

# Inputs price monitor results:

March

Survey 2010

Please note these figures are intended to be a benchmark for the month in question. They are not statistically significant and are not meant to provide a forecast for future months prices.



## Fuel and energy costs

### Red diesel

Price results for red diesel by region and by volume purchased.

**Key:** L = Lowest figure H = Highest figure Av = Average of all figures  
**Nat Av** = National average figure **Averages:** In calculating averages, ALL of the data is used, not just the average of top and bottom data.

#### North East

Pence Per Litre	L	H	Av
0 - 1999 L	52	52.35	52.12
2000 - 4999 L	48.5	52.9	51.63
5000 - 9999 L	50.25	50.25	50.25
10,000 + L	38	38	38

#### South West

Pence Per Litre	L	H	Av
0 - 1999 L	44.28	51.5	48.86
2000 - 4999 L	46	55.78	50.77
5000 - 9999 L	49.25	52.32	50.79
10,000 + L	48	50.2	49.07

#### East Anglia

Pence Per Litre	L	H	Av
0 - 1999 L	52.3	52.3	52.3
2000 - 4999 L	45	59.9	51.61
5000 - 9999 L	49	51.9	51.07
10,000 + L	41	41	41

#### North West

Pence Per Litre	L	H	Av
0 - 1999 L	53.6	53.6	53.6
2000 - 4999 L	51	51	51
5000 - 9999 L	-	-	-
10,000 + L	-	-	-

#### South East

Pence Per Litre	L	H	Av
0 - 1999 L	37	46.95	41.98
2000 - 4999 L	49	52.4	51.27
5000 - 9999 L	45.87	50.2	48.04
10,000 + L	-	-	-

#### Wales

Pence Per Litre	L	H	Av
0 - 1999 L	54.2	55.2	54.7
2000 - 4999 L	46.02	53	50.39
5000 - 9999 L	-	-	-
10,000 + L	-	-	-

#### West Midlands

Pence Per Litre	L	H	Av
0 - 1999 L	50.9	50.9	50.9
2000 - 4999 L	49.25	51.85	50.20
5000 - 9999 L	52	52.5	52.25
10,000 + L	49.95	49.95	49.95

#### Scotland/Northern Ireland (NI)

Pence Per Litre	L	H	Av
0 - 1999 L	44	56.57	51.35
2000 - 4999 L	42	52.5	49.92
5000 - 9999 L	50.95	51.45	51.2
10,000 + L	-	-	-

#### East Midlands

Pence Per Litre	L	H	Av
0 - 1999 L	51.8	54	52.9
2000 - 4999 L	50.4	52	50.98
5000 - 9999 L	43.01	52.45	49.47
10,000 + L	-	-	-

#### National Average

Pence Per Litre	L	H	Av
0 - 1999 L	37	56.57	50.86
2000 - 4999 L	42	59.9	50.95
5000 - 9999 L	43.01	52.5	50.35
10,000 + L	38	50.2	46.03

## Comments box

Rising oil prices coupled with a weaker pound than in recent years have continued to drive prices up for both red and white diesel as well as kerosene. Indications are that this trend could continue into the summer, and the start of April has seen further rises in red diesel prices. The rising fuel price is fast becoming a key election issue for rural communities, and with duty increase in April and more increases tabled for October and January, voters are questioning parliamentary candidates closely on what they aim to do to relieve the burden. The figures for March also indicate that bulk purchases still provide the best value for money.

## Electricity

Pence / kwhr	Peak			Off peak		
	L	H	Av	L	H	Av
North East	8	12.97	9.39	5.2	6.88	6.12
East Midlands	7.07	12.75	9.78	4.44	6.83	5.84
East Anglia	7.5	14.22	10.04	4.5	6.24	5.34
South West	7.8	14.5	10.07	4.5	8.4	5.97
South East	6.82	12.45	9.53	5.32	7.18	6.15
North West	9.4	9.87	9.64	5.1	9.87	7.49
West Midlands	6.3	14.45	9.78	2.9	8	5.15
Wales	9.84	12.39	10.81	5.09	7.12	6.07
Scotland/NI	10	14.95	12.58	5.36	6.86	6.11
National Average	6.3	14.95	10.24	2.9	9.87	5.90

## Kerosene

Pence per Litre	L	H	Av
North East	42	44.98	43.49
East Midlands	36.95	45.36	42.28
East Anglia	37	47.25	43
South West	41	53	44.15
South East	41.2	50.9	44.53
North West	51.8	51.8	51.8
West Midlands	42	44	43.06
Wales	38.74	44.8	41.77
Scotland/NI	41.4	48	44.56
National Average	36.95	53	43.76

