



Our ref: FOI2023/10867
22 June 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Cattle populations - information

Thank you for your request for information of 6th June about Cattle populations - information. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

“1. For 2022.

Please could you provide me a list of all farms with cattle numbers EXCEEDING 1,000. With a breakdown of:

- a) The name of the farm (if possible)
- b) The location of the farm (county)
- c) The number of cattle in the farm

1. For 2021.

Please could you provide me a list of all farms with cattle numbers EXCEEDING 1,000. With a breakdown of:

- a) The name of the farm (if possible)
- b) The location of the farm (county)
- c) The number of cattle in the farm

1. For 2020.

Please could you provide me a list of all farms with cattle numbers EXCEEDING 1,000. With a breakdown of:

- a) The name of the farm (if possible)
- b) The location of the farm (county)
- c) The number of cattle in the farm”

Some of the information you have requested can be found in Appendix 1.

The information provided are the livestock numbers provided by the keeper upon initial registration. As part of the registration process, APHA ask the keeper what their usual stock numbers are, and this is recorded in the APHA database. It is the responsibility of

the owner/keeper to keep APHA informed of any number changes. Historical information is not available to APHA and only a current snapshot can be provided.

Some of the information you have requested 'the name of the farm' has been exempted from release citing Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

Section 40

We can confirm that the Farm address information has been removed, as in some instances this would lead to the identification of people. Section 40(2), read in conjunction with 40(3)(a)(i), of the FOIA provides that personal data relating to third parties is exempt information if disclosure would breach the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA).

This information if released still engages the exemption because the personal data relates to others who would, or would likely, be identified or identifiable from that information.

APHA consider that disclosure of this information is likely to breach the first data protection principle in Schedule 1 of the DPA, which relates to the fair and lawful processing of personal data, in two ways. First, disclosure would not constitute 'fair' processing of the personal data, second, disclosure would not satisfy any of the conditions for data processing set out in Schedule 2 to the DPA.

Therefore, we have concluded that this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40 of the FOIA.

Information disclosed in response to this FOI request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk), together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the GOV.UK website.

An Annex is attached which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you and contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

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

Access to Information Team

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Annex

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