

[Official Statistics: Biofuel statistics: Year 10 \(2017 to 2018\), report 4](#)

User survey

We previously consulted on changes to the RTFO and have since published the [government response to the consultation](#). Alongside the changes to the RTFO, we are proposing modifications to the quarterly and annual reports and tables. We welcome any comments about our proposals, which is why we are conducting a [user survey](#). This survey will close on 24 August 2018. You can also contact us by the email below.

Statistics on the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation for the year 15 April 2017 to 14 April 2018 (year 10) based on data currently available. This is report 4 of 6 and therefore contains an incomplete dataset for year 10.

The report includes information on the:

- amount of UK road transport fuel from renewable and fossil fuel
- number of Renewable Transport Fuel Certificates (RTFCs) which have been issued to fuel meeting the sustainability requirements
- balance of RTFCs by obligation period
- trades of RTFCs between suppliers and traders
- carbon and sustainability characteristics of the renewable fuel to which RTFCs have been issued
- voluntary scheme data of renewable transport fuel

[National Statistics: Historical statistic notices on UK egg production and prices, 2018](#)

This publication gives previously published copies of the quarterly National Statistics publication on egg production, usage and prices that showed figures for 2018. Each publication gives the figures available at that time. The figures are subject to revision each quarter as new information becomes available.

The latest publication and accompanying data sets can be found [here](#).

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Post-Brexit discussions in London

Staff from SRUC's Rural Policy Centre recently spent a day in London talking to politicians and policy makers about post-Brexit challenges in Scotland.

Collection: Nitrate vulnerable zones

Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (NVZs) are areas designated as being at risk from agricultural nitrate pollution. They include about 55% of land in England.

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) reviews NVZs every 4 years to account for changes in nitrate concentrations.

This collection of guidance explains:

- how to find out if your land is in an NVZ
 - transitional arrangements until 31 July 2019 (if your land was in an NVZ for the first time in 2017)
 - NVZ rules
 - NVZ and cross-compliance requirements
 - how to prevent water pollution from your farm
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Detailed guide: Nitrate Vulnerable Zone designations 2017 to 2020: rules and appeals

Find out if your land is in an NVZ

Use the [interactive map](#) to find out if your land is in an NVZ.

Your farm may be completely or partly in an NVZ. NVZ boundaries are drawn around whole fields, so there are no fields that are only partly in an NVZ.

Restrictions apply to each field that's in an NVZ.

Contact the [Environment Agency](#) if you have difficulty checking online or need a printed map.

Outcome of appeals

You can no longer appeal a decision to include land in an NVZ as part of the 2017 to 2020 designation process. The appeals process has finished and some land is no longer in an NVZ.

If your appeal was successful, you must still take steps to [prevent water pollution](#).

Transitional arrangements

If your land was in an NVZ for the first time in 2017, you did not have to comply with NVZ rules straight away. The rules are being phased in from 1 January 2018 to 31 July 2019.

These transitional arrangements meant you did not have to comply with any NVZ legal requirements until 1 January 2018.

These arrangements also mean you have until 31 July 2019 to comply with some of the rules on:

- [storing slurry and poultry manure](#)
- [spreading manufactured fertiliser](#)
- [equipment you can use to spread slurry](#)
- [spreading some types of organic manure](#)
- [separating slurry](#)

See the [guide to cross compliance in England 2018](#) for details of how these rules are being phased in. You'll find the guidance you need under SMR 1: Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (NVZs) on pages 39 to 48.

Contact the Farming Advice Service (FAS)

Contact [FAS](#) for information about using nitrogen fertilisers and manures in NVZs, and other cross compliance requirements.