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NEW ZEALAND SURVEY OF CEREAL AREAS AND VOLUMES: **REPORT**
JULY 1, 2026

SURVEY SUMMARY – as at 1 JULY 2026 (▲▼Increase/decrease over previous year)

	WHEAT (feed & milling)	BARLEY (feed & malting)
PRODUCTION (tonnes)	▬ 0%	▼ 4%
SALES (tonnes sold)	▲ 2%	▼ 4%
ON-FARM (tonnes)	▼ 6%	▼ 14%
SOWING (hectares)	▼ 14%	▼ 15%

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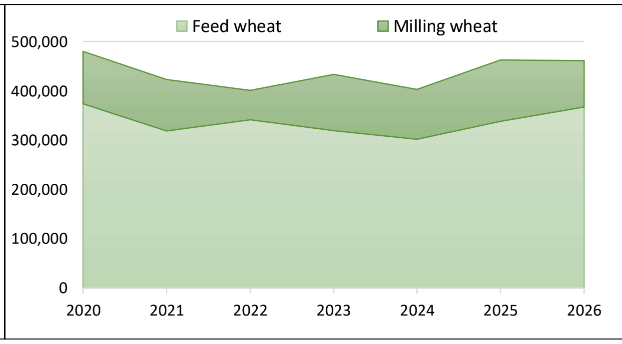

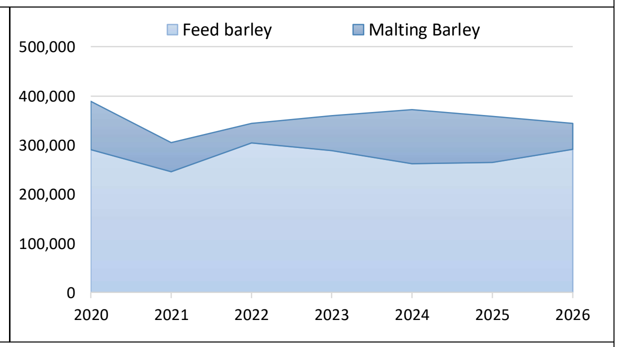

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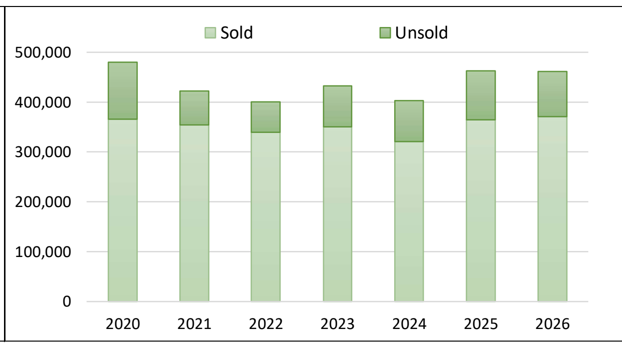

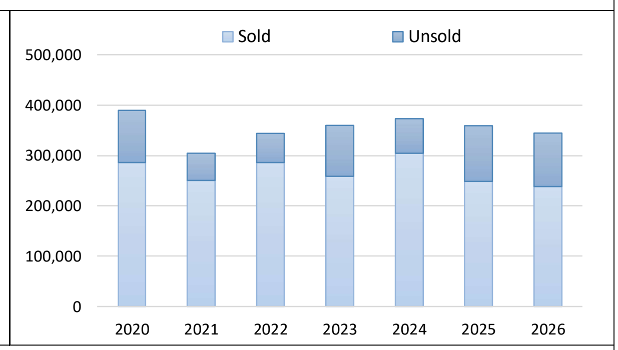

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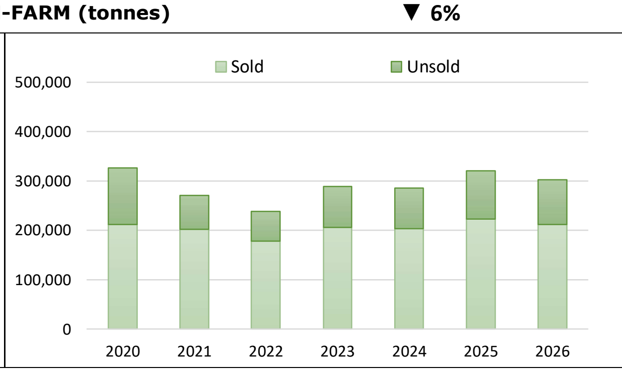

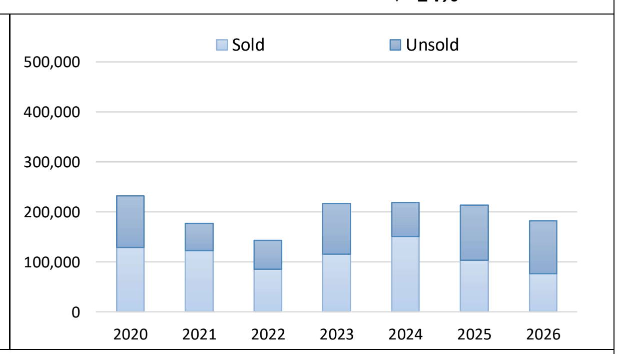

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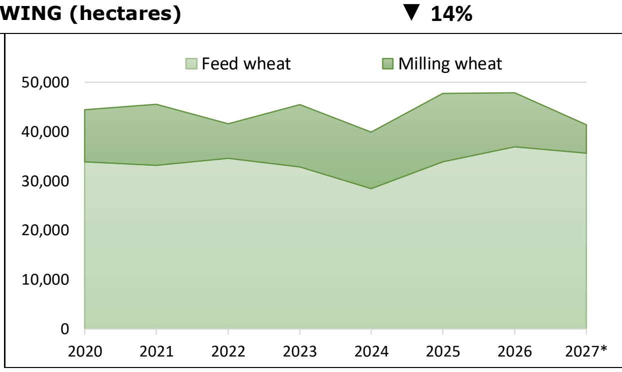

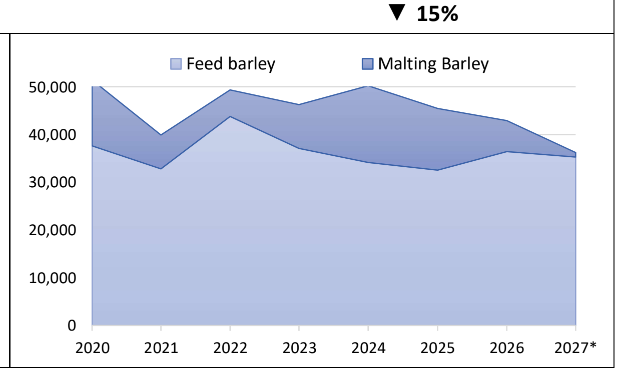

NEW ZEALAND SURVEY OF CEREAL AREAS AND VOLUMES: JULY 1, 2026

The objective of this AIMI survey of cereal growers in New Zealand (NZ) was to determine, as at July 1, 2026:

- *the final size of the 2026 NZ harvest of wheat, barley and oats (divided into milling/malting and feed crops)*
- *sales channels and level of on-farm storage, both sold and unsold, of the 2026 harvest of these six crops*
- *autumn/winter sowings of wheat, barley and oats (both milling/malting and feed), and sowing intentions for the spring of 2026*

Survey details

The data from 110 NZ survey farms as at July 1, 2026 were scaled up to the national level using the most recent, 2025, final NZ Agricultural Production Statistics (APS). As with all surveys, there is a margin of error which needs to be considered in relation to this report. These figures reflect the position on July 1, 2026 and there will have been changes since this time. Note unsold and sold grain carried over from the 2025 harvest were not estimated in this survey.

