

Winter Planting Survey



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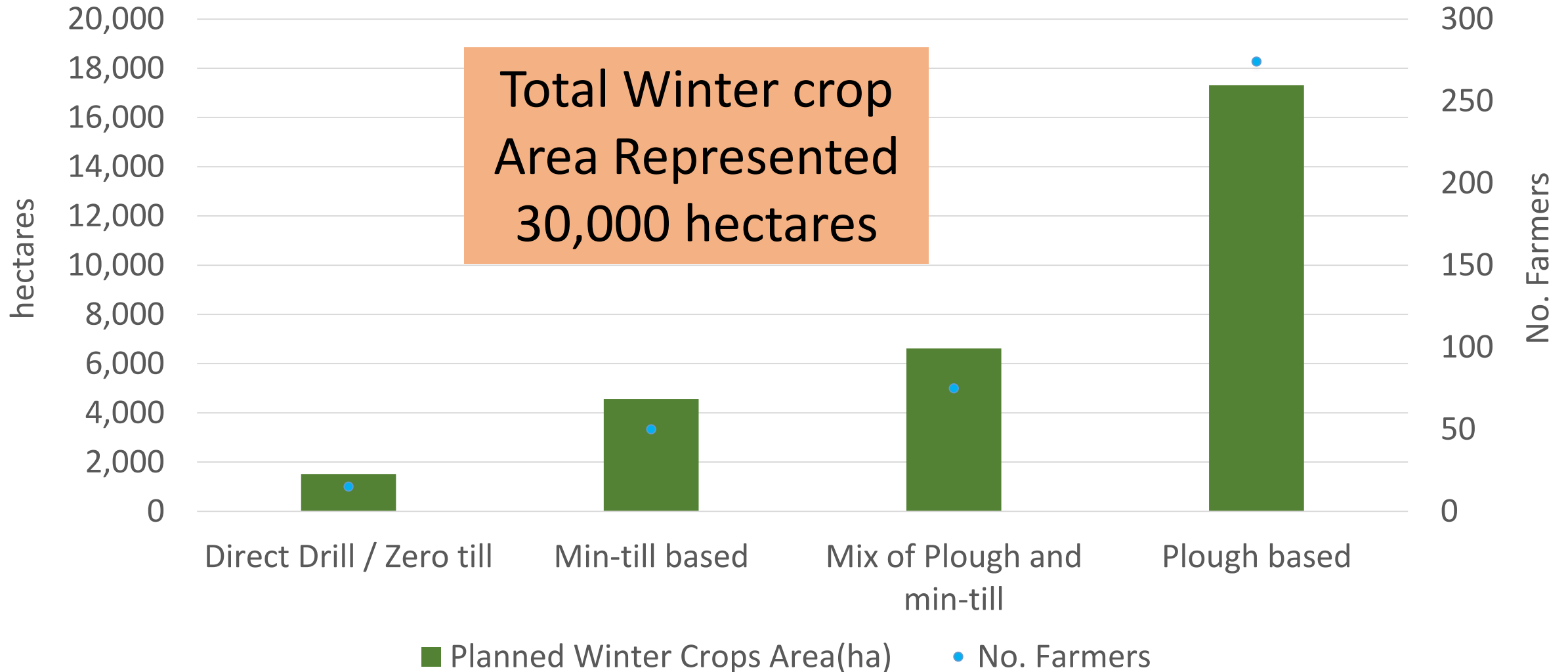
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The survey...

