



Rural Payments Agency

12 October 2022
Our ref: RFI 6315

Dear [REDACTED],

Environmental Information Regulations – Information Request

We refer to your request for information dated 14 September, in response to our email regarding your request handled under the reference RFI 6266, which we have dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

You have asked: -

Building on the data you provided via ref: 6266 could you please provide the following 2021 figures:

- *The number of national grid numbers listed per holding*
- *Anonymised business/owner associated with the holding i.e., a business/owner is anonymised by being given a code e.g. A1.*
- *Could you also tell me if the data reflects changes to national grid numbers following initial registration?*

We have determined your reference to 'national grid numbers' to mean land parcels, and your reference to 'holdings' to mean County Parish Holding (CPH) numbers.

Please find the information you have requested attached in Annex A. This information is provided with following caveats: -

It is correct as of 26 September 2022, when the information was collated.

- It is based on County Parish Holdings (CPHs) with cattle as of 31 December 2021. This is the same parameter used for the information provided under your request handled with the reference RFI 6266.
- The Rural Payments Agency (RPA) does not hold information about the owner of a particular CPH. However, information is held about businesses linked to CPHs.

- The link between the CPH and business was established from records held by RPA for CPHs which are active in our records. 'Active' means the CPH can be used. For example, to purchase livestock or the recording of animal movements.
- Instances in the attached information under column C with an entry of 'Not available – business closed' denote that the CPH is inactive on our system, and our searches were unable to link the CPH to a business, or land parcels. 'Inactive' means the CPH can't be used.
- The RPA administers the registration and updating of land in England only. Therefore, the land parcel information encompasses land in England only.
- The information in column B denotes the number of land parcels linked to a CPH. This has been established from records held which confirm a link between the land parcel, CPH and business premises.
- There are instances in the attached where it has not been possible to determine the number of land parcels linked to a CPH, so column B has an entry of zero. This is because, for example, the business does not have a CPH number or the CPH does not have land parcels linked to it.

We can also confirm that the information provided is based on the most up to date land parcel information held by RPA. Therefore, it does reflect changes to land parcel numbers following initial registration.

We also attach Annex 1 below, explaining the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

What you need to do

If you are not happy with the way we have handled your request, you can ask for an internal review. These requests should be submitted in writing within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request. You should email your request for a review to IRT@rpa.gov.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted RPA's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: [Information Commissioner's Office](#), Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

If you need further information

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Yours sincerely

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