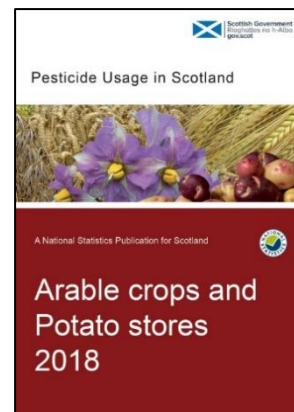


The Scottish Government's Pesticide Usage Surveys and IPM Plan

The Scottish Government's [Pesticide Survey Unit](#), based at SASA, Edinburgh, has been collecting and publishing information about how pesticides are used in Scottish agricultural and horticultural systems since the 1970s. The data provided by Scottish farmers are an essential independent resource for pesticide regulators, policy makers and a wide range of other stakeholders in Scotland and the UK. They describe how pesticides have been used historically, how they are currently used, and predict how changes to pesticide availability will affect future Scottish crop protection and production.

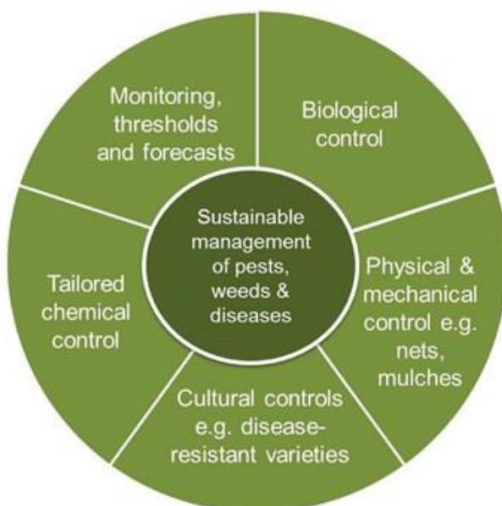
Access to high quality independent pesticide usage information is particularly important now, more so than it has been in the past, due to the current impacts of regulatory changes in pesticide approvals, increasing public concern and Government correspondence and lobbying over pesticide usage.

The survey team would like to thank all the farmers who have provided data for the surveys and would like to encourage participation in the Arable 2020 Pesticide Use Survey this coming winter.



The latest Pesticide Usage on [Arable Crop Survey](#)

In addition to the pesticide surveys, The Scottish Government also survey the uptake of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) by Scottish Growers. IPM is a whole farm approach to managing the land, maximising the efficiency of production whilst minimising negative effects on the environment. The Scottish Government promotes IPM through a number of activities, including the development and hosting of a Scottish IPM plan and via funding of their strategic research programme and Farm Advisory Service. By monitoring grower's uptake of IPM, we provide information about the effectiveness of these promotional activities and an overview of all crop protection practices that growers implement, not just their chemical control.



Potential approaches to IPM

For more information and guidance for completing an IPM Plan go to <http://bit.ly/pestmanagementplan>

Growers are encouraged to complete the Scottish Integrated Pest Management Plan. Benefits of completing an IPM plan include:

- Assists landowners to make the best possible and most sustainable use of all methods for controlling pests, weeds and diseases.
- Maximises the effectiveness of crop protection.
- Reduces reliance on use of pesticides.