



Our Ref: ATIC3044

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{By Email}

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Dear [Redacted]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about livestock exports, which the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) received on 10 March 2023. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

“How many animals were live exported from the UK in both 2021 and 2022 for **fattening and slaughter**, categorised by the following species:

- Cows (cows, calves, steers)
- Pigs
- Sheep (and lambs)
- Birds (chickens, turkeys, ducks)

2021	Fattening number of consignments	Slaughter number of consignments
Cows	0	2
Pigs	0	0
Sheep	1	0
2022	Fattening number of consignments	Slaughter number of consignments
Cows	0	0
Pigs	0	0
Sheep	0	0

How many animals were live exported from the UK in both 2021 and 2022 for **breeding**, categorised by the following species:

- Cows (cows, calves, steers)
- Pigs
- Sheep (and lambs)
- Birds (chickens, turkeys, ducks)”

2021	Breeding number of consignments
Cows	627
Pigs	24
Sheep	526
2022	Breeding number of consignments
Cows	1,004
Pigs	26
Sheep	1082

For Birds exported we only hold the commodity group name and total number of consignments exported, we cannot break them down further into Slaughter Breeding and Fattening categories as this data is not recorded. This information is not held by APHA.

For livestock exports we only hold the total number of consignments and not the total number of animals, as this data is not recorded. This information is not held by APHA.

The information that we have provided is a true reflection of the information that we have access to. We cannot guarantee the accuracy of this data, as we can only rely on the information that has been input into external customer facing systems by third parties.

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the Access to Information Team at the email address below or postal address at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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Annex

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