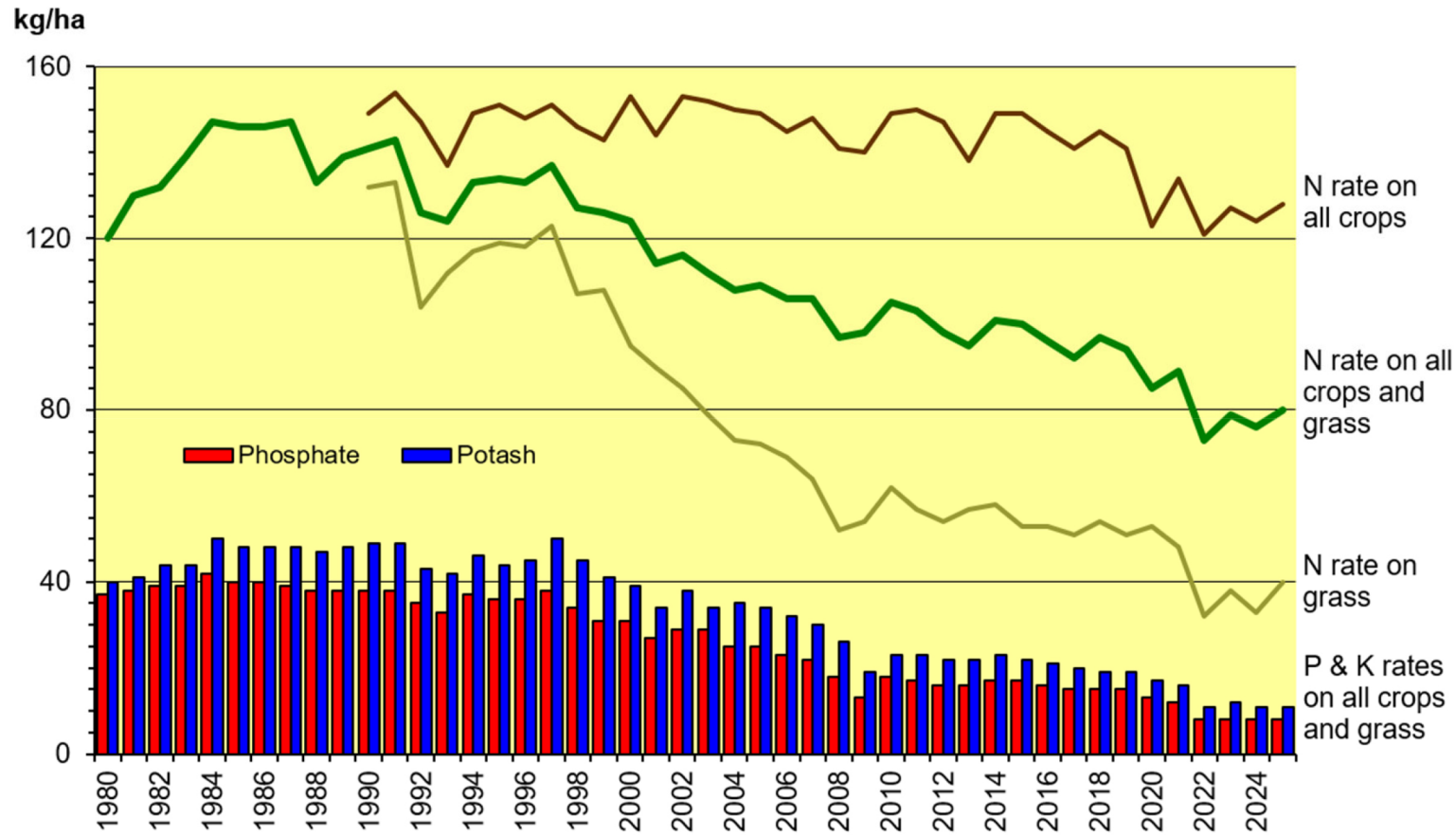




Fertiliser statistics 2026

Changes in overall fertiliser nutrient application rates, England and Wales



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

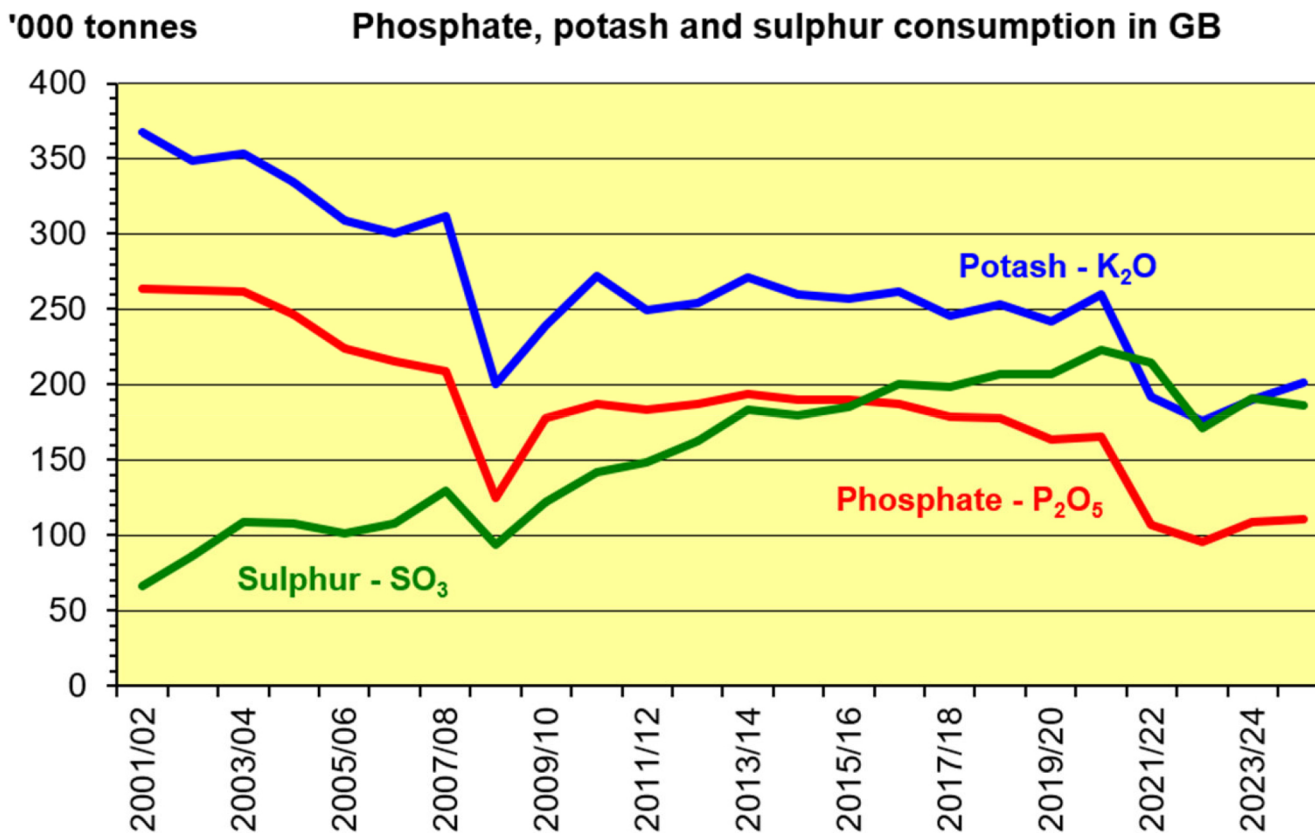
Table 1 Areas of main crops and managed grass in the UK ('000 ha)

Growing season:	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	1 year % change 2024-25	5 year % change 2021-25	crop area as % of total 2024/25
Wheat	1,790	1,813	1,720	1,531	1,670	+ 9.1	- 6.7	14.5
Barley	1,150	1,116	1,137	1,194	1,080	- 9.5	- 6.1	9.4
Total cereals	3,211	3,173	3,088	2,966	3,013	+ 1.6	- 6.2	26.1
Potatoes	137	127	115	118	127	+ 7.6	- 7.3	1.1
Sugar beet	91	87	99	103	93	- 9.7	+ 2.2	0.8
Oilseeds (inc. linseed)	352	399	418	317	255	- 19.6	- 27.6	2.2
Peas/beans (dry)	249	269	275	224	202	- 9.8	- 18.9	1.8
Other crops (excl. grass)	534	516	521	547	547	+ 0.0	+ 2.4	4.7
Grass, < 5 yrs old	1,217	1,240	1,260	1,275	1,313	+ 3.0	+ 7.9	11.4
Grass, 5 yrs old+	6,071	6,158	6,074	5,865	5,985	+ 2.0	- 1.4	51.9
Total UK area*	11,862	11,969	11,850	11,415	11,533	+ 1.0	- 2.8	100.0
Uncropped arable land	265	274	311	616	576	- 6.5	+ 117.4	

