



Our Ref: ATIC1546

[REDACTED]  
{By Email}

24 December 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

### PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about free range eggs which we received on 25 November 2018. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

I am writing to you to make an information request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please could you provide the following information for the years 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014.

1. How many registered organic, free range, barn and battery/enriched egg producing businesses were there in the UK for each year?

As per figures below for England & Wales. 2018 is done to 06/12/2018.

- 2014 – Organic: 177  
Free Range: 2257  
Barn: 219  
Enriched Cage: 96
- 2015 – Organic: 182  
Free Range: 2225  
Barn: 215  
Enriched Cage: 94
- 2016 – Organic: 183  
Free Range: 2232  
Barn: 216  
Enriched Cage: 92
- 2017 – Organic: 181  
Free Range: 2032  
Barn: 184

- Enriched Cage: 89
- 2018 – Organic: 180  
Free Range: 2055  
Barn: 187  
Enriched Cage: 87

2. Of these, how many are inspected once a year and how many twice a year?

All premises in England & Wales have a minimum of one visit per year on a risk basis as required by legislation. Where non-compliance is identified a premises will have more frequent visits.

3. How many registered packing or wholesale egg businesses were there in the UK for each year?

As per figures below for England & Wales. 2018 is done to 06/12/2018.

- 2014 – Packers: 1571  
Wholesalers: 1804
- 2015 – Packers: 1512  
Wholesalers: 1759
- 2016 – Packers: 1439  
Wholesalers: 1713
- 2017 – Packers: 1413  
Wholesalers: 1692
- 2018 – Packers: 1318  
Wholesalers: 1606

4. How many registered free range egg producing businesses hadn't sorted the problem 'Access Restricted' and/or 'Range Access Denied' when they were inspected for the second time?

41 premises in total in England & Wales between 01/01/2014 and 06/12/2018, of which the attached spreadsheet (Appendix 1) shows the breakdown by county.

5. How many registered free range egg producing businesses were found to have the problem 'Access Restricted' and/or 'Range Access Denied' more than once in the last five years?

78 premises in total in England & Wales between 01/01/2014 and 06/12/2018, of which the attached spreadsheet (Appendix 2) shows the breakdown by county.

For questions (4) and (5) please indicate the county each business was/is based in. For example, Devon.

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I attach an Annex which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you and contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

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Yours sincerely

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