Key Points at July 1, 2026 *(figures have been rounded to the nearest 100):*

- Difficult harvest conditions were noted across most growing regions, resulting in poor grain quality in some areas. Frequent hailstorms across Canterbury also damaged some crops.
- 2026 harvest data showed that total tonnages combined from all six crops were down 3% (23,100 tonnes), compared to last season from a lower harvest area (4% decrease, 3,700 hectares). Although the resulting average yield of 8.7 t/ha across all crops was identical to last season (0% change).
- Unsold stocks of grain, totalled over all six cereal crops, are down by 13,300 tonnes compared to last season. This is largely due to lower stocks of unsold feed wheat (down 17,700 t) and malting barley (down 3,400 t), coupled with an increase in unsold milling wheat (up 10,400 t).
- When totalled over all six cereal crops, the 2027 harvest hectares are predicted to be 14% down on the 2026 harvest hectares (from 94,300 hectares to 81,400 hectares). Note that only 59% of crops had been established by July 1, 2026, the remainder are intentions to be sown in the spring.

Final tonnages over all six crops, were down by 3% this season compared to last season. Feed wheat and barley tonnages were up around 10% compared to last season, while milling wheat tonnes were down an estimated 25%, malting barley tonnes down 44%, milling oats down 13% and feed oats down 51% compared to last season.

The hectares harvested were also back (down 4%), which resulted in the final estimated overall average yield (8.7 t/ha) remaining unchanged compared to last season.

Milling wheat: Estimated final total tonnage (93,900 t) was down 25% compared to last year's harvest. Of this total, 75% has been sold (70,800 t), although a large amount of the sold grain is still stored on farm (65%). The amount of unsold grain is 23,000 tonnes (25% of the tonnage harvested), which is considerably higher than at the same time last year, 1 July 2025 at 12,600 t.

Feed wheat: Estimated final total tonnage (367,500 t) was up 9% compared to last year's harvest. Of this total, 82% has been sold (300,000 t), with 55% of the sold grain still stored on farm. The amount of unsold/unused grain is 67,600 tonnes (18% of the tonnage harvested), which is lower than at the same time last year, 1 July 2025 at 85,200 t.

Feed barley: Estimated final total tonnage (291,300 t) was up 10% compared to last year. Of this total tonnage, 72% has been sold (210,200 t), with 35% of the sold grain still stored on farm. The amount of unsold/unused grain is 81,100 tonnes (28% of the tonnage harvested), which is lower than at the same time last year, 1 July 2025 at 82,300 t.

For other cereals: Compared to last year, estimated final total tonnage for malting barley (52,800 t) was down by 44%, milling oats (15,100 t) was down by 13%, and feed oats (4,300 t) was down by 51%. Malting barley had 47% of the total harvest unsold (25,000 t) while milling oats and feed oats had less than 1% (60 t) and 0% (0 t) unsold, respectively, as at 1 July 2026. Of the sold grain, 8% of malting barley was still on farm, as compared to 79% of milling oats and 28% of feed oats.

Sowings and sowing intentions: Many growers have reported a big improvement in sowing conditions compared to last year. Establishment has been good in most regions so far, although above average rainfall events have resulted in waterlogging and drowning in some regions, and this will impact yields if the crops do not recover.

The predicted 2027 harvest hectares, when totalled over all six cereal crops, are estimated to be down 14% on the 2026 harvest hectares (from 94,300 hectares to 81,400 hectares). Sowings and intentions for **milling wheat** are down 48% (5,300 reduction in ha) on last season, with 62% sown by July 1, 2026, while **feed wheat** is also down (3%, 1,200 ha) on last season, with 94% already sown. Sowings and intentions for malting barley have the biggest change, down 85% (5,500 reduction in hectares), with 56% sown, **feed barley** is down 3% (1,100 ha) with only 25% sown by 1 July. **Milling oats** is down 15% (400 ha, 47% sown) and **feed oats** is up 70% (600 ha, 3% sown).
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Milling wheat (tonnes)

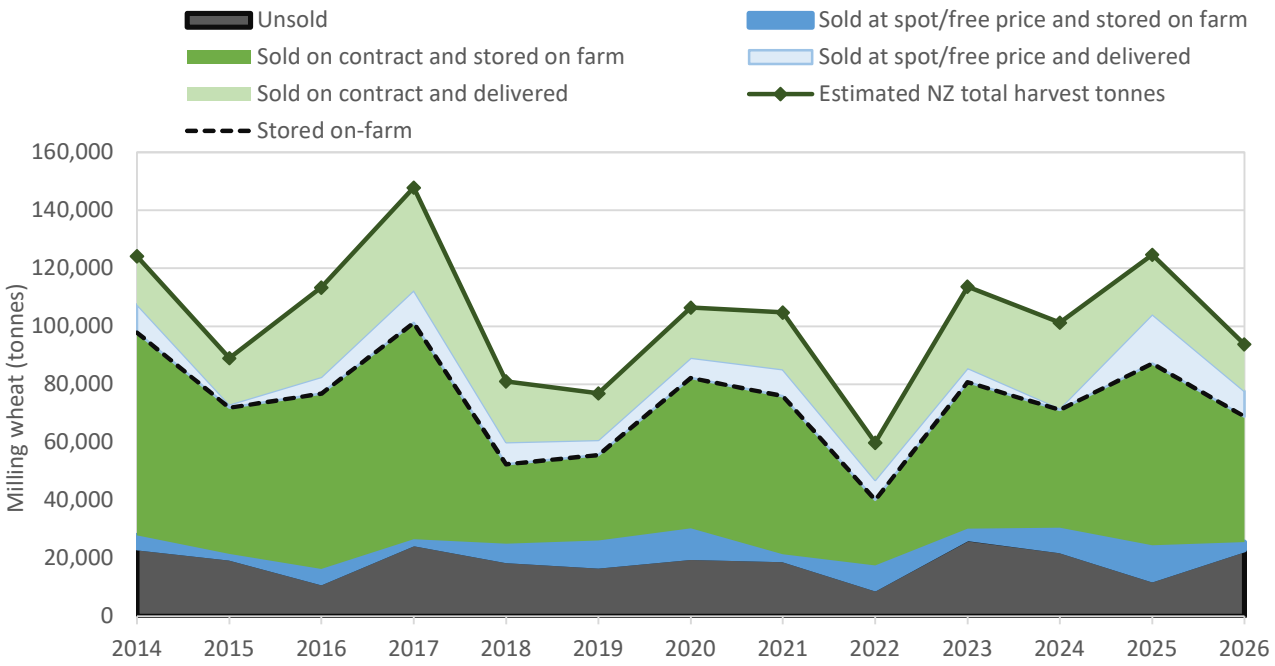

Figure 1. NZ harvest tonnage, sales and storage channels for milling wheat (tonnes) as estimated on July 1 each year.

