AIMI – SURVEY OF CEREAL AREAS & VOLUMES – OCTOBER 10, 2014

This survey of wheat, barley and oats was of planted areas, planting intentions and grain stocks, sold and delivered, sold and on farm and unsold as of the 10th October 2014. This data is from 122 growers who completed the last four surveys (October 2013, April, July & October 2014) and has been scaled up using NZ Agricultural Production Statistics data to provide national estimates. As with all surveys, there is a margin of error which needs to be considered in relation to this report. The maize survey is currently underway and details will be released later this month.

Key Points

The stocks of unsold grains are at lower levels, as of 10th October, than in previous years with only 26,000 tonnes of feed wheat unsold (53,000 tonnes unsold in 2013 and 75,000 tonnes unsold in 2012) and 22,300 tonnes of feed barley (32,000 tonnes unsold in 2013 and 66,000 tonnes unsold in 2012). Milling wheat unsold stocks are around 9000 tonnes, 20,000 tonnes less than last year.

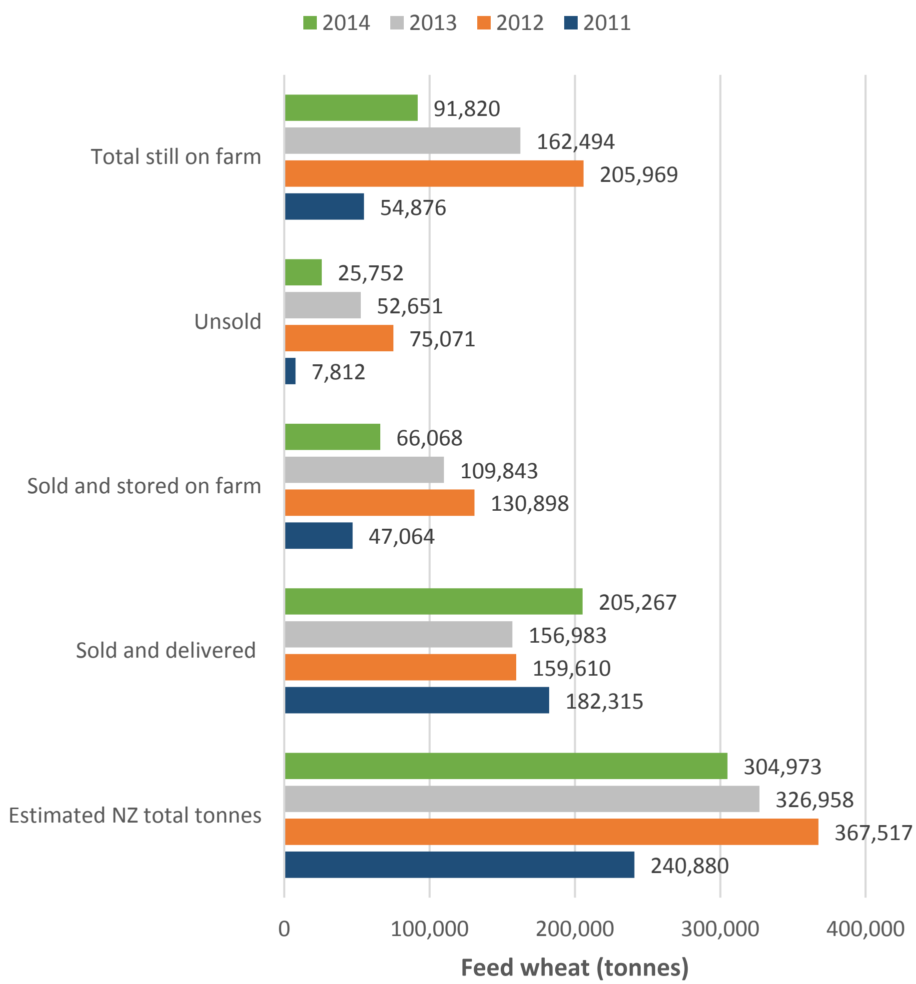
Stocks of grain sold and on farm are also at lower levels than the previous two years with feed wheat at 66,000 tonnes (40,000 less than this time last year) and feed barley at 53,000 tonnes more than 30,000 tonnes less than the last two years. Milling wheat stocks sold and still stored on farm are also at much lower levels at approximately 34,000 tonnes (approximately 20,000 tonnes less than the previous two years).