* 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

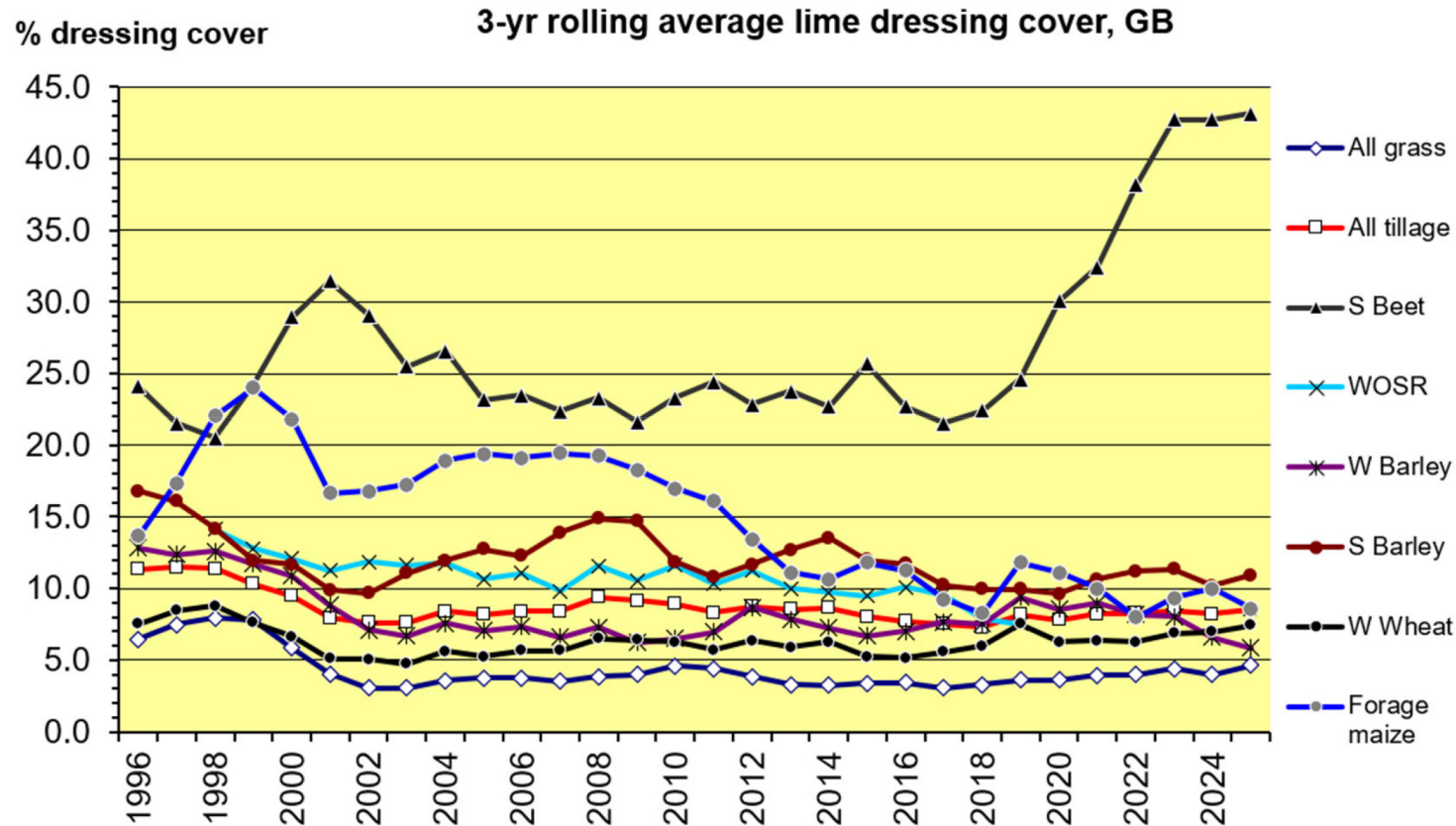
Overall rates of fertiliser usage, Great Britain

