## **Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) Statistics**

These ALC statistics derive from the digital 1:250,000 scale Provisional ALC map, originally published as a regional series of paper maps in 1977, and Ordnance Survey Boundary Line 2003. It should be noted that the Provisional ALC map was designed to provide general strategic guidance on land quality and not for identifying the agricultural quality of individual parcels of land. It is based on reconnaissance surveys, rather than detailed field surveys, and has a minimum mapping unit of approximately 80 hectares. The maps were created prior to the sub-division of Grade 3 into Sub-grades 3a and 3b. Consequently, there may be limitations to the statistics which reflect the limitations of the maps from which they are derived.

Further details about ALC can be found in the <u>Leaflet explaining Agricultural Land Classification</u> (193 KB). The maps themselves can be viewed on the website <u>www.magic.gov.uk</u> or purchased from Defra Publications (tel: 08459 556000 or <u>www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/publications/pubcat/map.htm</u>).

The statistics can be viewed at National, Government Office, County, Unitary Authority or District level using the links below. They are presented in hectares as well as a percentage of total land area.

England		
Grade	<b>Hectares</b>	%
Grade 1	354,562	2.7
Grade 2	1,848,874	14.2
Grade 3	6,290,210	48.2
Grade 4	1,839,581	14.1
Grade 5	1,100,305	8.4
Non Agricultural	655,856	5.0
Urban	951,424	7.3

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Eastern Government Office	Contents	<b>Statistics</b>
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North East Government Office	Contents	<b>Statistics</b>
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Yorkshire and The Humber Government Office	Contents	<b>Statistics</b>

Grade 4	479	5.9
Grade 5	0	0.0
Non Agricultural	0	0.0
Urban	4,044	50.1

Oadby and Wigston District

Grade	Hectares	%
Grade 1	0	0.0
Grade 2	0	0.0
Grade 3	932	39.6
Grade 4	57	2.4
Grade 5	0	0.0
Non Agricultural	0	0.0
Urban	1,363	58.0

Rushcliffe District

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Grade	Hectares	%
Grade 1	0	0.0
Grade 2	12,774	31.2
Grade 3	24,839	60.7
Grade 4	1,224	3.0
Grade 5	0	0.0
Non Agricultural	558	1.4
Urban	1,528	3.7

Rutland

Hectares	%
351	0.9
3,250	8.3
32,871	83.5
567	1.4
0	0.0
2,072	5.3
263	0.7
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South Derbyshire District

Grade	Hectares	%
Grade 2	7,024	20.8
Grade 3	20,445	60.5
Grade 4	4,875	14.4
Grade 5	0	0.0
Non Agricultural	604	1.8
Urban	864	2.6

South Holland District

South Hottuna District		
Grade	Hectares	%
Grade 1	42,838	57.5
Grade 2	29,651	39.8
Grade 3	325	0.4
Grade 4	974	1.3
Grade 5	0	0.0
Non Agricultural	0	0.0