Thus total stocks of all feed grains still on farm (sold and unsold) is only approximately 168,000 tonnes compared to approximately 282,000 tonnes at this time in 2013 and approximately 360,000 in 2012. Total stocks on farm of milling wheat are only 43,000 tonnes compared to 84,000 in 2013 and 73,000 in 2012. Low stocks of malting barley, 5,000 tonnes, still remain on farm.

The area of feed barley planted for harvest in 2015 is up 15.1% on last year to approximately 62,000ha. The area planted for harvest in 2015 of most other crops is similar to last year with feed wheat up 7.6% to 37,700ha, milling wheat at the same area as 2013 but down 9% on last year. Note that the 2015 hectares also includes spring hectares that are yet to be planted.

These figures reflect the position at the 10th October 2014 and there will have been changes since this time.

Estimated National Figures – Cereals October 10, 2014



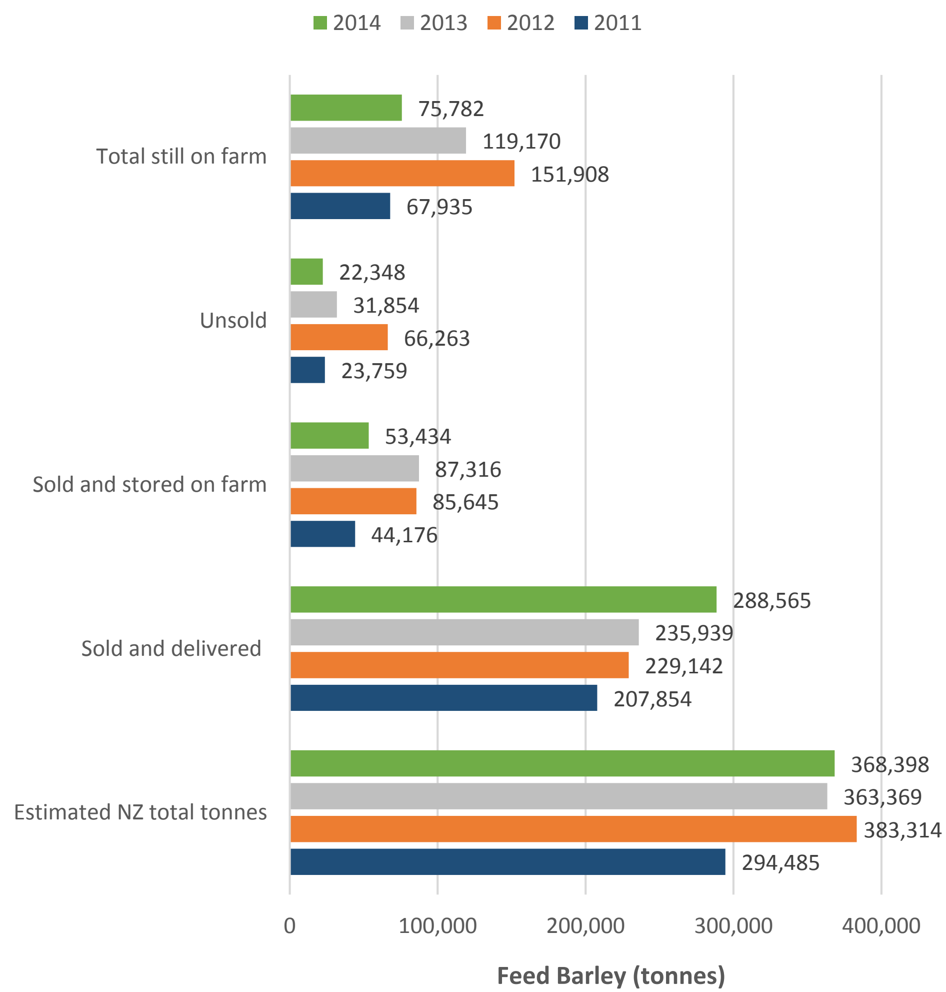


Figure 1. Harvest sales and tonnages for feed wheat in October
(Crops downgraded or used on own farm are only presented in 'estimated NZ total tonnes')

