

Cereal and oilseed rape harvest: first estimates – 2023



Summary

Industry experts predict an average year for cereal production. Total cereal production is expected to be around 3.0 million tonnes, in line with the ten-year average. Variable weather this year likely means mixed harvest outcomes for Scottish farms. Some good wheat yields are being seen but there have been challenges for spring barley. Final estimates of the Scottish harvest will be published in December. Final results are collected from farms after the harvest has finished.

Production

	Production (Tonnes)	Change from 2022/ 2023	
Total cereals	2,990,702	down 5%	↓
Spring barley	1,511,513	down 6%	↓
Winter barley	350,590	down 3%	↓
Wheat	975,860	down 2%	↓
Oats	152,739	down 11%	↓
Oilseed rape	159,670	up 6%	↑

Area

	Area (Hectares)	Change from 2022/ 2023	
Total cereals	416,097	no change	→
Spring barley	240,013	up 2%	↑
Winter barley	44,547	up 1%	↑
Wheat	106,741	no change	→
Oats	24,796	down 9%	↓
Oilseed rape	39,858	up 13%	↑

Yield

	Yield (Tonnes per hectare)	Change from 2022/ 2023	
Total cereals	7.19	down 5%	↓
Spring barley	6.30	down 7%	↓
Winter barley	7.87	down 4%	↓
Wheat	9.14	down 2%	↓
Oats	6.16	down 2%	↓
Oilseed rape	4.01	down 6%	↓

