

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD

STATEMENT ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE CORN RETURNS ACT, 1882, THE CORN SALES ACT, 1921, THE AGRICULTURE (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1943, THE AGRICULTURE ACT, 1970 AND THE AGRICULTURE (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1972.

The following are the QUANTITIES SOLD and AVERAGE PRICES OF BRITISH CORN per tonne of 1,000 kilograms computed from returns received by the MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD in the week ended 6th January 1977. They are based on purchases from growers during the week ended 30th December 1976 by merchants carrying on business in prescribed areas in England and Wales.

British Corn	Quantities sold		Average price per tonne
	tonnes		£
Wheat	30,001.00		85.00
Barley	27,683.02		82.46
Oats	1,126.42		81.51
Rye	—		—
Maize	—		—

STATEMENT showing the QUANTITIES SOLD and AVERAGE PRICES OF BRITISH CORN per tonne of 1,000 kilograms for the QUARTER ENDED CHRISTMAS DAY 1976 with comparative figures for the three earlier years:

British Corn	Quarter ended Christmas Day							
	1973		1974		1975		1976	
	Quantities sold	Average price per tonne	Quantities sold	Average price per tonne	Quantities sold	Average price per tonne	Quantities sold	Average price per tonne
	tonnes	£	tonnes	£	tonnes	£	tonnes	£
Wheat ...	650,121.26	60.24	1,032,317.13	63.74	733,903.11	63.67	755,656.21	84.50
Barley ...	538,045.85	52.35	681,374.31	61.85	600,952.16	62.34	425,967.67	82.46
Oats ...	49,680.18	48.35	37,264.65	58.81	31,324.32	59.75	30,004.97	77.48
Rye ...	508.34	44.15	180.40	56.13	923.69	60.80	521.62	81.74
Maize ...	1,402.55	55.17	81.28	70.86	134.12	64.96	42.00	82.28

STATEMENT showing the AVERAGE PRICES OF BRITISH CORN per tonne of 1,000 kilograms for the year ended CHRISTMAS DAY 1976:

Wheat	Barley	Oats	Rye	Maize
£	£	£	£	£
74.80	74.07	69.03	75.08	75.40

STATEMENT showing the AVERAGE PRICES OF BRITISH CORN per tonne of 1,000 kilograms for the SEVEN YEARS ENDED CHRISTMAS DAY 1976:

Wheat	Barley	Oats	Rye	Maize
£	£	£	£	£
45.82	44.31	40.84	N/A	N/A

NOTE: Up to 31st July 1970 prices published in these statements represented the average for all sales at prescribed towns in England and Wales and included transactions between growers and merchants and transactions between merchants.

From 1st August 1970 prices represent the average for all purchases from growers by merchants carrying on business in prescribed areas in England and Wales. Transactions between merchants are no longer covered by the Act.

STATEMENT showing the WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES OF BRITISH CORN per tonne of 1,000 kilograms for QUARTER ENDED CHRISTMAS DAY 1976 with comparative prices for the three earlier years:

British Corn	Quarter ended Christmas Day			
	1973	1974	1975	1976
	£	£	£	£
Wheat	59.82	63.58	64.03	84.52
Barley	52.09	61.36	62.35	82.47
Oats	47.40	58.37	59.82	77.29
Rye	42.14	52.68	61.17	81.23
Maize	54.54	70.86	65.08	82.14

STATEMENT showing the WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES OF BRITISH CORN per tonne of 1,000 kilograms for the year ended CHRISTMAS DAY 1976:

Wheat	Barley	Oats	Rye	Maize
£	£	£	£	£
75.46	76.36	69.96	75.96	74.59

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