Figure 2. Harvest sales and tonnages for feed barley in October
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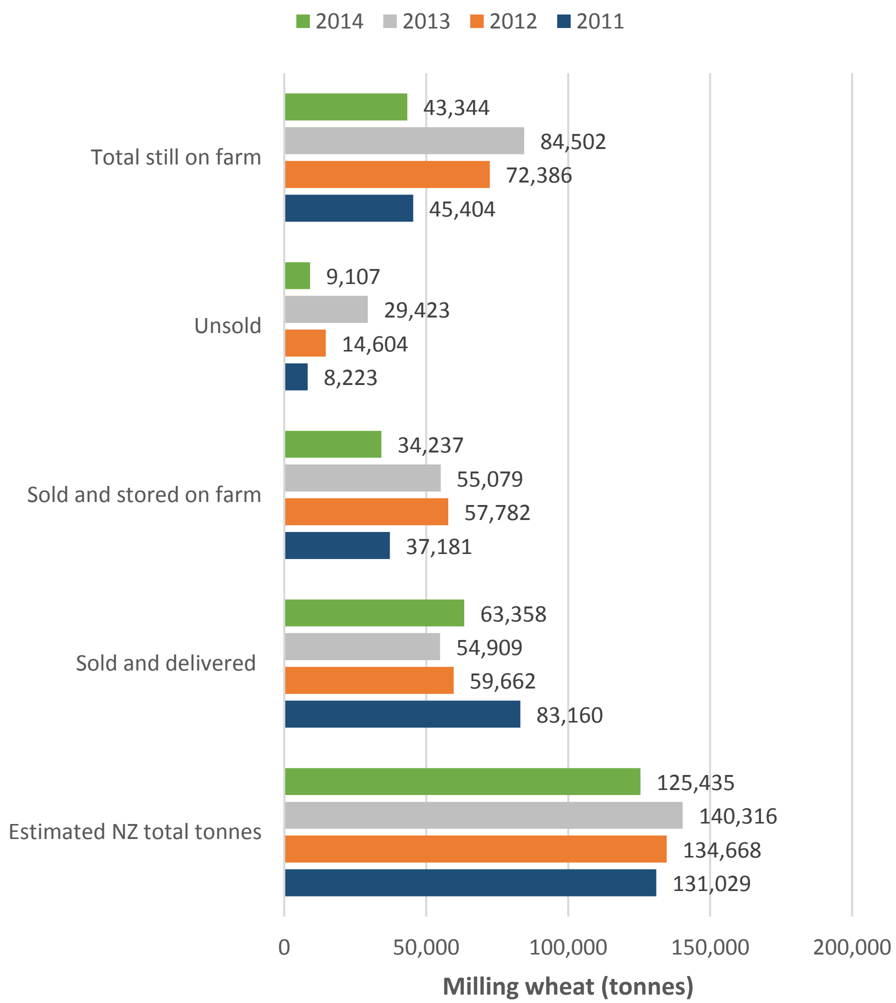