Note: Historical data are from July AIMI Reports for 2014 to 2024, while 2025 and 2026 data are matched data from the current report. All categories relate to that season's harvest, excluding carryover stock. "Sold at spot/free price and delivered" includes grain sold for feed.

Feed wheat (tonnes)

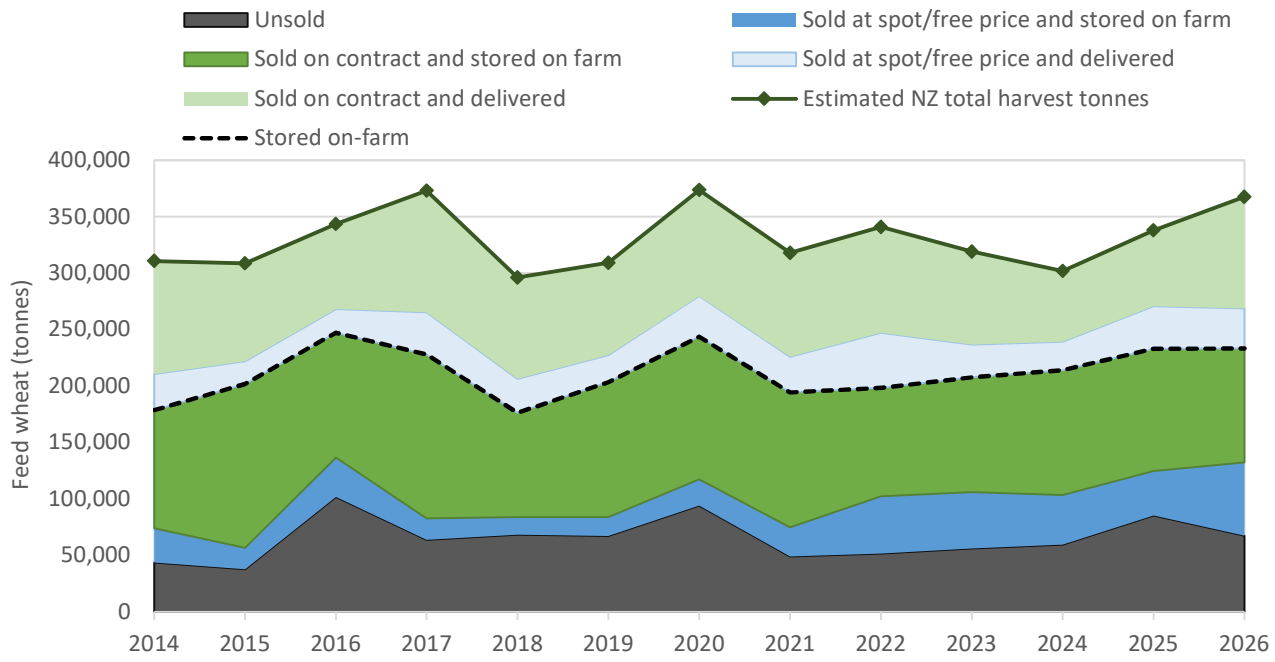

Figure 2. NZ harvest tonnage, sales and storage channels for feed wheat (tonnes) as estimated on July 1 each year.

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Feed barley (tonnes)

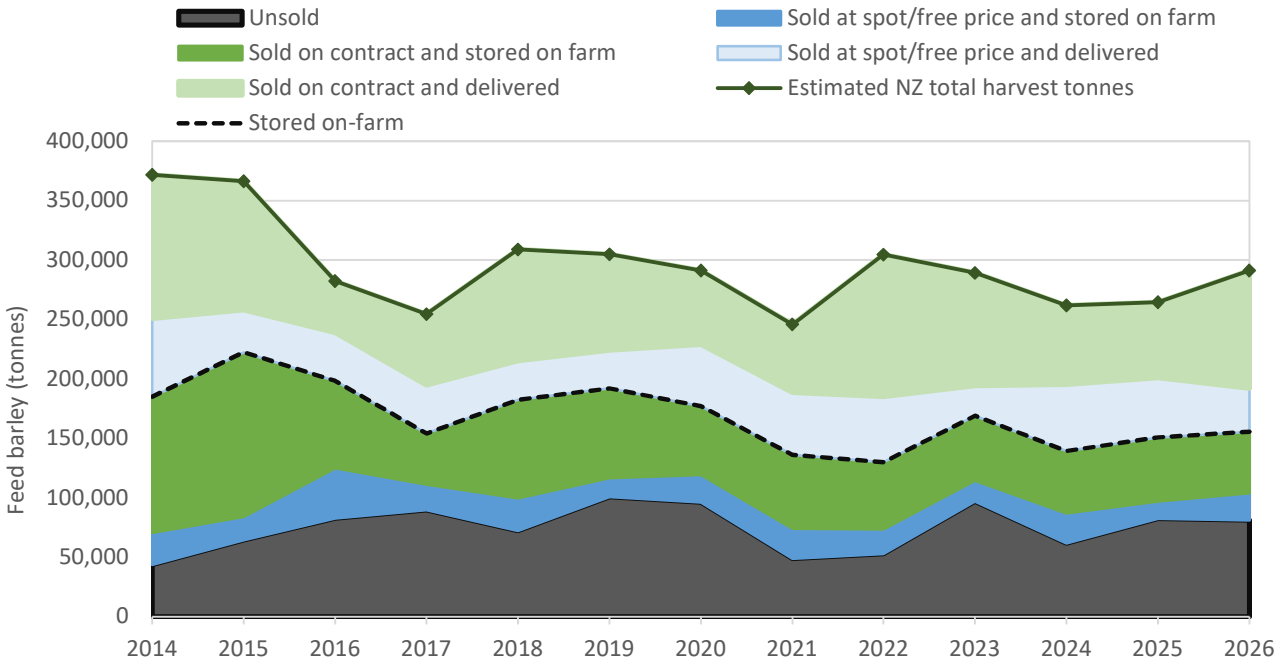

Figure 3. NZ harvest tonnage, sales and storage channels for feed barley (tonnes) as estimated on July 1 each year.

