



Our Ref: ATIC2014

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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

### PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about livestock populations of farms in Oxfordshire which we received on 30 March 2020. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“If you have the data, could you please send a list of farms in Oxfordshire, along with the number of pigs, cattle, sheep and poultry each has?  
Even partial data would be useful.”

The data you requested can be found in Appendix 1. The County Parish Holding (CPH) numbers have been anonymised and replaced with Farm number 1, 2, 3 etc. as per Section 40 below.

“If you do not store this, could you instead send the data of how many pigs, cattle, sheep and poultry there are in Oxfordshire overall?”

The overall totals have also been supplied below:

Species	Usual stock numbers
Pigs	57,131
Cattle	72,149
Sheep	119,548
Chickens	1,692,188

The ‘usual stock numbers’ are the number of animals provided by the owner/keeper to APHA upon registration. APHA do not register poultry as a species therefore data supplied is for Chickens. It is only compulsory to register flocks of poultry of over 50 birds with APHA. Owners/Keepers can voluntarily register flocks of less than 50 birds.

Some of the information has been redacted under Section 40(2), read in conjunction with 40(3A)(a), of the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

## **Section 40**

The farm's identification (address, post code etc) have been substituted with individual farm ID's whilst making sure that the species listed for each is retained. This has been removed under section 40(2), read in conjunction with 40(3A)(a), (third party personal data), of the FOIA as the information constitutes personal data relating to a third party. Section 40(2), read in conjunction with 40(3A)(a), of the FOIA provides that personal data relating to third parties is exempt information if disclosure of that information would breach any of the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

APHA consider that disclosure of this information is likely to breach the first data protection principle in Article 5(1)(a) repeated in 35(1) DPA, which provides that personal data must be processed lawfully, fairly, and in a transparent manner in two ways. First, disclosure would not constitute 'fair' processing of the personal data, second, disclosure of that information would not be 'lawful'. Therefore, we have concluded that this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40 of the FOIA.

Information disclosed in response to this FOI request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOI and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on GOV.UK, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the GOV.UK website.

An Annex is attached 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.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the Access to Information Team at the email address below. During the current Coronavirus outbreak, our offices will be closed.

Yours sincerely

## **ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM**

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## Annex

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Please note that generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted APHA's own complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at:

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Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
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