Figure 3. Harvest sales and tonnages for milling wheat in October
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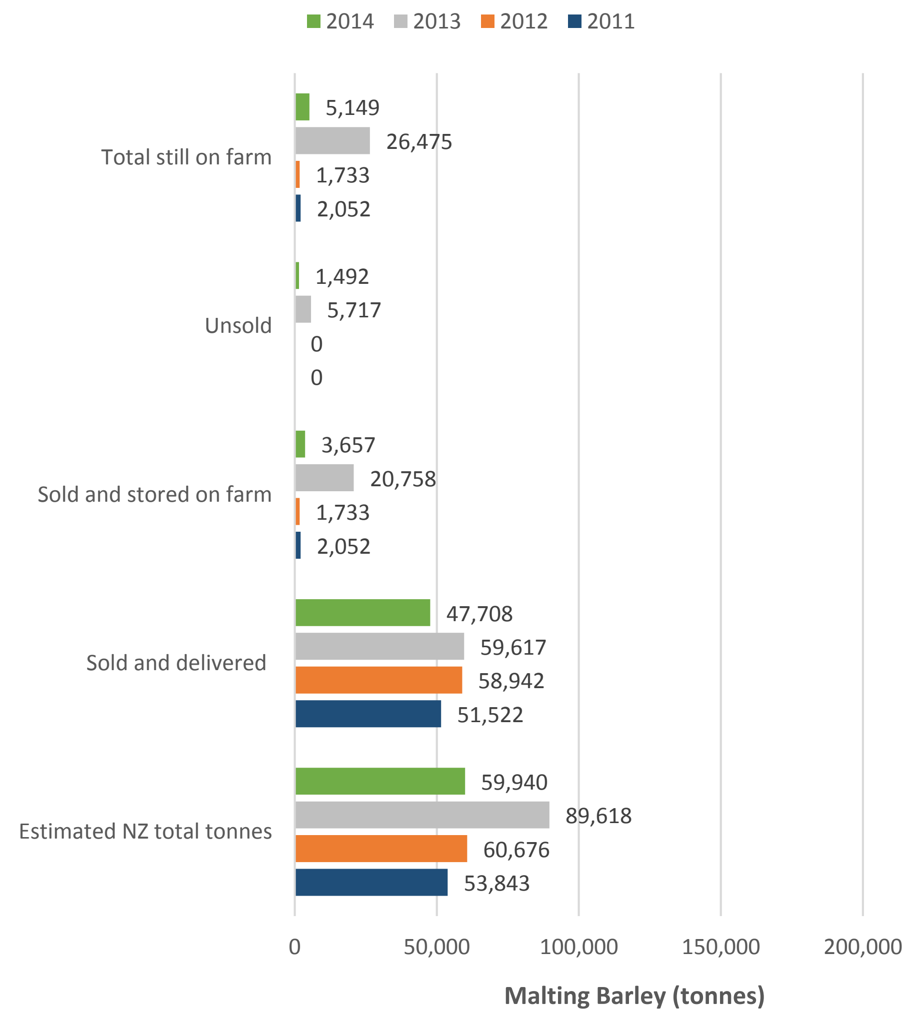

