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[REDACTED]  
{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

## PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about poultry numbers, which we received on 26 May 2021. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

"I have seen your publication of request ATIC2051 from June last year, which detailed:

The number of birds currently recorded on APHA's SAM database for each registered keeper, broken down by species, local authority area and purposes for which they are kept."

Your response to this request detailed the database as it was in May or June last year. I would now like to understand how the database - and the numbers of birds recorded - has changed over time.

Depending how you store information on the database this may be possible in two ways (perhaps we can liaise on this by email?):

1) Could you provide the number of birds recorded on the database for each register keeper, broken down by species, Local Authority area, purposes for which they are kept AND date of application (or date they each was added on to the register).

or

2) could you provide the details provided in ATIC2051 (The number of birds currently recorded on the APHA's SAM database for each registered keeper, broken down by species, Local Authority area and purposes for which they are kept) as recorded on 1st January for each of the last 11 years from 2011 to (and including) 2021: 1/1/11, 1/1/12, 1/1/13..... 1/1/20 and 1/1/21."

APHA is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and also works on behalf of the Scottish Government, Welsh Government and Food Standards Agency to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy.

The information you have requested in 1) can be found in Appendix 1.

Information provided is current at the time of this response.

The information provided is the population of poultry passed to the APHA when a premise is initially registered or when the record is updated. The 'usual stock numbers' are the number of birds provided by the poultry keeper upon registration or when their record is updated. The date the Livestock Unit was created is shown in Column B in Appendix 1. The 'usual stock numbers' only show what they are on the day the report was run. Blank cells indicate information not held.

APHA do not store historical stock data so cannot provide this as per 2) above however Defra have published Poultry Register Statistics for 2011 to 2013 at the following link;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/great-britain-poultry-register-statistics>

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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.

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Yours sincerely

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## Annex

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