

# [Official Statistics: Butterflies in the wider countryside UK](#)

*Updated:* Updated indicators published for 1976 to 2017

These indicators on butterflies in the United Kingdom contribute to a suite of indicators due to be updated later this year (the [UK Biodiversity Indicators](#)); earlier data availability allows their release ahead of that publication. Two measures of annual butterfly population abundance are presented: the first for specialist butterflies (species strongly associated with semi-natural habitats such as unimproved grassland) and the second for butterflies found in both semi-natural habitats and the wider countryside. The measures are multi-species indices compiled by Butterfly Conservation (BC), the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (CEH), and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) from data collated through the UK Butterfly Monitoring Scheme (UK BMS) and the Wider Countryside Butterfly Survey (WCBS). The indicators use data from butterfly transect sites on farmland and in woodland from the UK BMS and additionally randomly selected farmland plots from the WCBS. Further details of the methods used to compile the indicators and assess change can be found on the [UK BMS website](#). More information about this indicator is available on the [JNCC website](#).

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# [Official Statistics: Butterflies in the wider countryside England](#)

*Updated:* Updated indicators published 1990 to 2017

These statistics on widespread butterflies on farmland and in woodland in England, contribute to a suite of indicators due to be updated later this year (the [Biodiversity 2020 indicators for England](#)); earlier data availability allows their release ahead of that publication. The measures for butterflies on farmland and in woodland are multi-species indices compiled by

Butterfly Conservation (BC) and the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (CEH) from data collated through the UK Butterfly Monitoring Scheme (UKBMS) and the Wider Countryside Butterfly Survey (WCBS). The indicators use data from butterfly transect sites on farmland and in woodland from the UKBMS and additionally randomly selected farmland plots from the WCBS. Further details of the methods used to compile the indicators and assess change can be found on the [UK BMS website](#). More information about farmland and woodland indicators is available on the [England biodiversity indicators](#) homepage.

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## **[Policy paper: Notifiable avian disease control strategy](#)**

*Updated:* Added the latest version of the strategy.

How outbreaks of notifiable avian diseases, avian flu and Newcastle disease, are managed in Great Britain.

The strategy sets out how we work to bring Great Britain back to disease free status as quickly as possible during an outbreak.

The strategy is meant for those affected by an outbreak, so they can be better prepared to respond quickly and effectively.

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## **[Research and analysis: Electricity system: modelling capability](#)**

Report looking at the emerging challenges for modelling the electricity system in Great Britain.

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# Consultation outcome: Discussion: reviewing import controls on live animals and products of animal origin

*Updated:* Added a note on what happened after this discussion had ended.

The objective of our border controls is to ensure that the live animals and products entering England are safe.

We are reviewing the regulations in England and would welcome your thoughts on:

- the extent the regulations achieve the objective
- whether those objectives remain appropriate
- could the objectives be achieved by less regulation

The review we are undertaking is required under Article 43 of the [Trade in Animals and Animal Products Regulations 2011 SI 1197 \(TARP\)](#).