



## Monthly publication of Official Statistics on the incidence and prevalence of tuberculosis (TB) in Cattle in Great Britain – to end February 2016

These statistics and accompanying datasets were released on Wednesday 11 May 2016 at 9:30. The next set of monthly data will be published on Wednesday 13 July 2016. The next quarterly statistical notice which includes headline measures and charts will be published on Wednesday 15 June 2016.

**Short term changes in these statistics should be considered in the context of long term trends.**

Key tables summarising data to February 2016

**Table 1: New herd incidents<sup>1</sup> and incidents where OTF status has been withdrawn<sup>2</sup>**

	New herd incidents			New herd incidents where OTF status is withdrawn (OTFW)		
	12 months to end Feb 2015	12 months to end Feb 2016	Year-on-year change	12 months to end Feb 2015	12 months to end Feb 2016	Year-on-year change
England	3,748	3,976	6%	2,760	2,797	1%
High risk area	3,296	3,460	5%	2,548	2,558	0%
Edge area	331	357	8%	173	190	10%
Low risk area	121	159	31%	39	49	26%
Scotland	48	43	-10%	15	9	-40%
Wales	883	786	-11%	556	428	-23%

**Table 2: Herds not officially TB free at the end of the period due to a bovine TB incident (non-OTF herds)<sup>3</sup>**

	12 months to end Feb 2015	12 months to end Feb 2016	Year-on-year change
England	3,069	3,264	6%
High risk area	2,788	2,926	5%
Edge area	220	260	18%
Low risk area	61	78	28%
Scotland	29	30	3%
Wales	692	634	-8%

**Table 3: Total animals slaughtered<sup>4</sup>**

	12 months to end Feb 2015	12 months to end Feb 2016	Year-on-year change
England	26,594	28,548	7%
High risk area	22,740	25,178	11%
Edge area	3,166	2,734	-14%
Low risk area	688	636	-8%
Scotland	239	149	-38%
Wales	6,208	8,491	37%

## Footnotes

1. Herds which were previously OTF but either had cattle that reacted to a tuberculin test or had a tuberculous animal disclosed by routine meat inspection at slaughter, during the period shown. This is the preferred figure to measure the number of new breakdowns.
2. New herd incidents where OTF status was withdrawn from the herd.
3. Herds which were not officially TB-free (i.e. herds with an open breakdown with OTF status suspended or withdrawn) due to a TB incident, at the end of the period shown.
4. Reactors slaughtered + Inconclusive reactors slaughtered + Direct contacts Slaughtered.

## Further information

The publication 'quarterly headline statistics on TB in cattle in GB' contains charts on trends in TB as well as data tables, detailed commentary and background information. This and the related datasets can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/incidence-of-tuberculosis-tb-in-cattle-in-great-britain>

A wide range of other statistics is available on the internet at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs/about/statistics>

## Data

These statistics are obtained from the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) work management IT support system (Sam), used for the administration of TB testing in GB. They are a snapshot of the position on the date on which the data were extracted. These statistics may be subject to regular revision until all test results are available. In particular figures from 2014 onwards will be subject to further revision as test and incident records are completed.

## Methodology

For a description of the data sources and methodology used in the calculation of the TB statistics, together with notes on data revisions policy etc., please refer to the 'Background and Methodology' annex document at: [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/483748/bovinetb-annex-09dec15a.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/483748/bovinetb-annex-09dec15a.pdf)

## Additional information on bovine TB

More information on bovine TB can be found at:

England:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/reducing-bovine-tuberculosis>

Wales:

<http://gov.wales/topics/environmentcountryside/ahw/disease/bovinetuberculosis/?lang=en>

Scotland:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/farmingrural/Agriculture/animal-welfare/Diseases/disease/tuberculosis>