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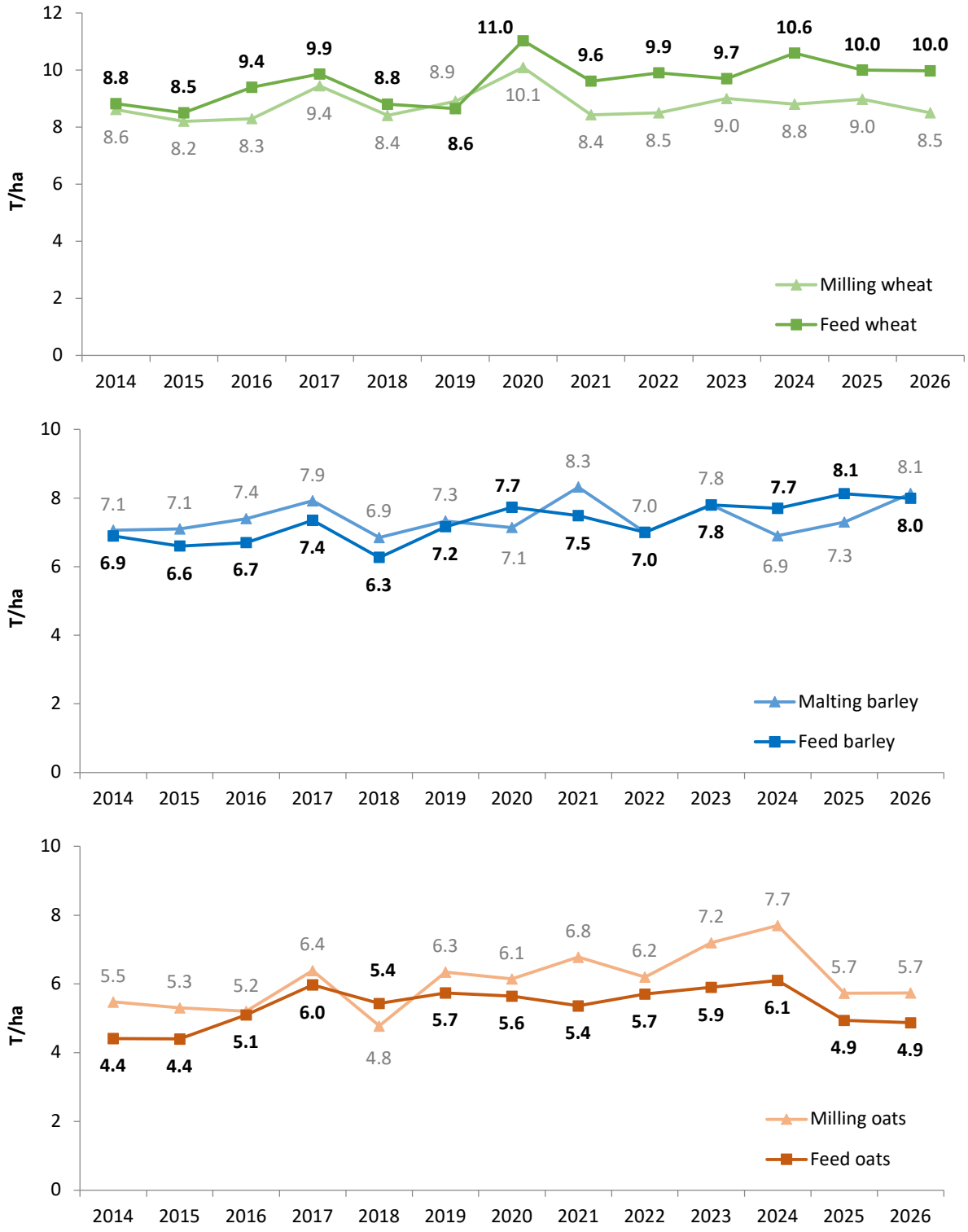


Figure 4. Comparison of NZ-wide yield (tonnes per ha) as estimated on July 1 each year, from 2012 to 2026 for six cereal crops.

Note: Historical data are from July AIMI Reports for 2014 to 2024, while 2025 and 2026 data are matched data from the current report. Milling wheat contains biscuit and gristing varieties.

Autumn/winter sowings and spring sowing intentions (combined) as at July 1, 2026, compared to hectares harvested in previous years

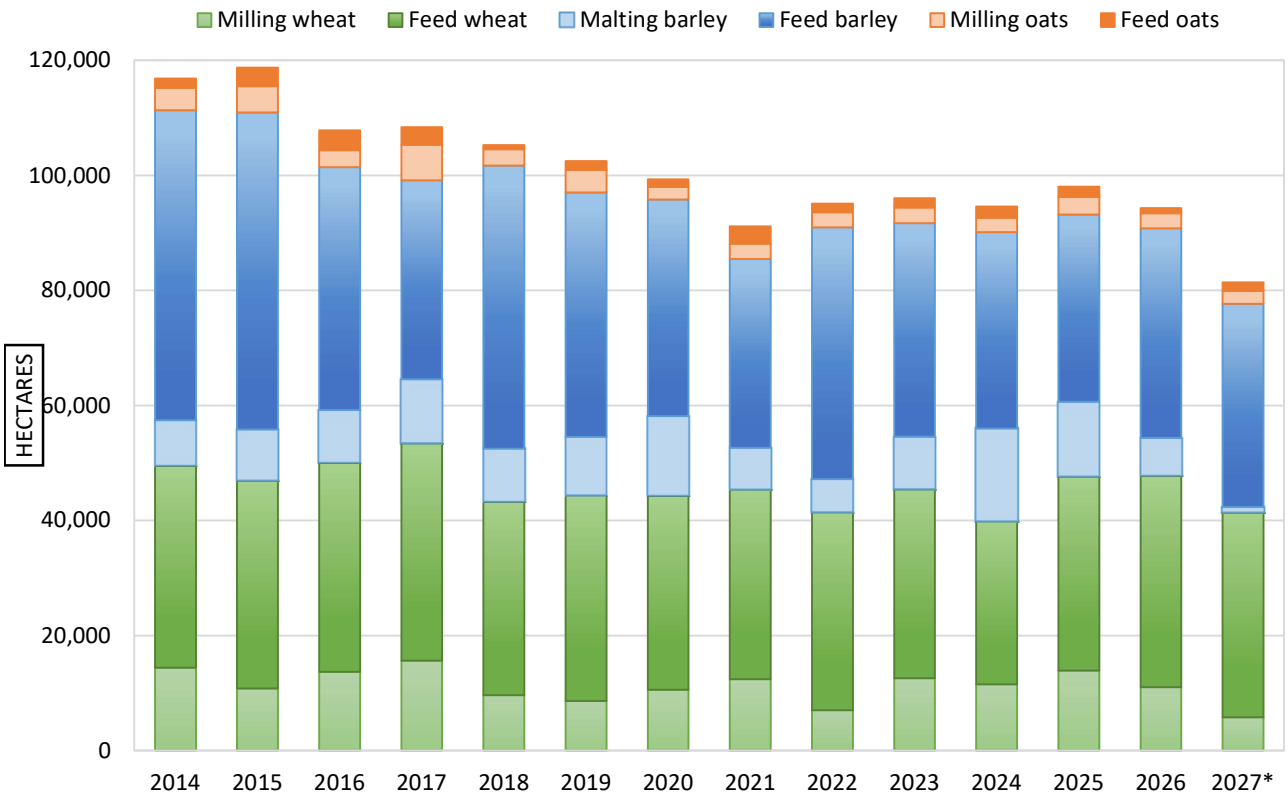


Figure 5. NZ harvest hectares for six cereal crops (and the total over the six crops) as estimated on July 1 each year, from 2014 to 2026 and predicted harvest hectares for 2027.
Note: Historical data are from July AIMI Reports for 2014 to 2024, while 2025, 2026 and 2027 data are matched data from the current report. All figures represent final harvest hectares except for 2027* which is made up of hectares already sown and hectares intended to be sown for harvest in 2027. Refer to Figure. 8 for a breakdown of sowing intentions and hectares already sown.

