



By email:

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Dear

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Compensation Paid to Farmers for Cattle Slaughtered due to Bovine TB

Thank you for your request for information of 7 January 2021 about compensation paid to farmers for cattle slaughtered due to bovine TB. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

In your request for information, you asked:

Please could you point me in the right direction to ascertain the historical fiscal compensation paid to farmers for cattle slaughtered due to bTB.

We have provided the information below, which is for compensation paid to farmers for cattle slaughtered due to Bovine tuberculosis in England. You have not specified how far back you wish the information to go. The figures below are for the most recent four full financial years (i.e. to 31 March) and do not take account of salvage income received from slaughter.

Financial year	Total gross expenditure for cattle compulsorily slaughtered for the purpose of controlling bovine TB in England (£m)
16/17	£29.5M
17/18	£37.3M
18/19	£34.0M
19/20	£31.4M

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If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A

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