



Cereal and oilseed rape harvest: first estimates – 2024

Summary

Industry experts predict an average year for cereal production. Total cereal production is expected to remain at around 3.1 million tonnes, just above the ten-year average.

Average production results are predicted for winter barley, oilseed rape and wheat. Mostly as a result of decreased area and yield. While some very good yields are predicted for oats and spring barley, a late harvest this year makes oats predictions less reliable. Wet weather affected winter planting and continued into spring planting. Unfavourable weather across the season means farms are likely to see a wide variety in yields. Final results after harvest completes in Scotland will be published in December.

Production

	Production (Tonnes)	Change from 2023/ 2024	
Total cereals	3,087,784	up 1%	↑
Spring barley	1,700,857	up 8%	↑
Winter barley	329,215	down 5%	↓
Wheat	866,651	down 12%	↓
Oats	191,061	up 21%	↑
Oilseed rape	132,843	down 20%	↓

Area

	Area (Hectares)	Change from 2023/ 2024	
Total cereals	427,503	No change	→
Spring barley	258,268	up 2%	↑
Winter barley	43,148	down 7%	↓
Wheat	98,423	down 8%	↓
Oats	27,665	up 6%	↑
Oilseed rape	36,777	down 10%	↓

Yield

	Yield (Tonnes per hectare)	Change from 2023/ 2024	
Total cereals	7.22	up 1%	↑
Spring barley	6.59	up 4%	↑
Winter barley	7.63	up 2%	↑
Wheat	8.81	down 4%	↓
Oats	6.91	up 14%	↑
Oilseed rape	3.61	down 11%	↓