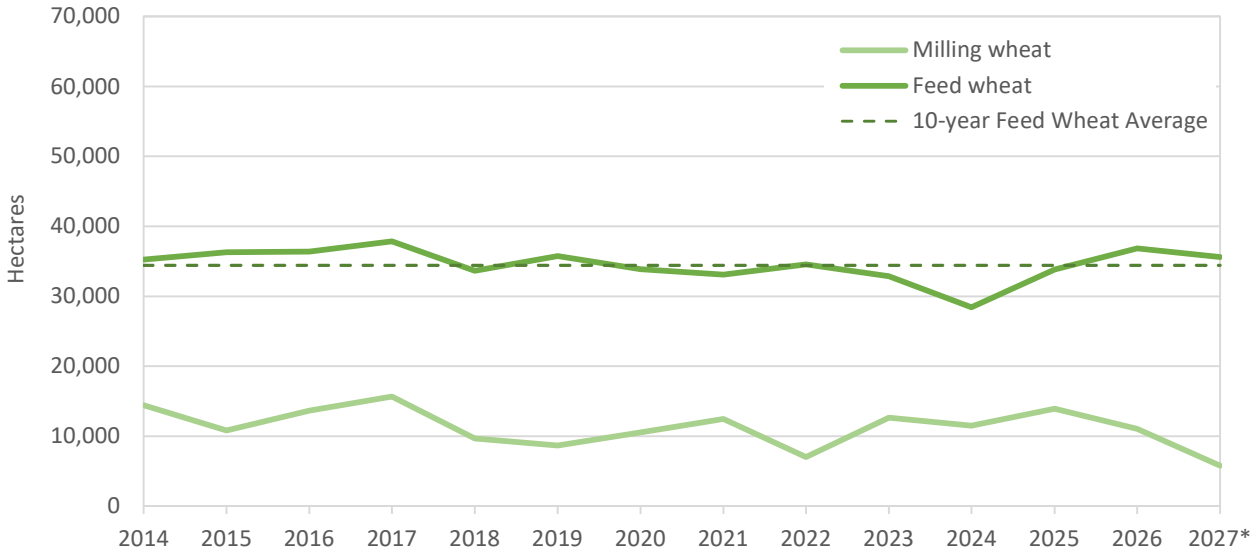
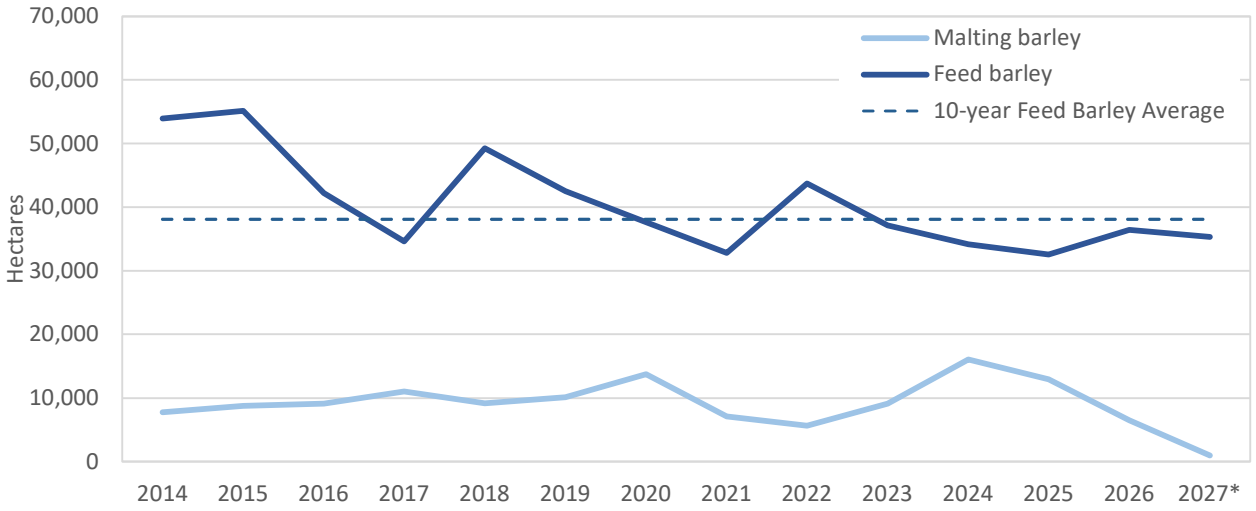


Figure 6. Harvest hectares for wheat as estimated on July 1 each year, from 2014 to 2026 and predicted harvest hectares for 2027. Also presented in Figure 5.



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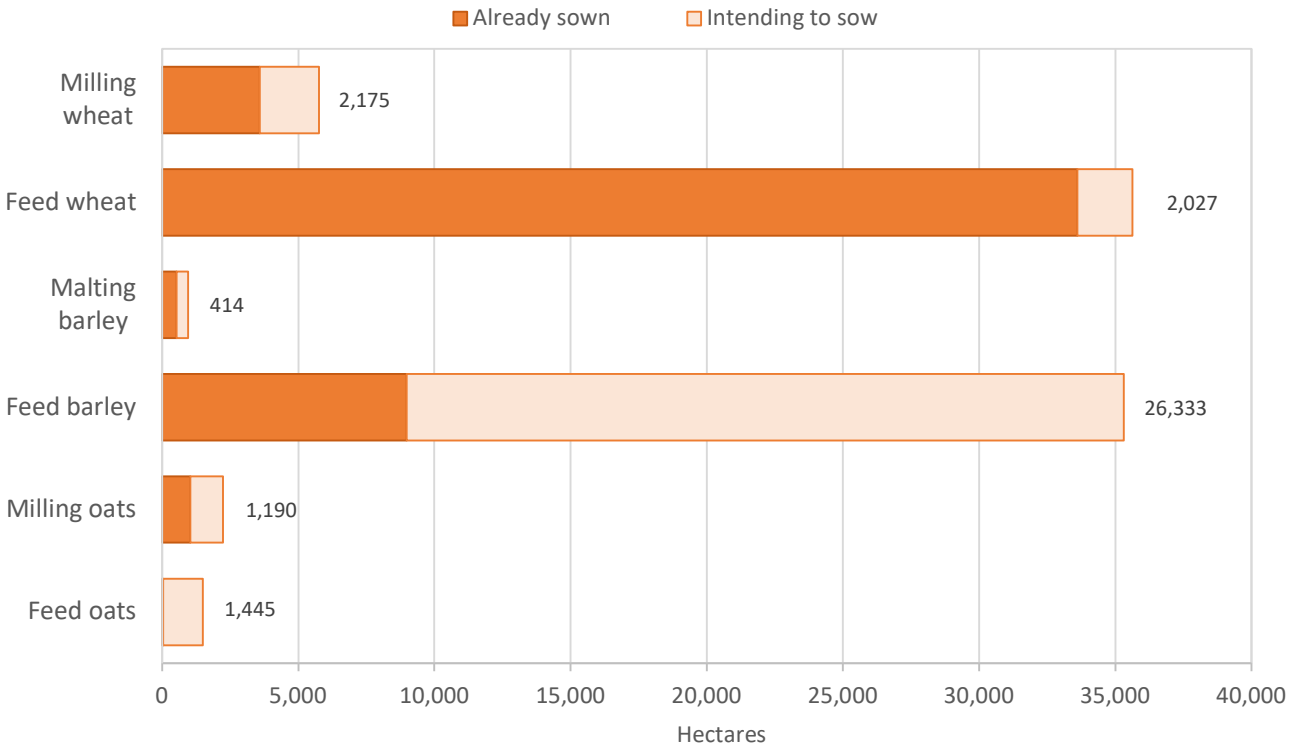

Figure 8. NZ autumn/winter 2026 sowings and spring 2026 sowing intentions (hectares) for harvest in 2027, for six cereal crops as estimated on July 1, 2026. Numbers at the end of each bar are sowing intentions**.**

Table 1. Detailed estimated national figures for the 2026 harvest, plus sold and delivered tonnages, for six cereal crops as at July 1, 2026.

