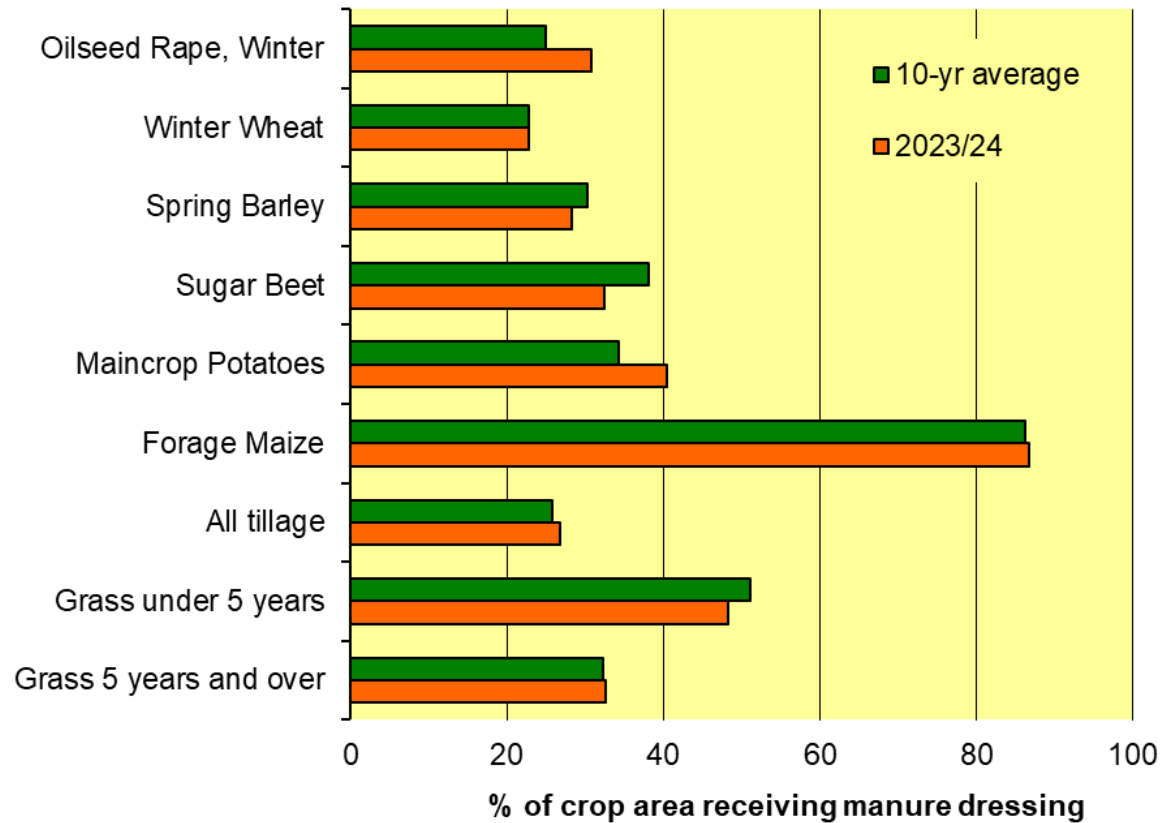
Table 3 UK consumption of fertiliser nutrients ('000 tonnes)

Growing season:	2013/14 10 yrs ago	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	1 year % change 2023-24	10 year % change 2014-24
Nitrogen (N)	1,060	983	1,024	870	876	879	+ 0.3	- 17.1
Phosphate (P ₂ O ₅)	201	172	173	112	102	116	+ 13.7	- 42.3
Potash (K ₂ O)	284	256	277	203	187	202	+ 8.0	- 28.9
Sulphur (SO ₃)	192	221	240	226	183	205	+ 12.0	+ 6.8
Total Plant Food	1,737	1,632	1,714	1,411	1,348	1,402	+ 4.0	- 19.3

Note: Revised data.

Source: AIC and Defra Statistics

Great Britain - Average % area of major crops receiving organic manures



Source: British Survey of Fertiliser Practice