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

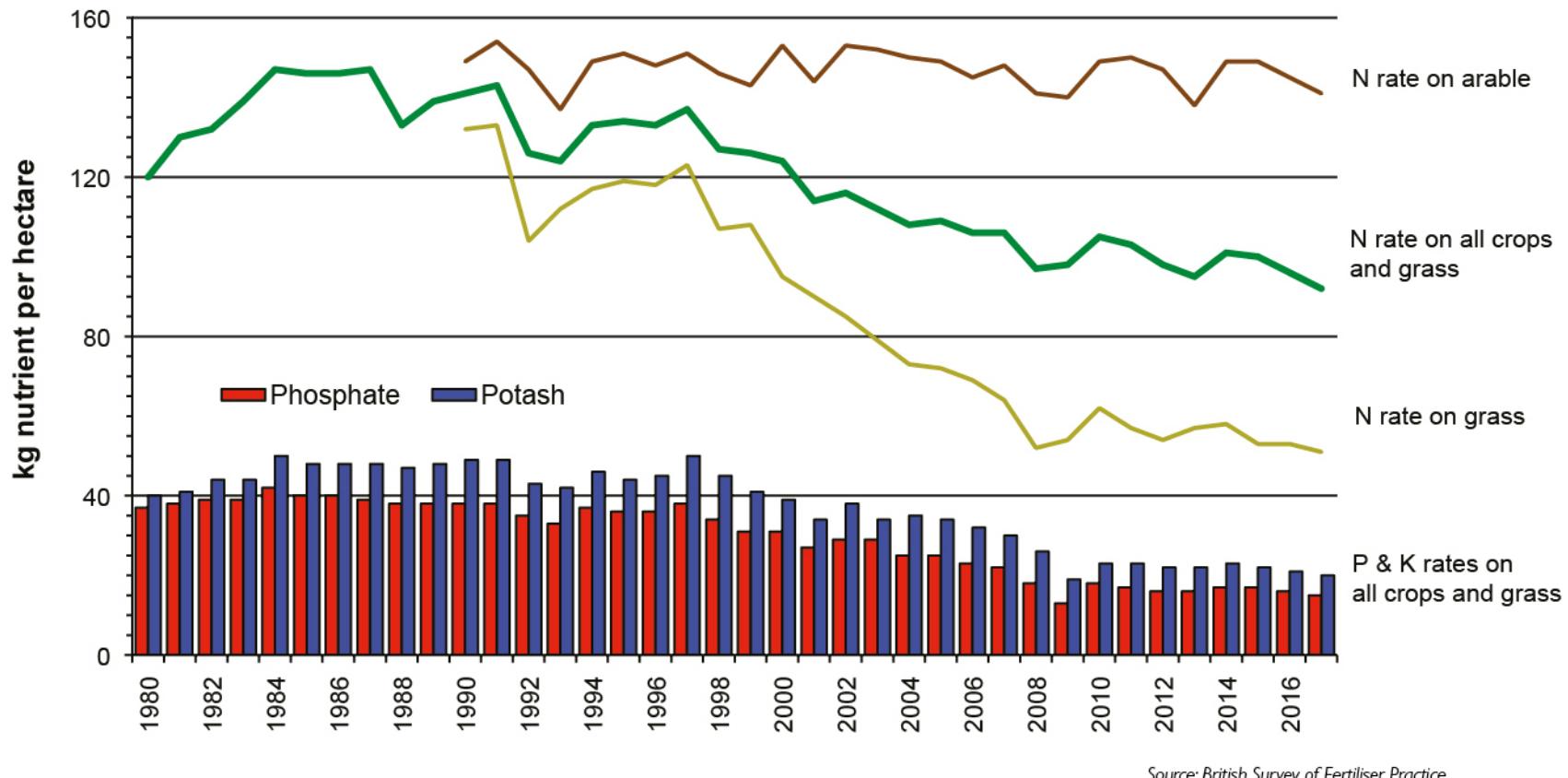
Growing season:	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	1 year % change 2016-17	5 year % change 2013-17	crop area as % of total 2016/17
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2016-17	2013-17	2016/17
Wheat	1,615	1,936	1,832	1,823	1,792	-1.7	+11.0	14.9
Barley	1,213	1,080	1,101	1,122	1,177	+4.9	-3.0	9.8
Total cereals	3,028	3,179	3,100	3,128	3,181	+1.6	+5.1	26.5
Potatoes	139	141	129	139	145	+4.3	+4.3	1.2
Sugar beet	117	116	90	86	111	+29.1	-5.1	0.9
Oilseeds (inc. linseed)	750	690	667	607	589	-3.0	-21.5	4.9
Peas/beans (dry)	147	139	213	228	233	+2.2	+58.5	1.9
Other crops (excl. grass)	484	457	480	478	486	+2.3	+0.4	4.0
Grass, < 5 yrs old	1,390	1,396	1,167	1,144	1,144	0.0	-17.7	9.5
Grass, 5 yrs old+	5,802	5,824	6,078	6,118	6,135	+0.3	+5.7	51.0
<b>Total UK area*</b>	<b>11,857</b>	<b>11,942</b>	<b>11,924</b>	<b>11,928</b>	<b>12,024</b>	<b>+0.8</b>	<b>+1.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Uncropped arable land	255	160	214	262	241	-8.0	-5.5	