Figure 4. Harvest sales and tonnages for malting barley in October
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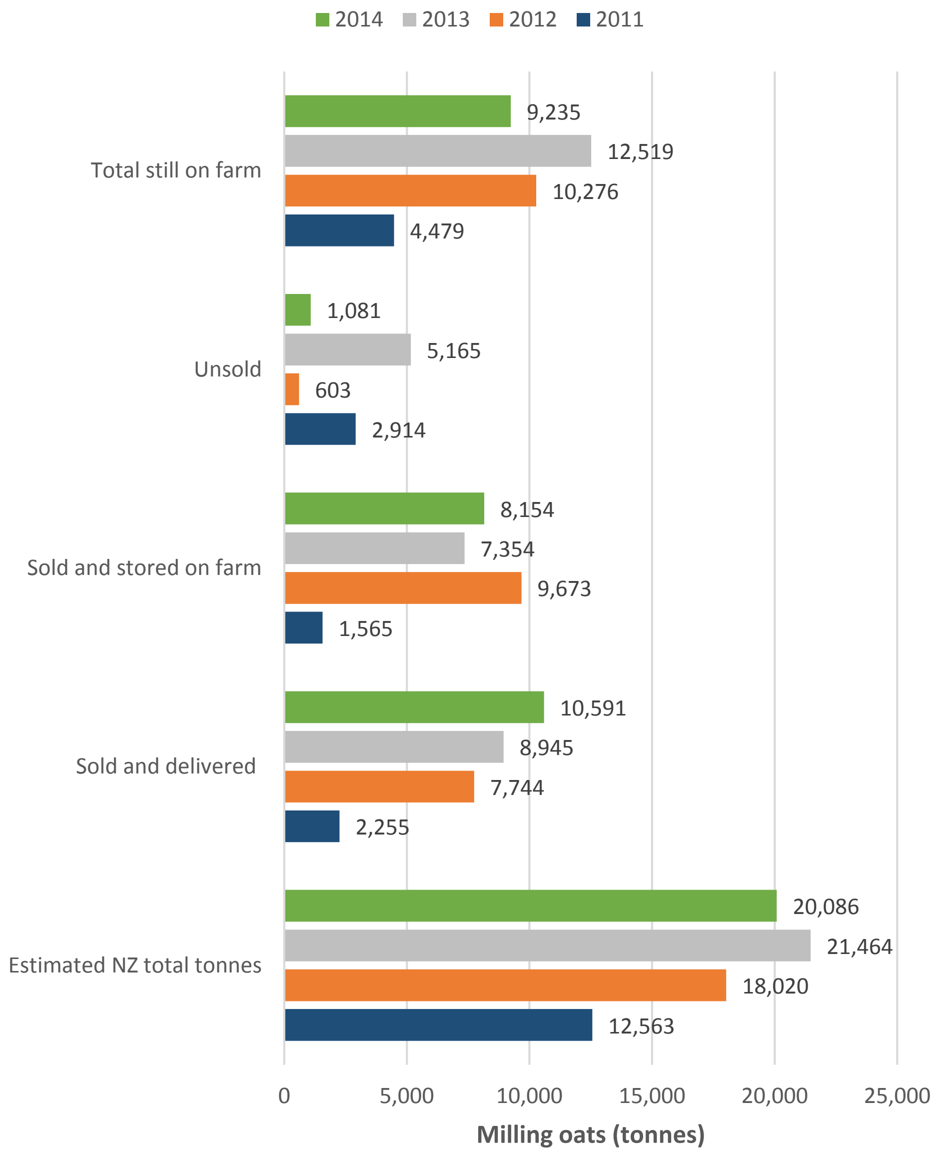
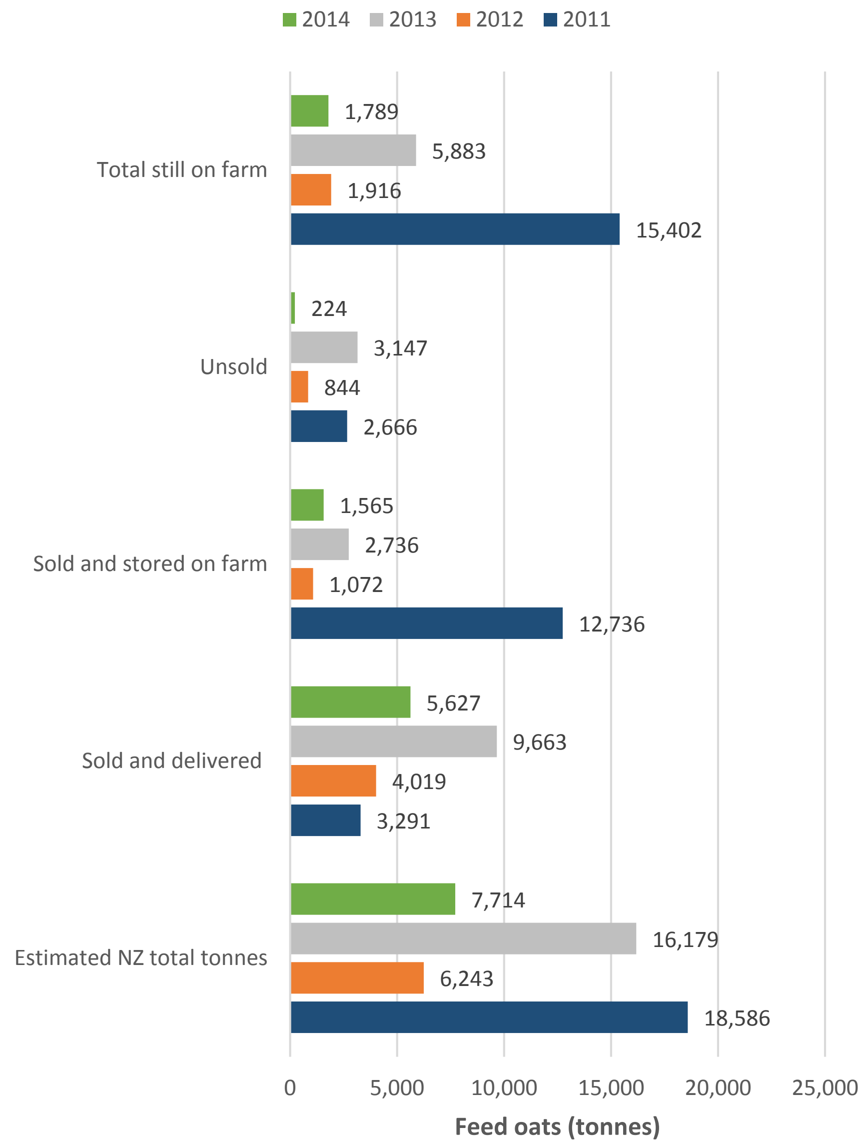


