



Our Ref: ATIC3023

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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about Avian influenza outbreaks, which the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) received on 24 February 2023. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

“Please may you provide me with the following information:

How many birds have been culled on UK poultry farms for the following calendar years due to Avian influenza (bird flu) outbreaks: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.”

Please find table of results below, please note the 2023 figures do not include any birds culled after January 31st as these numbers are still subject to finalisation.

Year	Number of Birds Culled for AI Control
2018	0
2019	26,838
2020	118,937
2021	998,112
2022	3,730,847
2023*	213,401
Total	5,088,135
*2023 Figures are up to January 31st 2023	

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Yours sincerely

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Annex

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