\*Area of potentially fertilised arable land and managed grass

Source: Defra Statistics

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## Changes in overall fertiliser nutrient application rates, England and Wales



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## Overall rates of fertiliser usage, Great Britain

			kg/ha				
			2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Arable	Total Nitrogen	N	137	146	146	142	138
	Compound N		16	14	13	14	14
	Straight N		121	132	133	128	124
	Total Phosphate	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	28	29	29	29	30
	Total Potash	K <sub>2</sub> O	40	39	38	39	37
Grass	Total Nitrogen	N	59	60	56	56	55
	Compound N		31	30	28	28	27
	Straight N		28	30	28	28	28
	Total Phosphate	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	9	10	9	9	8
	Total Potash	K <sub>2</sub> O	13	14	12	12	12
Arable & Grass	Total Nitrogen	N	94	99	98	94	91
	Compound N		24	23	21	21	21
	Straight N		70	76	77	73	70
	Total Phosphate	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	18	18	18	18	18
	Total Potash	K <sub>2</sub> O	25	25	24	24	23

Source: British Survey of Fertiliser Practice

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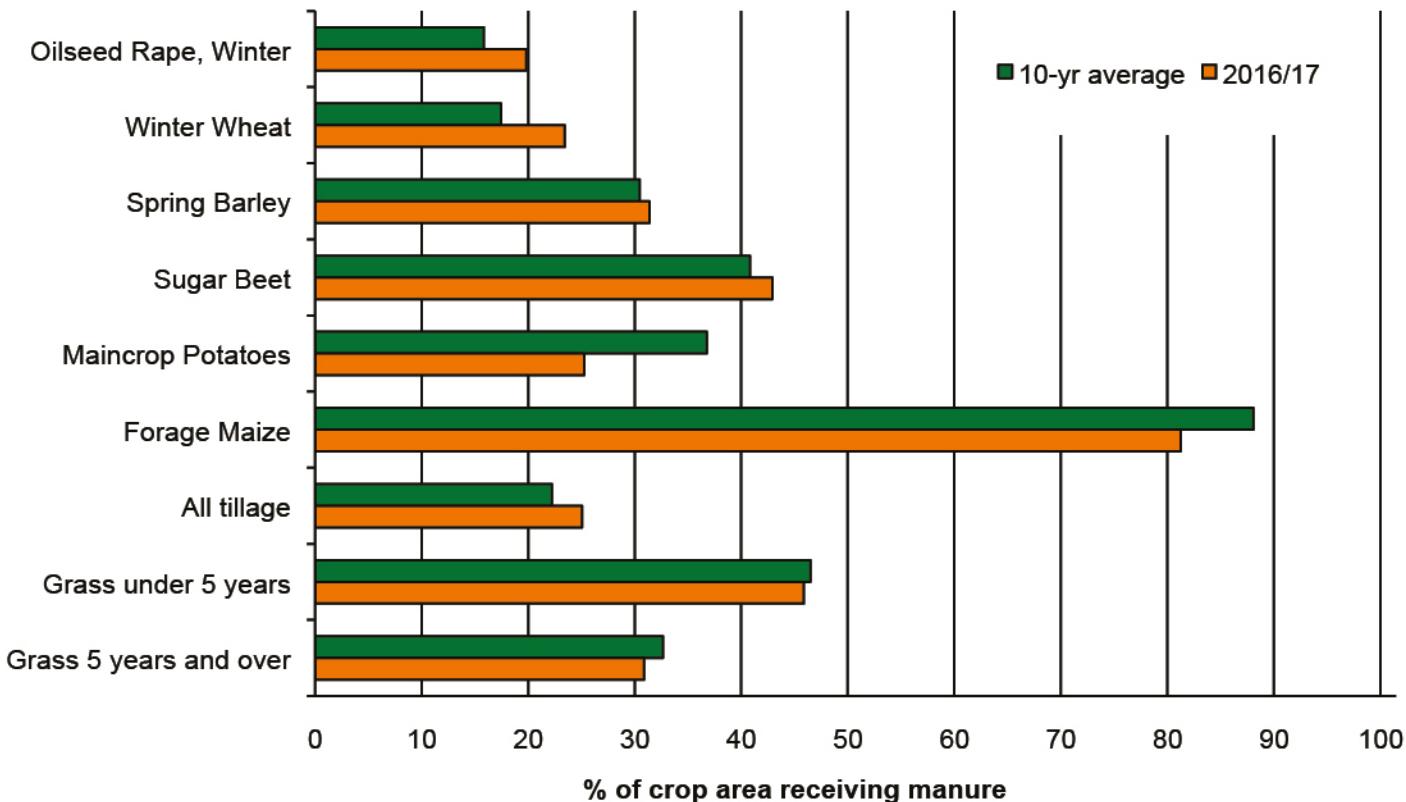
## UK consumption of fertiliser nutrients ('000) tonnes