## Propane

Pence per Litre AV
-
38.4
-
32.4
37.5
-
-
41.5
-
-

## White diesel

Pence per Litre	L	H	Av
North East	94.5	118	108.06
East Midlands	90.57	111	101.21
East Anglia	92	118	102.95
South West	94	120	100.72
South East	97.9	-	97.95
North West	98.4	98.4	98.4
West Midlands	95.6	95.8	95.7
Wales	98.2	114	106.1
Scotland/NI	96	114	103.55
National Average	90.57	120	102.52

## Water

Pence / cubic m	L	H	Av
North East	-	-	-
East Midlands	130	130	130
East Anglia	91	105	98
South West	106	169	137.65
South East	92.3	92.3	92.3
North West	106	137	121.5
West Midlands	125	125	125
Wales	136.71	136.71	136.71
Scotland/NI	90	90	90
National Average	90	169	120.28

## Comments box

Propane prices are more closely linked to oil prices than to the price of natural gas and have exhibited similar rises to the other fuel oils. Electricity and water prices have risen by a small amount since February, however the change in water prices is most likely due to the lower number of responses this month rather than a fundamental price change.

## Fertiliser Costs: UK Produced Ammonium Nitrogen

£ / ton	L	H	Av	Volume purchased	L	H	Av	Nat Av
North East	176	230	207					
East Midlands	175	231	209.33	0 - 20 tonnes	161	264	211	211
East Anglia	168	235	193.4	21 - 50 tonnes	185	235	213	213
South West	198	253	230.25	51 - 100 tonnes	176	231	202	202
South East	215	225	220	<b>Comments box</b>				
North West	-	-	-	Responses for March show a similar split to that reported last month. The adjusted average, reflecting purchases agreed in March, rests at £229.8/t, which is up £15/t from February.				
West Midlands	187	235	217.75					
Wales	-	-	-					
Scotland/NI	161	264	204.16					
National Average	161	264	209.8					

## Other fertilisers

Volume purchased			
NPK 20:10:10	Average = £245.08/t	All less than 33t volume	
NPK 0:24:24	Average = £281.33/t	All less than 28t volume	

### Comments box

The vast majority of 20:10:10 responses clustered between £240/t and £265/t which is comparable with other industry figures, as is the March average for 0:24:24.

Natural gas prices are falling and there are report that the urea market is stabilising. French AN prices have increased, although still remain behind the IPM average for March. Next month will tell if these factors will filter through to the domestic AN market.

## Chemical costs

Chemical	£ / Litre	£ / Pack
Glyphosate e.g. Roundup	£2.76	
Metazachlor e.g. Butisan		£75
Clomazone 360 e.g. Centium	£106.36	
Flufenacet plus pendimethalin e.g. Crystal/Ice (10L)		£80
Flufenacet plus diflufenican e.g. Liberator (3L)		£152.50
Prosulfocarb e.g. defy (10L)		£59.30

### Comments box

Glyphosate prices have continued their fall from the start of the year.

## Animal feed

### Animal feed: Livestock

Livestock feed types	North West	North East	Wales	West Midlands	East Midlands	East Anglia	South West	South East	Scotland/ NI	Nat Av
Lamb creep – 16–18%	-	-	-	-	-	-	220	170	170	182.5
Ewe nuts – 16%	148	184.5	-	167	116	-	-	-	173.5	166.6
Dairy concentrate – 18%	176	179.5	162.47	-	-	-	179.9	183	179	177.2
Calf weaner pellets – 18%	200	-	215	-	-	-	202.5	-	182.5	202
Calf weaner pellets – 18%										
Poultry feed types	North West	North East	Wales	West Midlands	East Midlands	East Anglia	South West	South East	Scotland/ NI	Nat Av
Layers mash – 17–21%	-	-	-	-	-	-	199.33	-	190	197
Broiler chick crumb	-	-	-	275	-	298	263	-	-	278.67
Broiler grower pellet/mash	-	-	-	250.5	-	225	255.81	-	-	243.77
Turkey starter crumb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Turkey grower pellet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

#### Comments box

Poultry feed price reports in March have show a rise along with cattle feed, while lamb and ewe concentrates have fallen since February. The averages are comparable with other industry sources, although the reports for calf concentrates may be a little high. Organic values of £360/t for ewe nuts and £290/t for dairy concentrate were reported but have been isolated from regional and national averages.

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