2014
2013
2012
2011
Total still on farm
9,235
12,519
10,276
4,479
Unsold
1,081
5,165
603
2,914
Sold and stored on farm
8,154
7,354
9,673
1,565
Sold and delivered
10,591
8,945
7,744
2,255
Estimated NZ total tonnes
20,086
21,464
18,020
12,563
0
5,000
10,000
15,000
20,000
25,000
Milling oats (tonnes)



2014
2013
2012
2011
Total still on farm
1,789
5,883
1,916
15,402
Unsold
224
3,147
844
2,666
Sold and stored on farm
1,565
2,736
1,072
12,736
Sold and delivered
5,627
9,663
4,019
3,291
Estimated NZ total tonnes
7,714
16,179
6,243
18,586
0
5,000
10,000
15,000
20,000
25,000
Feed oats (tonnes)

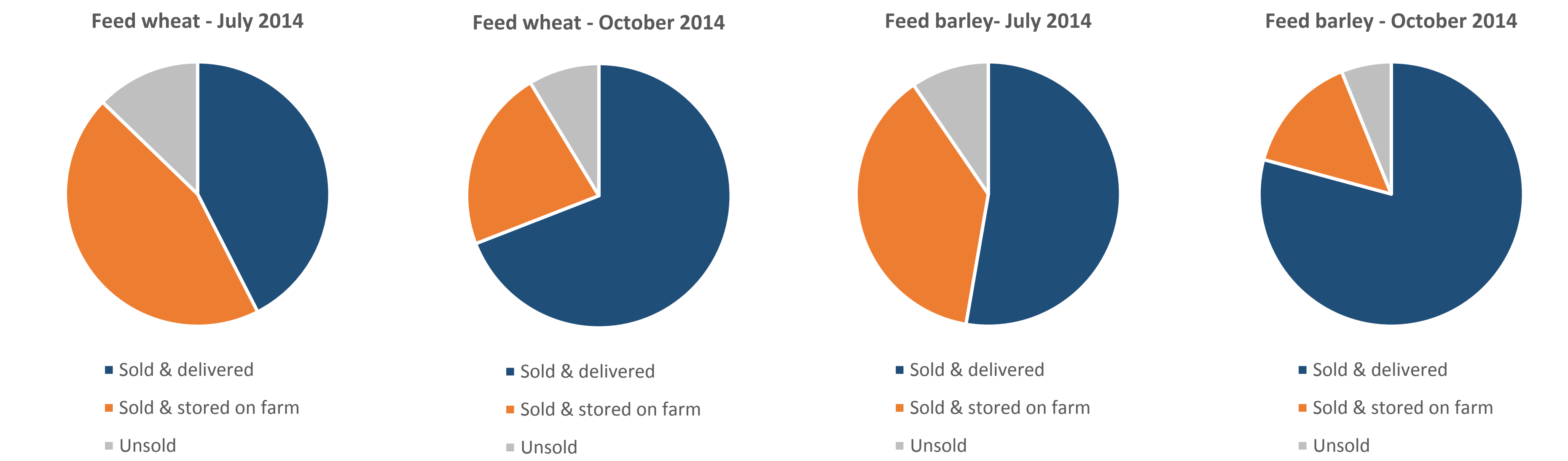


Figure 7. Changes in harvest sales & tonnages for feed wheat and barley between July 1 2014 and October 10 2014.

