



Our Ref: ATIC1309

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{By Email}

26 April 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about quail registered in the UK which we received on 4 April 2018. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“...the number of quail registered in the UK, for meat and for eggs, through the APHA poultry registration scheme?

Of this number, please could you advise how many are registered as indoors only – caged?”

| | | number of birds >0 | | number of birds >50 | |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | | No. of Premises | No. of Birds | No. of Premises | No. of Birds |
| 1 | All Quail | 998 | 290,919 | 230 | 279,885 |
| 2 | Egg | 473 | 119,042 | 144 | 113,371 |
| 3 | Meat | 70 | 150,562 | 28 | 149,777 |
| 4 | Egg and Meat | 520 | 269,604 | 167 | 263,148 |
| 5 | Egg + Indoor-Caged | 44 | 15,040 | 13 | 14,336 |
| 6 | Meat + Indoor-Caged | 1 | 150 | 1 | 150 |
| 7 | Egg and Meat + Indoor-Caged | 44 | 15,190 | 13 | 14,486 |

The number of birds for eggs (row 2) plus the number of birds for meat (row 3) equals the figure of birds for eggs and meat (row 4).

For indoor caged birds, the number of birds for eggs (row 5) plus the number of birds for meat (row 6) equals the number of birds for eggs and meat indoor caged (row 7).

This is because the stock numbers are recorded per flock and a flock can only be registered as one particular production type. The ‘Number of Birds’ is the number of birds

in total (birds not flocks) and is based on the usual stock numbers recorded on APHA systems. This number is provided by the poultry keeper upon registration, and can vary over the year(s). The criteria used to extract this data excludes any premises and/or flock that have a usual stock number recorded as 'none' or 'zero'.

The number of premises, however, is different to the number of birds because a premise (CPH) can have several flocks; some premises which have an egg production flock also have a meat production flock and vice-versa. Therefore the total number of premises for egg and meat (row 4 or 7), is less than the figure achieved if you add the premises for eggs and the premises for meat together.

The APHA Poultry Register records details of flocks as submitted by poultry keepers. There is only a legal requirement to register flocks with more than 50 birds. Any flock with fewer than 50 birds is not required to register. Figures for flocks of fewer than 50 birds are therefore not necessarily representative of every small or 'backyard' flock in Great Britain.

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Yours sincerely

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