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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Poultry population statistics

Thank you for your request for information of 15th August about Poultry population statistics. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

"I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from the APHA.

Please can you provide me with:

1/ The total number of currently registered premises in Great Britain with chickens bred for meat which have at least 50 broilers.

2/The total number of currently registered premises in Great Britain with chicken layers for eggs, which have at least 50 birds.

3/ The total number of currently registered premises in Great Britain with any type of chicken breeder, which have at least 50 birds.

Please additionally provide me with detail of each of these holdings:

a/ Country, b/ business type (farm/company etc), c/ county the livestock unit is in, d/ stock numbers of kept, e/ animal purposes (meat, eggs etc), f/indoor/outdoor and g/ husbandry system, intensive/freerange etc."

The information you have requested can be found on the attached Appendix 1.

Please be aware that the summary table is counting CPH's per production usage type and therefore if a CPH has multiple production usages (which some do) it will be counted for each type.

Please note that the data can only be provided on the day the report is run, for the date range as has been requested. APHA do not hold historical data.

This information relates to England, Scotland and Wales.

It is only compulsory to register flocks of poultry of over 50 birds with APHA. Owners/Keepers can voluntarily register flocks of less than 50 birds. To find out more about the registration of birds visit the GOV.UK website for information here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/poultry-including-game-birds-registration-rules-and-forms>

The information provided are the livestock numbers provided by the keeper upon 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.

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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The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Please click [here](#) for further contact details.