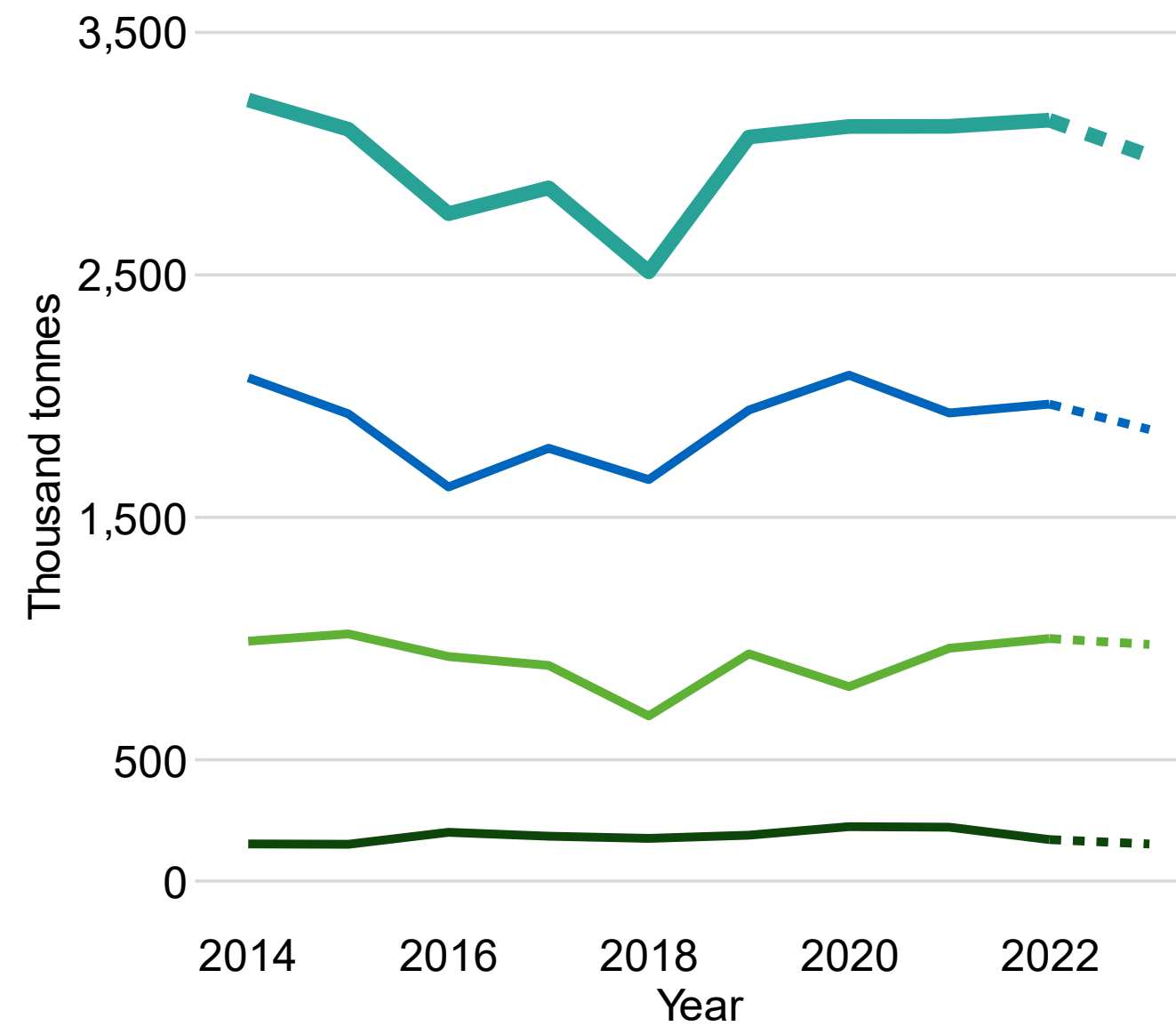
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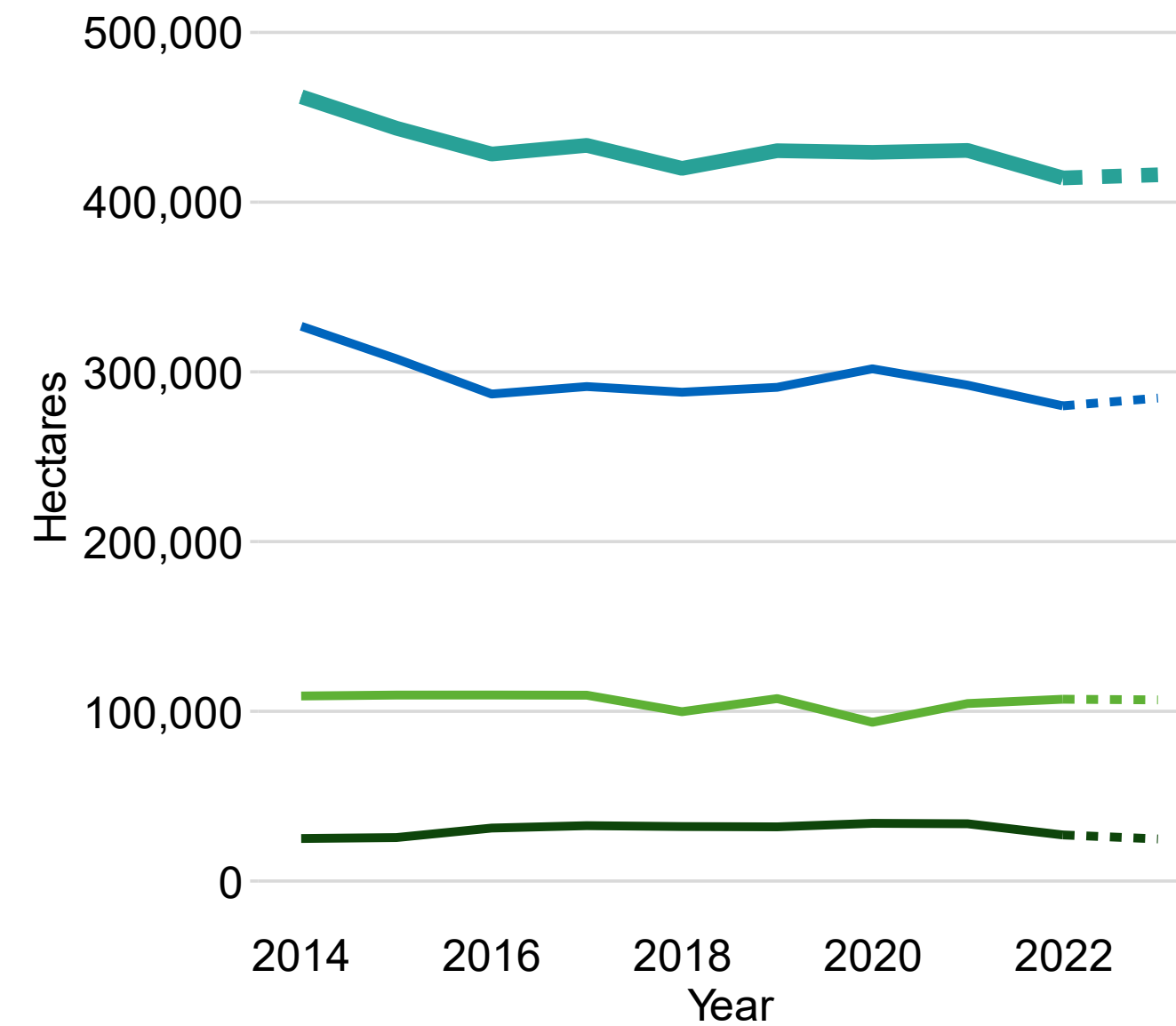
Timeseries of cereals production, sown area and yield in Scotland, from 2014 to 2023.