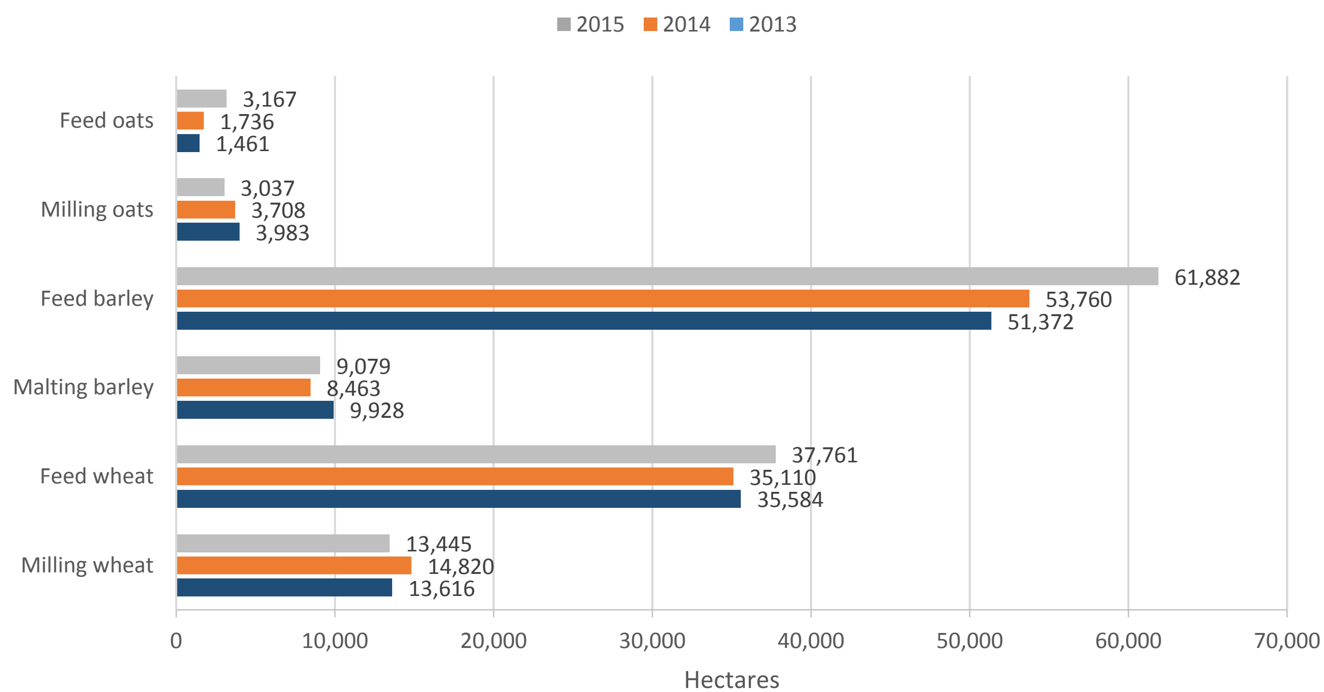


Figure 8. Estimated total hectares harvested for 2013, 2014 and estimates for 2015 (includes hectares already planted plus hectares yet to sow) based on data collected in October for both autumn and spring plantings