Table 2 Overall rates of fertiliser usage, Great Britain

			kg/ha				
			2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Arable	Total Nitrogen		130	118	125	121	127
	Compound N	N	12	10	9	8	9
	Straight N		118	108	116	113	118
	Total Phosphate	P ₂ O ₅	22	17	17	17	16
	Total Potash	K ₂ O	28	24	23	22	22
Grass	Total Sulphur	SO ₃	30	27	28	29	31
	Total Nitrogen		51	34	38	34	42
	Compound N	N	25	13	14	12	17
	Straight N		26	21	24	22	25
	Total Phosphate	P ₂ O ₅	7	4	4	4	5
Arable & Grass	Total Potash	K ₂ O	11	6	6	6	8
	Total Sulphur	SO ₃	5	3	5	4	6
	Total Nitrogen		87	71	77	74	79
	Compound N	N	19	12	12	11	13
	Straight N		68	59	65	63	65
Arable & Grass	Total Phosphate	P ₂ O ₅	14	10	10	10	10
	Total Potash	K ₂ O	18	14	14	13	14
	Total Sulphur	SO ₃	16	14	15	15	17

Source: British Survey of Fertiliser Practice

Lime use in GB - % Crop areas receiving Lime



Source: British Survey of Fertiliser Practice

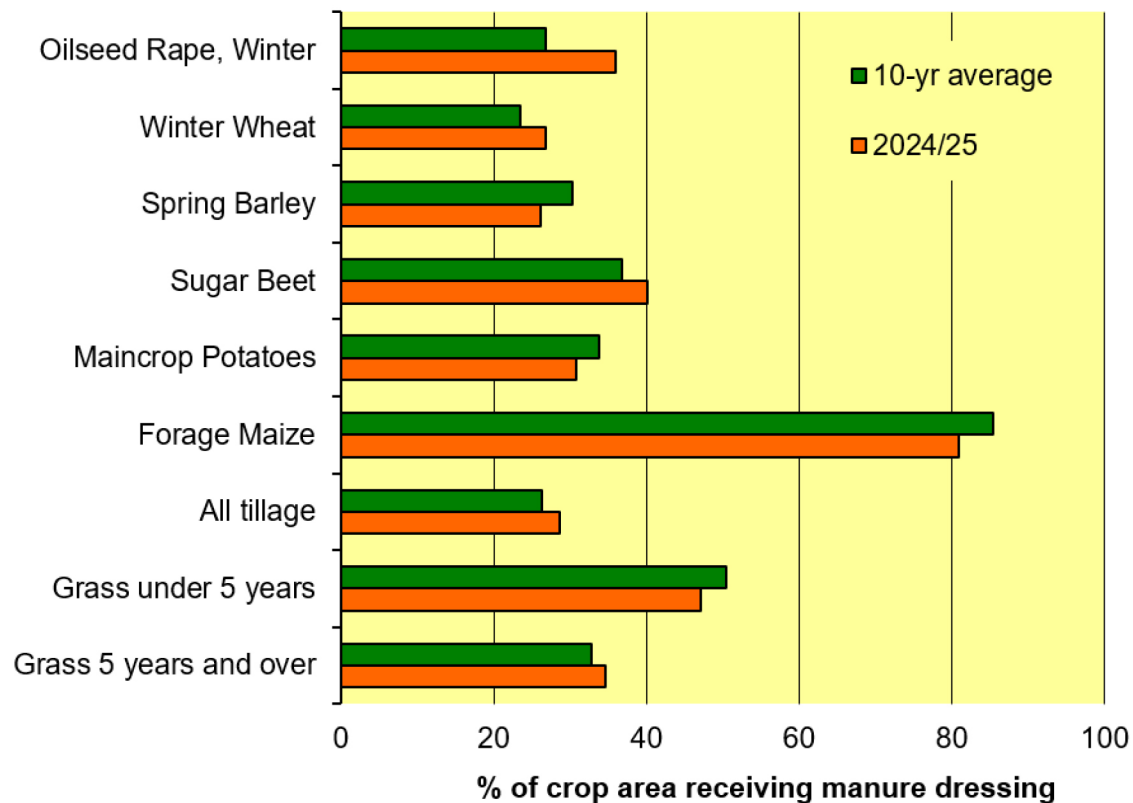
UK consumption of fertiliser nutrients ('000 tonnes)

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

Growing season:	2014/15 10 yrs ago	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	1 year % change 2024-25	10 year % change 2015-25
Nitrogen (N)	1,049	1,025	869	876	879	904	+ 2.8	- 13.8
Phosphate (P ₂ O ₅)	196	173	112	102	116	118	+ 1.7	- 39.8
Potash (K ₂ O)	272	277	203	187	202	217	+ 7.4	- 20.2
Sulphur (SO ₃)	193	240	228	182	205	203	- 1.0	+ 5.2
Total Plant Food	1,710	1,715	1,412	1,347	1,402	1,442	+ 2.9	- 15.7

Source: AIC and Defra Statistics

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



Source: British Survey of Fertiliser Practice