	Units	Milling wheat	Feed wheat	Malting barley	Feed barley	Milling oats	Feed oats	Total (all crops)
Number of farmers in the survey who harvested this crop in 2026		**29**	**74**	**14**	**77**	**8**	**6**	**107**
2025 harvest								
Estimated NZ total hectares, 2025 harvest	**ha**	13,893	33,807	12,934	32,566	3,032	1,768	98,000
Estimated NZ total tonnes, 2025 harvest	**tonnes**	124,745	337,955	94,391	264,609	17,365	8,735	847,800
2026 harvest								
Estimated NZ total hectares, 2026 harvest (final figures)	**ha**	11,033	36,837	6,481	36,429	2,637	874	94,290
Estimated NZ total tonnes, 2026 harvest (final figures)	**tonnes**	93,817	367,477	52,744	291,281	15,131	4,260	824,709
Sold under pre-harvest contract and delivered by July 1, 2026	**tonnes**	16,107	98,734	20,836	99,303	3,174	2,053	240,206
Pre-harvest contract grain stored on farm on July 1, 2026	**tonnes**	43,171	101,171	2,328	51,541	11,902	1,197	211,310
Sold at spot/free price and delivered by July 1, 2026	**tonnes**	4,448	30,662	0	32,921	0	835	68,866
Sold at spot/free price and stored on farm on July 1, 2026	**tonnes**	2,703	64,552	0	22,961	0	0	90,216
(For milling or malting only) Sold for feed by July 1, 2026	**tonnes**	4,401	-	4,565	-	0	-	8,966
(For feed only) Used on own farm (2026 harvest only) by July 1, 2026	**tonnes**	-	4,791	-	3,437	-	174	8,403
Unsold stocks on hand (2026 harvest only) on July 1, 2026	**tonnes**	22,987	67,567	25,015	81,117	56	0	196,742
Sales channels (2026 harvest)								
"Sold" under pre-harvest contract (total) by July 1, 2026	**tonnes**	59,278	199,905	23,164	150,844	15,075	3,250	451,517
Sold at spot/free price (total) by July 1, 2026 (includes sold for feed and used on farm)	**tonnes**	11,551	100,005	4,565	59,320	0	1,009	176,451
Delivery status of sold grain (2026 harvest)								
Sold and delivered (total) by July 1, 2026 (includes sold for feed and used on farm)	**tonnes**	24,956	134,187	25,400	135,662	3,174	3,062	326,441
"Sold" and stored on farm (total) on July 1, 2026	**tonnes**	45,874	165,723	2,328	74,502	11,902	1,197	301,526
Total sales (2026 harvest)								
Sold (grand total) by July 1, 2026 (includes sold for feed and used on farm)	**tonnes**	70,830	299,910	27,729	210,164	15,075	4,260	627,967
Unsold stocks on hand (2026 harvest only) on July 1, 2026	**tonnes**	22,987	67,567	25,015	81,117	56	0	196,742
Comparison of hectares and tonnages between last two harvests								
Estimated % change in hectares, 2025 to 2026 harvest	**%**	-21	9	-50	12	-13	-51	-3.8
Estimated % change in tonnes, 2025 to 2026 harvest	**%**	-25	9	-44	10	-13	-51	-3
Comparison of yields (t/ha) between last two harvests								
NZ-wide estimated yield, 2025 harvest	**t/ha**	9.0	10.0	7.3	8.1	5.7	4.9	8.7
NZ-wide estimated yield, 2026 harvest	**t/ha**	8.5	10.0	8.1	8.0	5.7	4.9	8.7

Table 1 continued.

	Units	Milling wheat	Feed wheat	Malting barley	Feed barley	Milling oats	Feed oats	Total (all crops)
Recalculated July 1, 2025 survey breakdown to enable more precise comparisons between July 1-2025 and July 1, 2026*								
Sold under pre-harvest contract and delivered by July 1, 2025	**tonnes**	20,624	67,200	15,895	63,707	3,724	2,394	173,543
Pre-harvest contract grain stored on farm on July 1, 2025	**tonnes**	62,707	108,217	34,227	53,495	12,528	4,524	275,698
Sold at spot/free price and delivered by July 1, 2025	**tonnes**	0	34,731	0	47,355	0	1,079	83,166
Sold at spot/free price and stored on farm on July 1, 2025	**tonnes**	11,930	39,557	329	14,890	0	0	66,706
(For milling or malting only) Sold for feed by July 1, 2025	**tonnes**	16,933	-	15,502	-	0	-	32,435
(For feed only) Used on own farm by July 1, 2025	**tonnes**	-	3,011	-	2,830	-	418	6,259
Unsold stocks on hand (2025 harvest only) on July 1, 2025	**tonnes**	12,551	85,238	28,439	82,331	1,114	320	209,993
Comparison of unsold grain between last July and this July*								
Unsold (2025 harvest only) as at July 1, 2025 (as above)	**tonnes**	12,551	85,238	28,439	82,331	1,114	320	209,993
Unsold (2026 harvest only) on July 1, 2026 (as above)	**tonnes**	22,987	67,567	25,015	81,117	56	0	196,742
Change in tonnes of unsold grain, July 1, 2025 to July 1, 2026	**tonnes**	10,436	-17,671	-3,424	-1,214	-1,058	-320	-13,251

*- This data represents a matched comparison, scaling up data from the exact same survey farms from this current and last years July surveys.

Statistics NZ is gratefully acknowledged for supplying Final 2025 NZ Agricultural Production Statistics data on total hectares and tonnes for wheat, barley and oats.

In Table 2 below, the predicted 2027 harvest hectares, when totalled over all six cereal crops, are estimated to be down 14% on the 2026 harvest hectares (from 94,300 hectares to 81,400 hectares). Sowings and intentions for milling wheat are down 48% (5,300 reduction in ha) on last season, with 62% sown by July 1, 2026, while feed wheat is also down (3%, 1,200 ha) on last season, with 94% already sown. Sowings and intentions for malting barley have the biggest change, down 85% (5,500 reduction in hectares), with 56% sown, feed barley is down 3% (1,100 ha) with only 25% sown by 1 July. Milling oats is down 15% (400 ha, 47% sown) and feed oats is up 70% (600 ha, 3% sown).

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Table 2. Sowings and sowing intentions (ha) for six cereal crops as at July 1, 2026.