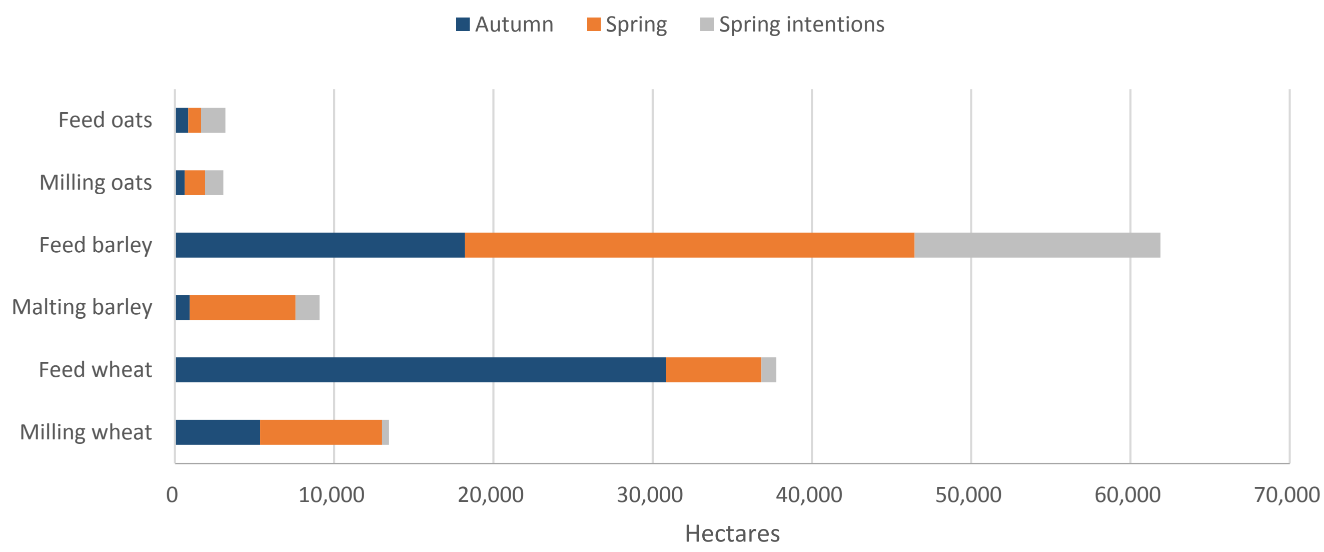


Figure 9. Estimated hectares planted in autumn and spring 2014, including spring hectares yet to plant (spring intentions) for harvest in 2015 based on data collected in October

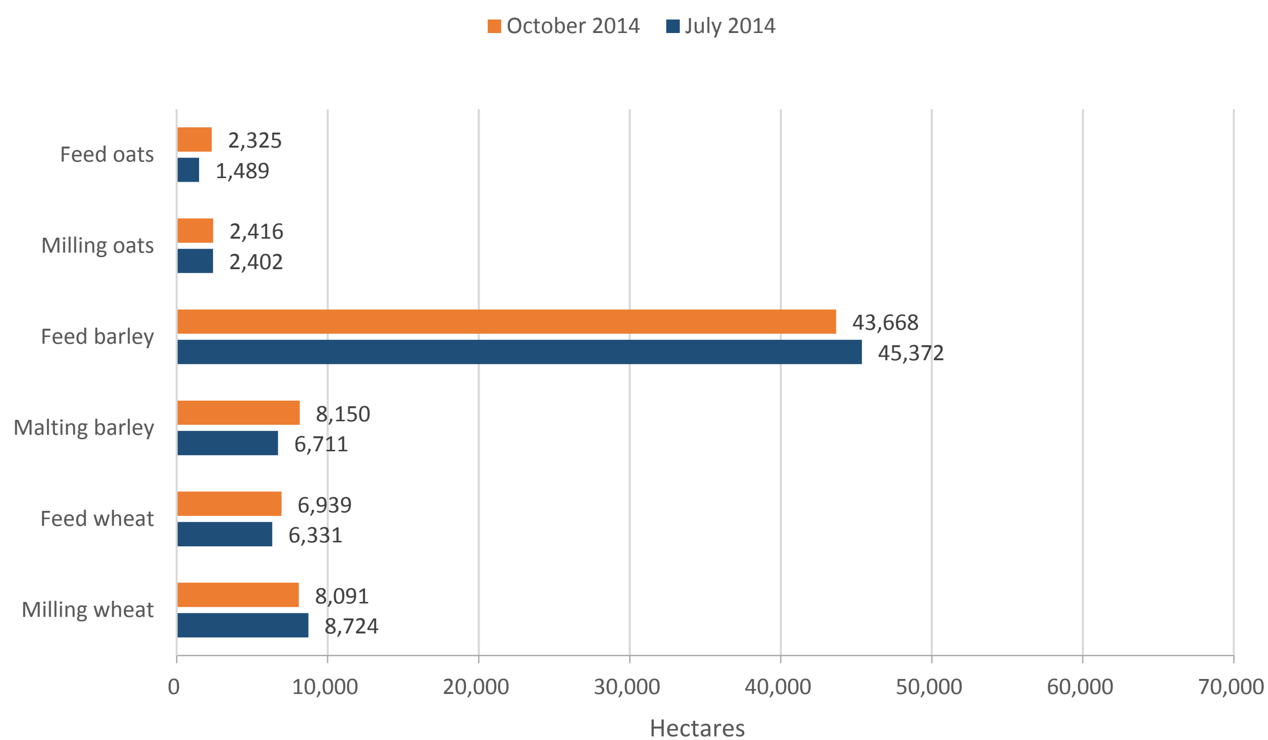


Figure 10. Comparison of spring planting intentions at July 1 2014 with actual plantings plus intentions at October 10 2014