Solid lines show final estimates from previous years; dashed lines show first estimates for 2023.

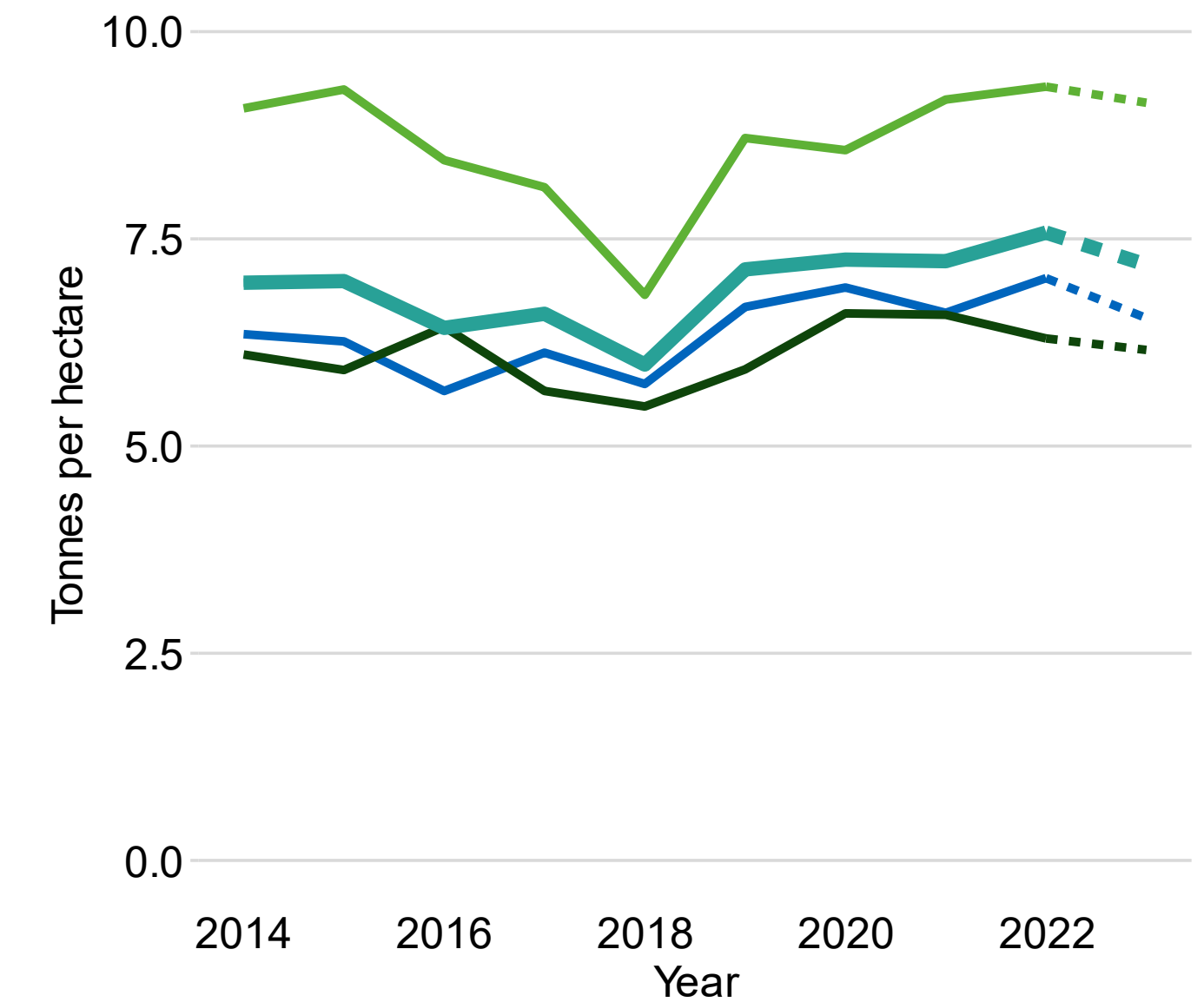
Production



Area



Yield



Key

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