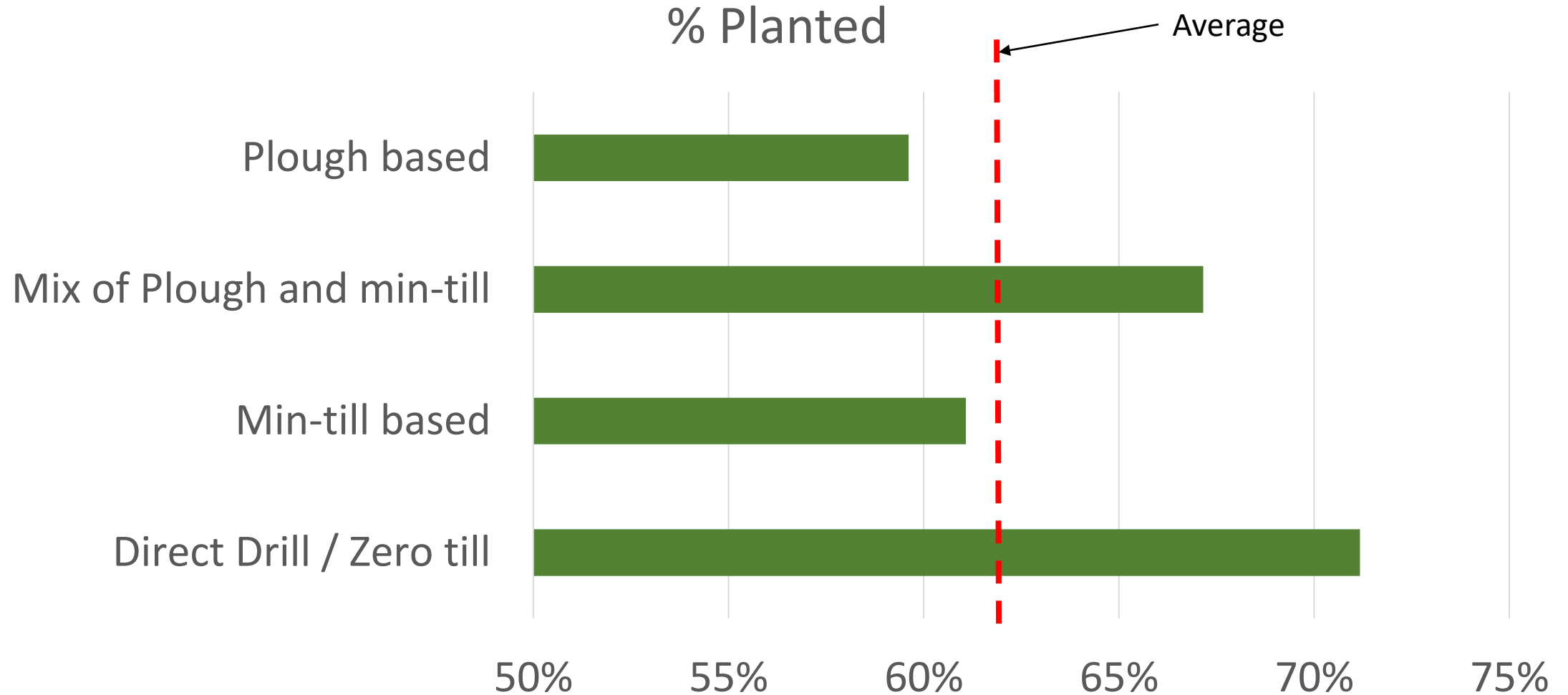
- Online using Survey Monkey
- Opened from 18 December to 15 January
- 654 respondents but only 71% completed
- 414 farmers with usable data

Plough based systems dominate

Farmers and Normal Winter Crop area (ha)



All establishment systems below target area to be sown: average 62%



S. East and N. East have less area planted

% area planted in each region



Is this representative?

