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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about BSE statistics, which APHA received on 25 February 2022. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

"I am trying to gather data on BSE in England. I have found totals for each county but have not been able to find data for each year. I would like this so that we can map the spread and contraction of the infection over time. Is it possible to get this data?"

APHA wrote to for clarity on your request as follows:

"Date range: 1986 to 2010

Having the data for each county would be great, and that was my original request."

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

The date range we have supplied is a true reflection of the data we hold and the <> symbol in column b of the passive surveillance tab refers to historical figures that do not have a date attached to them.

Active Surveillance is where we actively test for disease on animals that do not show signs, they include fallen stock cattle, healthy slaughter, casualty animals and dead in transit to lairage, these requirements have changed over the years.

Passive Surveillance are cases detected from animals that shows signs of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) and so are tested as suspects.

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Yours sincerely

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Annex

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