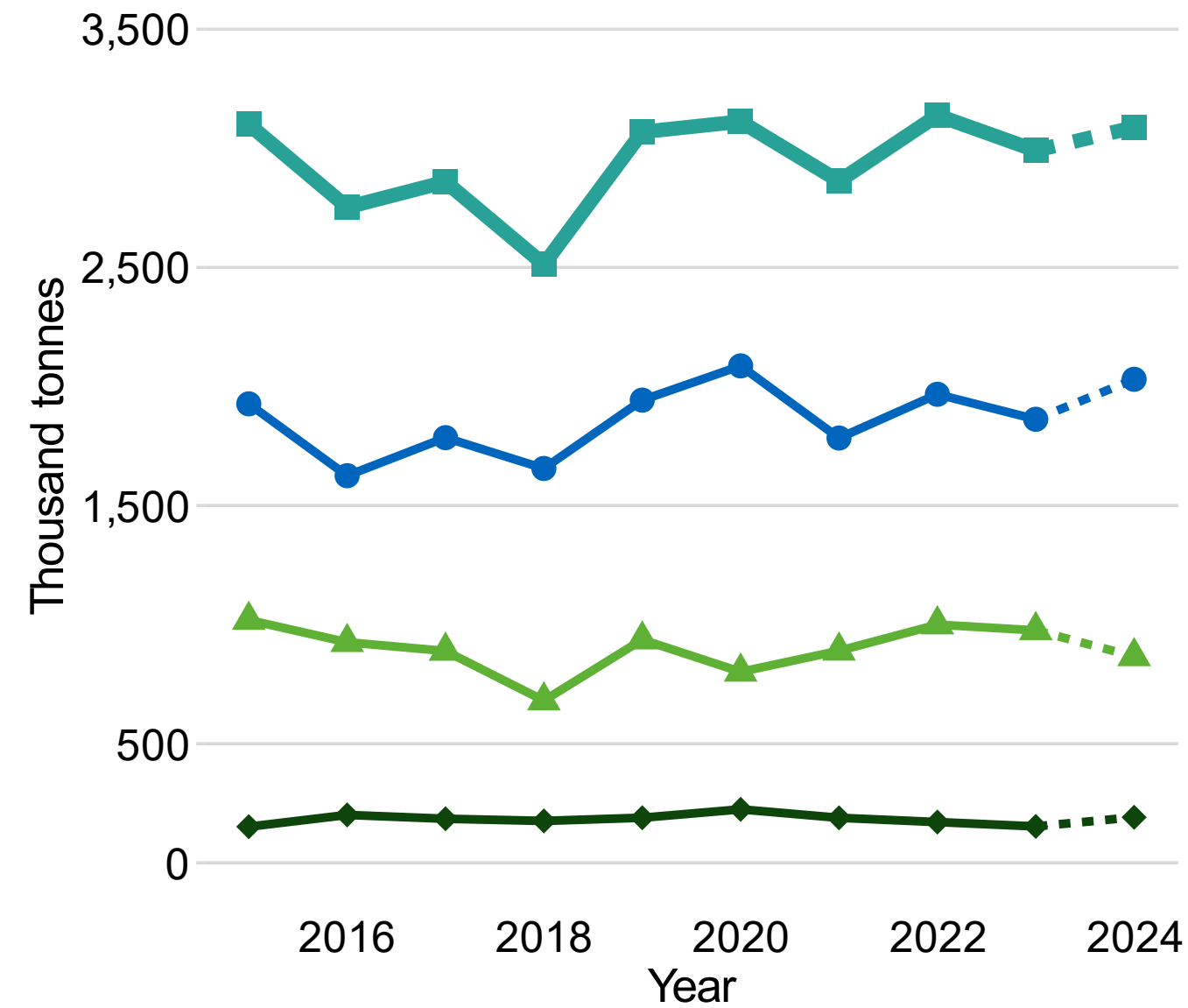


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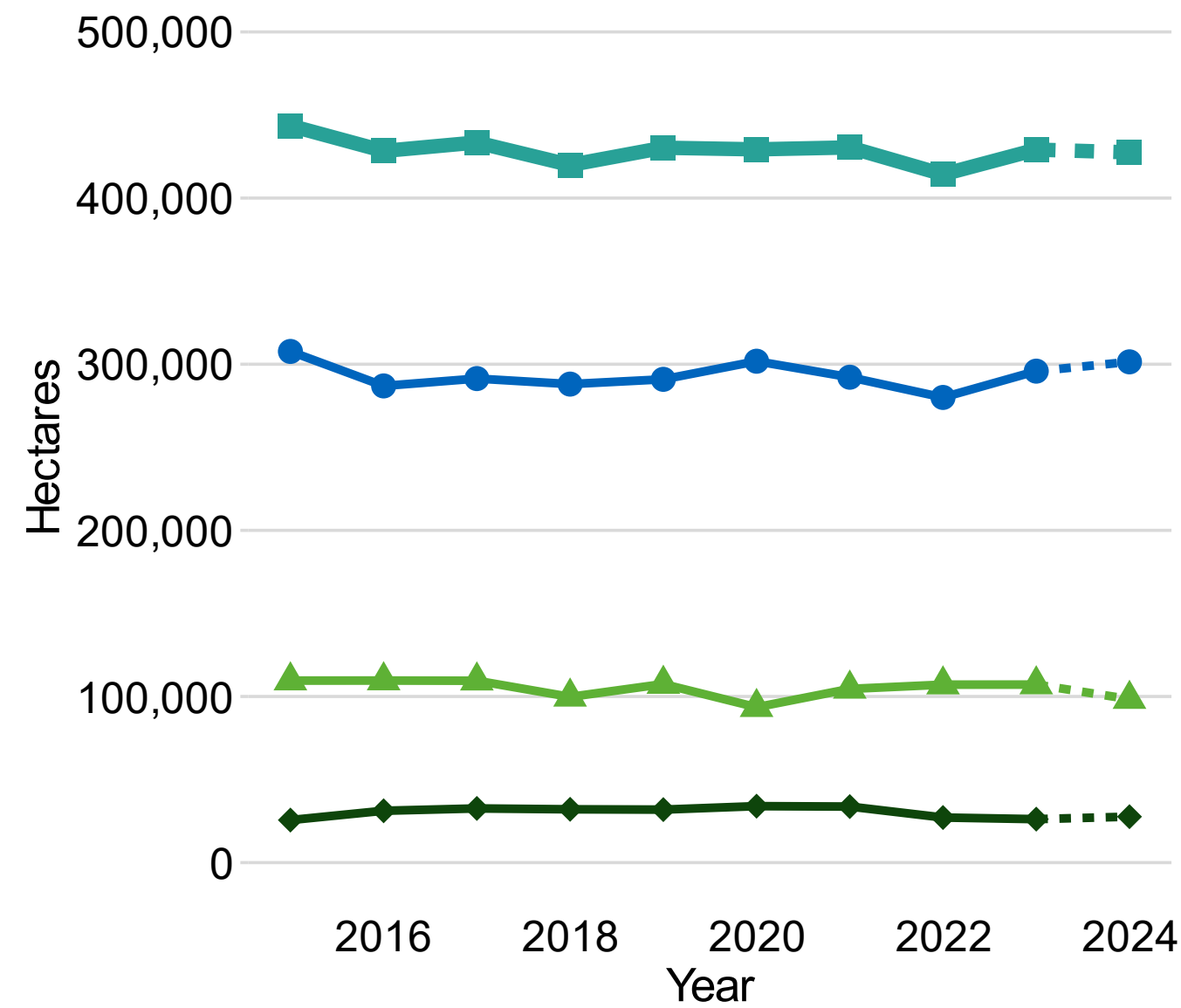
Timeseries of cereals production, sown area and yield in Scotland, from 2015 to 2024.