- Av plantings winter cereals 2021-2023 = 130,000ha
- Winter plantings best estimates based on
 - Seed sales (WW,WB,WO)
 - Visible planted area
- Total area planted = 78,000 ha
- Area planted = 130,000ha x 62% = 80,600ha
 - Difference 2,600ha or ~3%

Larger farms have similar % planted

% Area planted by the size of farmer

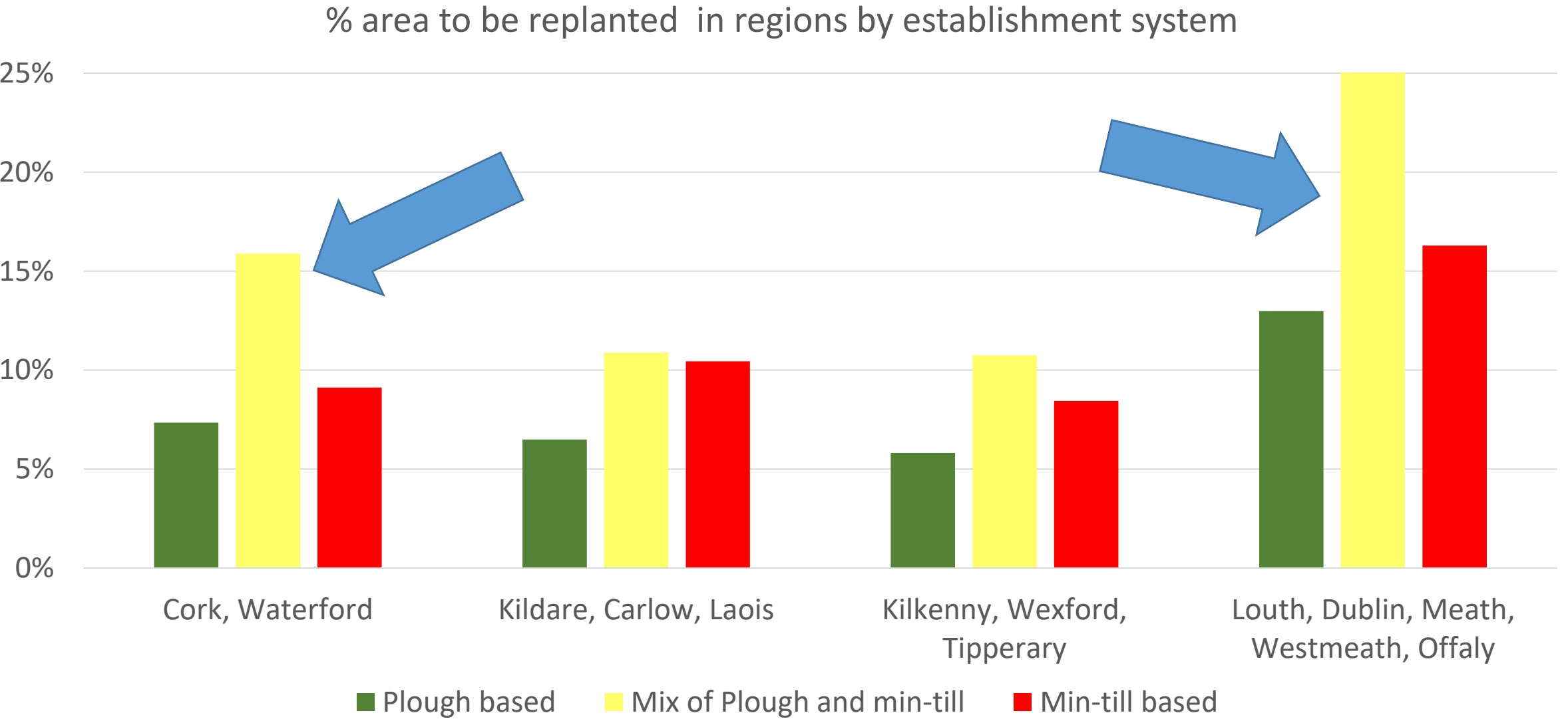


Flexibility when establishing crops helped

% Area planted in each region by establishment systems

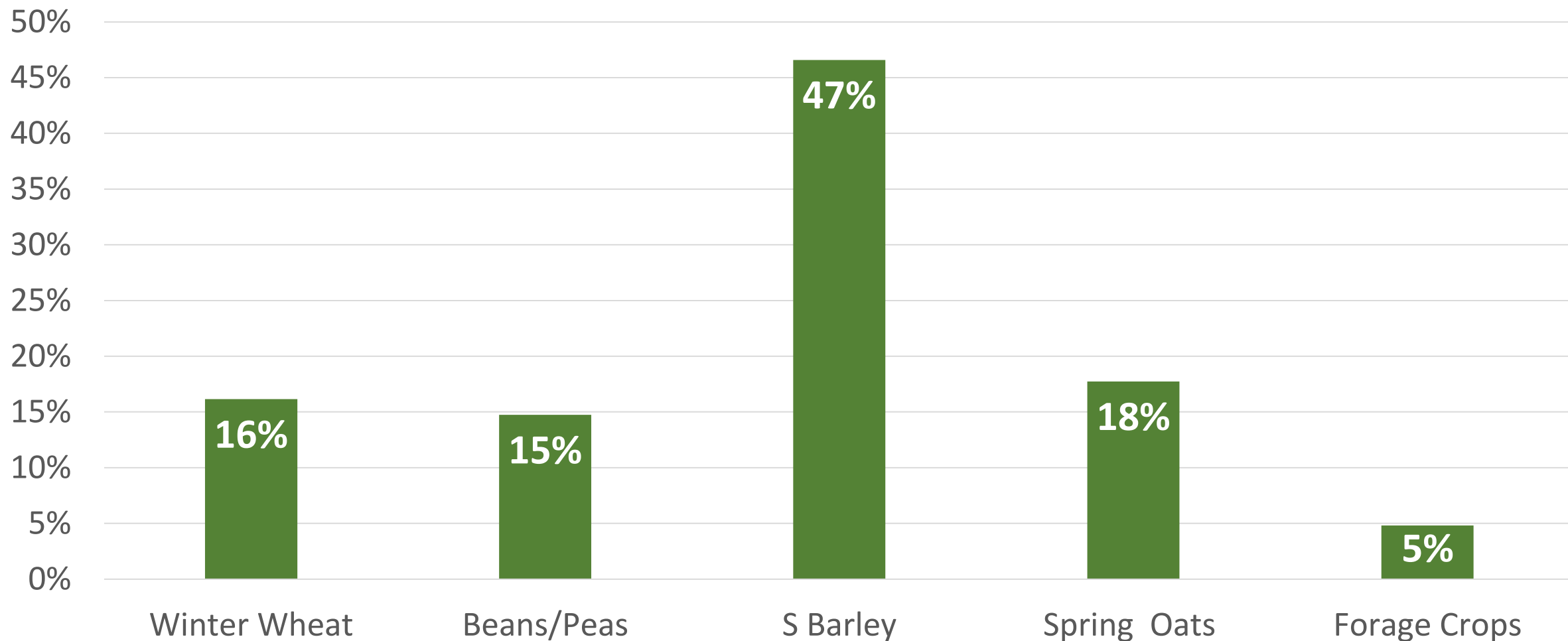


Flexible systems but planting into poor conditions?



Spring barley planned for the majority of area not planted to winter crops

% area of crops planned for winter crop area not planted



Seed situation...

Crop	Area (ha)	Comment
Winter cereal area	80,000	Crops planted (but some replanting?)
Winter oilseed rape	15,000	Crops planted - minimal resowing?
Winter Rye	2,000	Crops planted
Spring Wheat	26,000	Crops planted
Beans		
Spring Oats		
Beet		
Maize		
Spring Oil Seed		
Spring barley		
Total	308,000	
Total area 2023	333,700	To maintain 2023 area = 26,000ha (-8%)

Total area currently without identified seed = **26,000 ha**

- Will the Jan/Feb winter wheat be planted?
- What part will home saved seed play?
- Can the seed industry source the seed shortfall?
- Will alternatives like fallow/ cover crop be attractive?