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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

## PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about salmonella and caged systems, which APHA received on 06 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 provide the number of farms at county level still using caged systems on 1st January 2021 and 1st January 2022 in England?”

APHA do not retain historical stock data so cannot provide this for the dates requested. However APHA can provide a snapshot of current data which can be found at Appendix 1.

The information provided are the livestock numbers provided by the keeper upon registration. As part of the registration process, APHA ask the keeper what their usual stock numbers are, and this is recorded in the APHA database. It is the responsibility of the owner/keeper to keep APHA informed of any number changes. The information provided is current at the time of this response.

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. To find out more about the registration of birds visit the GOV.Uk website for information here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/poultry-including-game-birds-registration-rules-and-forms>

“I would also like to ask the date that the 2021 Salmonella report intends to be published?”

The Salmonella report is due to be published in September 2022.

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Yours sincerely

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## Annex

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