



28 July 2023
Our ref: RFI 6634

Dear [REDACTED]

Environmental Information Regulations – Information Request

Thank you for your email on 28 June, in response to our email of the same date regarding your request for information with the reference RFI 6604. Your request has been dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

You have requested the following information;

The number of male calves that were killed in slaughterhouses with an age at death at either 0 or 1 months (those aged up to, but not including, two months old). You have requested these figures for 2022 and 2021.

The number of male calves killed on-farm (not those sent to the slaughterhouse) with an age at death at either 0 or 1 months (those aged up to, but not including, two months old). You have requested these figures for the last five years, i.e. for 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018.

The number of male calves killed in slaughterhouses with an age at death at up to, but not including, eight months, excluding calves intended for the rose veal market. You have requested these figures for 2022, 2021, and 2020.

Please find the information you have requested below. This is correct as of 17 July 2023, when it was collated.

The number of male calves killed in slaughterhouses aged up to, but not including two months old:

2021	40,825
2022	46,041

The number of male calves killed on-farm aged up to, but not including two months old:

2018	42,853
2019	40,610
2020	36,253
2021	36,646
2022	33,451

The number of male calves killed in slaughterhouses aged up to, but not including eight months old:

2020	73,431
2021	52,951
2022	59,658

Please note, the above information encompasses all male calves killed in slaughterhouses aged up to, but not including eight months old. The Rural Payments Agency (RPA) does not collect information regarding whether calves are intended for the rose veal market, so we are unable to exclude these. Therefore, this information you have requested is not held.

This information you have requested is exempt from disclosure under regulation 12(4)(a) EIR 'Information not held'. This is a qualified exemption, which usually means that a public authority is required to conduct a public interest test to determine whether or not information should be disclosed or withheld. However, the Information Commissioner (IC) takes the view that a public interest test in cases where the information is not held would serve no useful purpose. Therefore, in line with the IC's view RPA has not conducted a public interest test in this case.

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

What you need to do

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Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted RPA's own complaints procedure.

If you need further information

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Yours sincerely

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