

## Northern Ireland Fertiliser Statistics

The latest National Statistics on Northern Ireland fertiliser produced by DAERA were released on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026 according to the arrangements approved by the UK Statistics Authority.

### Key Points

This release shows the latest fertiliser statistics.

- In Quarter 1 of 2026 total deliveries of compound, blended and straight fertilisers in Northern Ireland were 124.9 thousand tonnes, which is 2.0 per cent lower than quarter 1 of 2025.
- In the period January to December 2025 total deliveries of compound, blended and straight fertilisers in Northern Ireland were 340.1 thousand tonnes, which is 31.2 per cent higher than the equivalent period in 2024.
- In the period January to December 2024 total deliveries of compound, blended and straight fertilisers in Northern Ireland were 259.4 thousand tonnes, which is 17.7 per cent higher than the equivalent period in 2023.

This notice and additional information is available at:

[Fertiliser statistics from 2009 onwards | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs \(daera-ni.gov.uk\)](https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/fertiliser-statistics)

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## **Methodology, Notes and Revisions Policy**

### ***User Statement***

The information in the fertiliser publication is used by the Northern Ireland government as evidence for assessing market conditions and evaluating agricultural policy in relation to fertiliser usage and nutrient content. Fertiliser statistics are published quarterly. Results from the survey are used to estimate the fertiliser component of the Aggregate Agricultural Account for Northern Ireland. DEFRA also use the data in the UK Agricultural Account which is required by EU legislation. The Aggregate Agricultural Account records agriculture's output, input, value added and income. Other users include the food and farming industry, academia and the general public, who use the information to assess market conditions and in research into fertiliser usage and nutrient content. Contact details are available within the publication, for you to send feedback or ask questions about the information provided.

### ***Survey Methodology***

DAERA runs a monthly survey of all Northern Ireland fertiliser manufacturers to estimate the quantities of compounded, blended and straight fertilisers delivered in Northern Ireland by fertiliser manufacturers for agricultural and horticultural use.

### ***Fertiliser Statistics***

The data quoted in the publication are the gross totals of the survey returns of all of the Northern Ireland fertiliser manufacturers. Typically a 100% response rate is achieved for the return of survey information from the manufacturers. The survey records the quantities of compounded, blended and straight fertilisers delivered in NI by fertiliser manufacturers which is for agricultural and horticultural use. The survey data is published quarterly.

### ***Accuracy and Reliability of the Results***

The accuracy of the survey results is very high because a review is carried out of all companies and the typical response rate is 100% per year.

### ***Revisions policy***

Figures in the publication are provisional and subject to revision. We will provide information about any revisions we make to previously published data. All data is open to revision and any revisions received will be highlighted in the next release. It is unlikely that data more than a year old will be revised.

### ***Confidentiality***

Some statistics are collated, as a census, from a small number of sources. As such, permission from the data providers is sought prior to release of any figures if statistics are collated from a small number of sources. Details regarding generic confidentiality can be found in the [Statistics Charter](#).

Please note that Fertiliser figures have been revised slightly in 2024 and 2025, due to updated data becoming available.