Growing season:	2006/07 10 yrs ago	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	1 year % change 2016-17	10 year % change 2007-17
Nitrogen (N)	1,008	998	1,060	1,049	1,026	1,040	+ 1.4	+ 3.2
Phosphate (P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )...	224	194	201	196	197	198	+ 0.5	- 11.6
Potash (K <sub>2</sub> O)...	317	267	284	272	270	286	+ 5.9	- 9.8
Sulphur (SO <sub>3</sub> )...	108	176	195	188	201	218	+ 8.5	+ 101
<b>Total Plant Food</b>	<b>1,657</b>	<b>1,635</b>	<b>1,740</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>1,694</b>	<b>1,742</b>	<b>+ 2.8</b>	<b>+ 5.1</b>

Source: AIC and Defra Statistics

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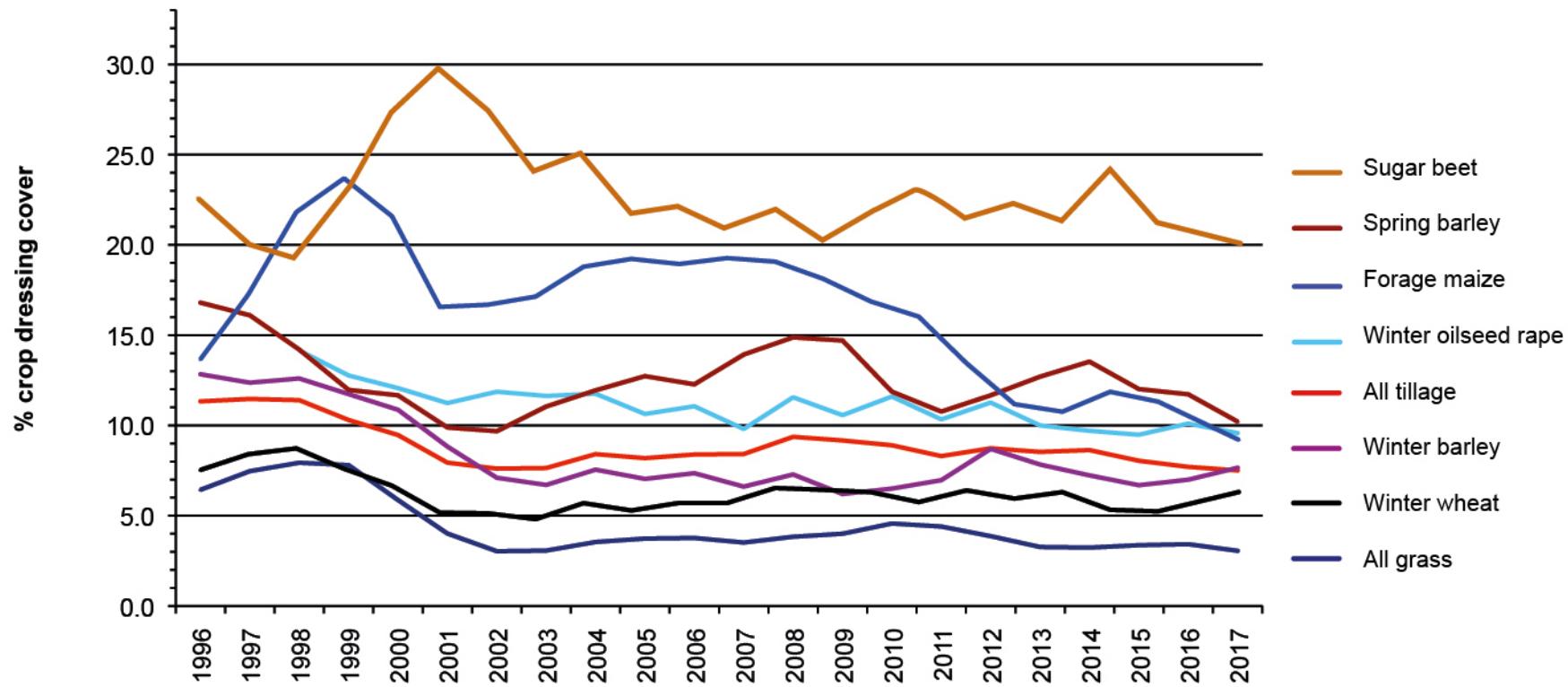
Average % area of major crops receiving organic manures in GB



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## 3 year rolling average lime dressing cover, GB



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