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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 the total number of hens culled due to Avian Influenza, which the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) received on 20 December 2022. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

“Any chance to find info with regard the total number of laying in hens that were infected / slaughtered?”

Clarity was requested and we received the following on the 21 December 2022 as follows:

“I am indeed searching for a TOTAL number of laying hens / chickens culled due to HPAI reasons in the UK from January 1st, 2022 up till now.”

### **Total number of chickens culled from 01/01/2022 – 20/12/2022 = 1,822,984**

- This data is for GB only, not UK as we do not hold the data for NI.
- The culling figures are subject to change following final reconciliation of paperwork

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Yours sincerely

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## Annex

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