Solid lines show final estimates from previous years; dashed lines show first estimates for 2024.

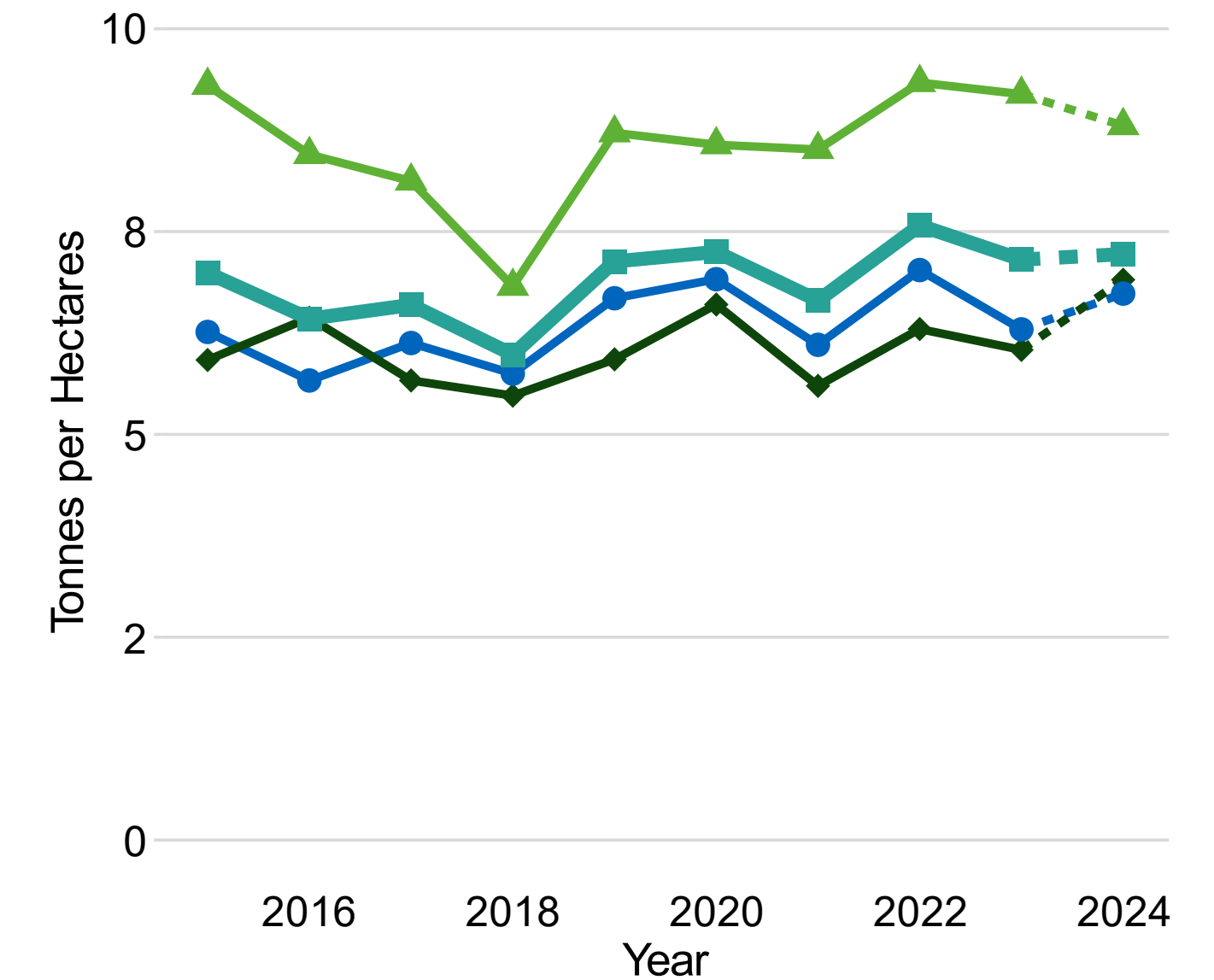
Production



Area



Yield



Key

-  Total cereals
-  Barley (spring and winter)
-  Wheat
-  Oats