		Milling wheat	Feed wheat	Malting barley	Feed barley	Milling oats	Feed oats	Total (all crops)
Number of farmers in the survey who have sown this crop in the autumn or winter or intend to sow in the spring, as at July 1, 2026		**20**	**70**	**6**	**71**	**6**	**6**	**96**
Estimated NZ total hectares, 2025 harvest	ha	13,893	33,807	12,934	32,566	3,032	1,768	98,000
Estimated NZ total hectares, 2026 harvest	ha	11,033	36,837	6,481	36,429	2,637	874	94,290
Estimated NZ total autumn/winter 2026 sowings as at July 1, 2026 (hectares, for harvest in 2027)	ha	3,597	33,605	534	8,977	1,039	44	47,796
Estimated NZ total spring 2026 sowing intentions as at July 1, 2026 (hectares, for harvest in 2027)	ha	2,175	2,027	414	26,333	1,190	1,445	33,584
Predicted NZ total hectares, 2027 harvest (autumn/winter sowings 2026 and spring 2026 sowing intentions combined)	ha	5,772	35,632	948	35,310	2,228	1,490	81,381
Comparison of hectares between 2025, 2026 and 2027 (predicted) harvests								
Estimated % change in NZ total harvest hectares, 2025 to 2026 harvest	%	-21	9	-50	12	-13	-51	-3.8
Estimated % change in NZ total harvest hectares, 2026 to 2027 harvest (predicted)	%	-48	-3	-85	-3	-15	70	-13.7
Estimated % change in NZ total harvest hectares over two seasons, 2025 to 2027 harvest (predicted)	%	-58	5	-93	8	-27	-16	-17.0
% Predicted NZ total hectares, for 2026 harvest , already sown by July 1, 2025.	%	57	91	18	29	28	0	58
% Predicted NZ total hectares, for 2027 harvest , already sown by July 1, 2026.	%	62	94	56	25	47	3	59

Note: The matched comparison in the last three rows was based upon scaling up data from the exact same survey farms for both survey dates.

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FOR AIMI COMMITTEE ONLY: APPENDIX & REGIONAL DATA

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Cereal Survey Panel:		
Count of completed:	114	
Out of:	128	
Report group*	**110**	(*Must have completed July 2025, and July 2026 Surveys)

Comments

- Difficult harvest conditions for many regions, resulting in poor grain quality and a number of crops not meeting specification. Frequent hailstorms across Canterbury also reduced yields for some growers.
- Cost a huge concern for all growers - high input costs, low prices, competition with imports, many affected by the closing of Malt Europ, McCains and Watties plants
- Feed wheat demand is ok
- Many are undecided about sowing spring feed crops – limited crop options
- Weather has been favourable for autumn sown crops in most regions, but rain has affected some and they may require redrilling in spring.

Regional Summary

Table A.1. Average regional yields (t/ha) of harvested grain (from 110 responses), scaled up to NZ estimates.

Region	Milling Wheat	Feed Wheat	Malting Barley	Feed Barley	Milling Oats	Feed Oats	Total Growers Surveyed
ENI	6.0	7.0	6.5	7.4	-	5.2	**6**
SWNI	-	8.2	5.6	-	-	-	**5**
NSI	8.7	8.8	8.0	8.0	-	3.9	**28**
MC	8.7	10.8	8.5	8.0	-	4.9	**32**
SCNO	8.2	9.8	-	7.7	-	3.7	**16**
SOS	-	10.5	-	8.5	5.7	5.3	**23**
NZ Average	**8.5**	**10.0**	**8.1**	**8.0**	**5.7**	**4.9**	**110**

ENI = Eastern North Island, SWNI = South West North Island, NSI = Northern South Island, MC = Mid Canterbury, SCNO = South Canterbury North Otago, SOS = South Otago and Southland.

Regional Summary continued

Table A.2 Tonnes of unsold grain (from 110 responses), scaled up to NZ estimates.

Region	Milling Wheat	Feed Wheat	Malting Barley	Feed Barley	Milling Oats	Feed Oats	Total Unsold
ENI	-	1,853	-	9,641	-	-	**11,494**
SWNI		-	-	-	-	-	**-**
NSI	1,969	6,648	-	11,613	-	-	**20,230**
MC	18,856	25,825	25,015	30,639	-	-	**100,335**
SCNO	2,162	19,613	-	23,637	-	-	**45,411**
SOS	-	13,628	-	5,587	56	-	**19,272**
NZ Total	**22,987**	**67,567**	**25,015**	**81,117**	**56**	**-**	**196,742**

Table A.3 Comparison of hectares harvested in 2026 with hectares already sown and intended to be sown (predicted) for harvest in 2027, scaled up to NZ estimates (from 110 responses).

	Milling Wheat		Feed Wheat		Malting Barley		Feed Barley		Milling Oats		Feed Oats	
Region	**2026 Harvest**	**2027 Harvest**	**2026 Harvest**	**2027 Harvest**	**2026 Harvest**	**2027 Harvest**	**2026 Harvest**	**2027 Harvest**	**2026 Harvest**	**2027 Harvest**	**2026 Harvest**	**2027 Harvest**
ENI	230	230	2,288	1,881	991	90	3,377	2,701	-	-	160	710
SWNI	-	-	381	431	104	-	-	45	-	-	-	-
NSI	2,273	1,489	4,921	4,339	279	225	10,177	8,445	-	-	44	44
MC	6,257	3,668	9,315	9,199	5,107	363	8,055	10,238	-	-	209	238
SCNO	2,273	384	8,553	9,106	-	-	7,420	6,204	-	-	133	-
SOS	-	-	11,378	10,676	-	270	7,400	7,677	2,637	2,228	328	497
Total	11,033	**5,772**	36,837	**35,632**	6,481	**948**	36,429	**35,310**	2,637	**2,228**	874	**1,490**

ENI = Eastern North Island, SWNI = South West North Island, NSI = Northern South Island, MC = Mid Canterbury, SCNO = South Canterbury North Otago, SOS = South Otago and Southland.

Totals over 110 survey responses (Unscaled data)

