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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about poultry statistics, which the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) received on 02 May 2023. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

Original request:

I assume that the completed Poultry Register PDF's are loaded into some sort of information system? I understand that there is a lot of information which would be commercially sensitive or personal. However I would be interested in summary statistics, or preferably, an anonymous listing of the records in relation to Section 4 (Details of Bird Kept, except for the location where they are kept) associated with very limited information from Section 2 - specifically the business activity and, ideally, country (England, Wales, Nireland,Scotland).

Clarity of request:

Date Span : Current Records on the GB Poultry Register as of October 1st 2022 (this is not critical - July 1st 22 or December 31st 2022 are alternative suitable dates.

Area : GB

Data set : anonymous listing of the records in the poultry register re. Section 4 of the IRA81 form (All details of Bird Kept, except for the location where they are kept) associated with very limited information from Section 2 - specifically the business activity and, country (England, Wales, Scotland).

APHA is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and also works on behalf of the Scottish Government, Welsh Government and Food Standards Agency to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy.

Section 2: Occupier

Give details of the person/company that rents or owns the site(s) where you keep poultry (if different to Section 1)

*Business activity:

Farmer

Hobbyist/Pet owner

Poultry company

Country - extracted from address?

+ following - there will be multiple lines associated with some records

		this table			Section 5	birds?		
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Please include the available data for voluntary recording of populations of under 50 birds (not all of the above fields are required).

I am not requesting any information which would allow identification of data relating to a person, a farm or company.

The information is attached as Appendix 1.

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.

APHA do not hold data for Northern Ireland. You can request this data directly if required from the link attached:

[Provisional results of the June Agricultural Census 2021 | Northern Ireland Executive](#)

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.

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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

Email: enquiries@apha.gov.uk

Annex

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Please click [here](#) for further contact details.