



Our Ref: ATIC2797

Dr [REDACTED]
{By Email}

28 June 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about avian influenza culling, which APHA received on 6 June 2022. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

“Can you please confirm:

1. How many captive birds were culled in the winter of 2021-2022 outbreak of H5N1 in the UK?
2. What method is used for culling/depopulation?”

And clarity received on 9 June 2022.

“The dates I would like you to provide information about are from 1 October 2021 to the current date. This would include the first reported outbreak of H5N1 last year (27 Oct 21) and the most recent to date (6 June 22).”

1.Please find below numbers of captive birds culled in GB (England, Scotland, Wales) since October 2021, to date as a result of H5N1 avian influenza:

Month	Number Depopulated
October 2021	30
November 2021	137495
December 2021	712598
January 2022	91920
February 2022	29771
March 2022	223658
April 2022	51595
May 2022	6028
June 2022 (part month)	11223
Total:	1,264,318

2.APHA can confirm that a number of culling methods have been used during this outbreak:

- Cervical dislocation
- Gas
- Lethal Injection
- Firearms with free projectile
- Captive Bolt

In addition, please note that this data is for Great Britain only and not UK, as APHA do not have the data for Northern Ireland. The culling data may be subject to change following final reconciliation of paperwork.

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Yours sincerely

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