Table A.4 Data totalled over all survey respondents	Units	Milling wheat	Feed wheat	Malting barley	Feed barley	Milling oats	Feed oats
Number of farmers in the survey who harvested this crop in 2026		**29**	**74**	**14**	**77**	**8**	**6**
2025 harvest							
Total hectares on survey farms, 2025 harvest	ha	1,810	4,403	1,436	3,617	342	199
Total tonnes on survey farms, 2025 harvest	tonnes	16,156	43,768	10,339	28,984	2,495	1,255
2026 harvest							
Total hectares on survey farms, 2026 harvest (final figures)	ha	1,437	4,798	720	4,046	297	99
Total tonnes on survey farms, 2026 harvest (final figures)	tonnes	12,150	47,591	5,777	31,905	2,174	612
Sold under pre-harvest contract and delivered by July 1, 2026	tonnes	2,086	12,787	2,282	10,877	456	295
Pre-harvest contract grain stored on farm on July 1, 2026	tonnes	5,591	13,103	255	5,646	1,710	172
Sold at spot/free price and delivered by July 1, 2026	tonnes	576	3,971	-	3,606	-	120
Sold at spot/free price and stored on farm on July 1, 2026	tonnes	350	8,360	-	2,515	-	-
(For milling or malting only) Sold for feed by July 1, 2026	tonnes	570	-	500	-	-	-
(For feed only) Used on own farm (2026 harvest only) by July 1, 2026	tonnes	-	621	-	377	-	25
Unsold stocks on hand (2026 harvest only) on July 1, 2026	tonnes	2,977	8,751	2,740	8,885	8	-
Comparison of yield (tonnes per ha) on survey farms between harvests							
Survey farms, 2025 harvest	t/ha	8.9	9.9	7.2	8.0	7.3	6.3
Survey farms, 2026 harvest	t/ha	8.5	9.9	8.0	7.9	7.3	6.2
Data for these SAME survey farms from July 1, 2025 survey, to enable more precise, matched comparisons between July 1, 2025 and July 1, 2026							
Sold under pre-harvest contract and delivered by July 1, 2025	tonnes	2,671	8,703	1,741	6,978	535	344
Pre-harvest contract grain stored on farm on July 1, 2025	tonnes	8,121	14,015	3,749	5,860	1,800	650
Sold at spot/free price and delivered by July 1, 2025	tonnes	-	4,498	-	5,187	-	155
Sold at spot/free price and stored on farm on July 1, 2025	tonnes	1,545	5,123	36	1,631	-	-
(For milling or malting only) Sold for feed by July 1, 2025	tonnes	2,193	-	1,698	-	-	-
(For feed only) Used on own farm by July 1, 2025	tonnes	-	390	-	310	-	60
Unsold stocks on hand (2025 harvest only) on July 1, 2025	tonnes	1,626	11,039	3,115	9,018	160	46
Data for these SAME survey farms for matched comparisons of unsold grain between July 1, 2025 and July 1, 2026							
Unsold stocks on hand (from 2025 harvest) on July 1, 2025	tonnes	1,626	11,039	3,115	9,018	160	46
Unsold stocks on hand (from 2026 harvest) on July 1, 2026	tonnes	2,977	8,751	2,740	8,885	8	-

In Table A.5, the data in Table A.4 are expressed as percentages.

Table A.5 Fate of 2026 crop, in percentages (by tonnes)

	Milling wheat	Feed wheat	Malting barley	Feed barley	Milling oats	Feed oats
Number of farmers in the survey who harvested this crop in 2026	**29**	**74**	**14**	**77**	**8**	**6**
2026 harvest						
% Sold under pre-harvest contract and delivered by July 1, 2026	17.2	26.9	39.5	34.1	21.0	48.2
% Pre-harvest contract grain stored on farm on July 1, 2026	46.0	27.5	4.4	17.7	78.7	28.1
% Sold at spot/free price and delivered by July 1, 2026	4.7	8.3	0.0	11.3	0.0	19.6
% Sold at spot/free price and stored on farm on July 1, 2026	2.9	17.6	0.0	7.9	0.0	0.0
(For milling or malting only) % Sold for feed by July 1, 2026	4.7	-	8.7	-	0.0	-
(For feed only) % Used on own farm by July 1, 2026	-	1.3	-	1.2	-	4.1
% Unsold stocks on hand (2026 harvest only) on July 1, 2026	24.5	18.4	47.4	27.8	0.4	0.0
Sales channels (2026 harvest)						
% "Sold" under pre-harvest contract (total) by July 1, 2026	63.2	54.4	43.9	51.8	99.6	76.3
% Sold at spot/free price (total) by July 1, 2026 (includes sold for feed and used on farm)	12.3	27.2	8.7	20.4	0.0	23.7
Delivery status of sold grain (2026 harvest)						
% Sold and delivered (total) by July 1, 2026 (includes sold for feed and used on farm)	26.6	36.5	48.2	46.6	21.0	71.9
% "Sold" and stored on farm (total) on July 1, 2026	48.9	45.1	4.4	25.6	78.7	28.1
Total sales (2026 harvest)						
% Sold (of total crop) by July 1, 2026 (includes sold for feed and used on farm)	75.5	81.6	52.6	72.2	99.6	100.0
% Unsold (of total crop) on July 1, 2026	24.5	18.4	47.4	27.8	0.4	0.0

In Table A.6, autumn/winter sowings and spring sowing intentions are given as sums over the 110 survey farms.

Table A.6 Autumn/winter sowings and spring sowing intentions (data totalled over all survey respondents)

	Milling wheat	Feed wheat	Malting barley	Feed barley	Milling oats	Feed oats
Number of farmers in the survey who have sown this crop in the autumn or winter or intend to sow in the spring, as at July 1, 2026	**20**	**70**	**6**	**71**	**6**	**6**
Number of farmers in the survey who sowed in autumn/winter 2026	12	64	4	32	3	1
Number of farmers in the survey who intend to sow in spring 2026, as at July 1, 2026	11	12	2	60	4	5
Total hectares on survey farms, 2025 harvest	1,810	4,403	1,436	3,617	342	199
Total hectares on survey farms, 2026 harvest	1,437	4,798	720	4,046	297	99
Autumn/winter 2026 sowings on survey farms as at July 1, 2026 (hectares; for harvest in 2027)	469	4,377	59	997	117	5
Spring 2026 sowing intentions on survey farms as at July 1, 2026 (hectares; for harvest in 2027)	283	264	46	2,924	134	163
Total predicted hectares for 2027 harvest, as at July 1, 2026	752	4,641	105	3,921	251	168

For scaling up to NZ-wide totals, the most recent figures are the Final 2025 Agricultural Production Statistics (APS) figures, as in Table A.7. On average, the yields (t/ha) on the survey farms were similar to the APS yields for wheat and barley, and higher on the survey farms for oats.

From the scale-up factors, we can see what percentage of the area of each 2025 harvest crop was on the survey farms. For wheat, it was 13.0%. For barley, it was = 11.1%. For oats, it was 11.3%. That is, the percentage was highest for wheat and lowest for barley.

Table A.7 Scaling up from survey totals to NZ-wide totals using Final 2026 Agricultural Production Statistics (APS) data	Total wheat	Total barley	Total oats
Total hectares on survey farms, 2025 harvest	6,213	5,053	541
Total tonnes on survey farms, 2025 harvest	59,923	39,323	3,750
Final APS statistics for 2025 harvest, total hectares	47,700	45,500	4,800
Final APS statistics for 2025 harvest, total tonnes	462,700	359,000	26,100
Multiplier for scaling up from survey farms to APS statistics			
Hectares	7.678	9.005	8.877
Tonnes	7.722	9.130	6.960
Comparison of yields between survey and APS statistics			
Survey farms, 2025 harvest (t/ha)	9.6	7.8	6.9
APS statistics, 2025 harvest (t/ha)	9.7	7.9	5.4

Matched vs unmatched data:
** Matched data – The same growers are used to compare two seasons of data. Matched data are scaled up from totals over the survey farms to totals for NZ using the same scaling factors (given in Table A.7). Data in the tables consist of matched data except when a previous AIMI survey is referenced.*
** Unmatched data – Data come from annual AIMI reports and don't compare the same set of growers or use the same scale-up factors. The graphs present unmatched data, except when stated otherwise in the caption (as in Figures 1-4, where the last two years are matched, and Figure 5, where the last three years are matched).*

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