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Dear [REDACTED]

### **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Pig Data**

Thank you for your request for information of 21st August about Pig Data. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

“Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can I have the following information for England, Wales and Scotland for the latest date available:

Number of production pigs

Number of sows”

Please see Appendix 1. The definition of sows is ‘female pigs for breeding’; please note that APHA do not distinguish between male and female animals in the data and Appendix 1 includes all pig data that relates to breeding categories.

The information given is the livestock numbers provided by the owner/keeper upon registration. As part of the registration process, APHA ask the owner/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.

Any blank entries or usual stock numbers with 0 is because the information was not recorded at the time of registration and APHA have not been informed since of any changes by the owner/keeper.

“Numbers or percentage of pigs born outdoors then moved indoors

Numbers or percentage of sows kept outdoors

Numbers or percentage of sows kept indoors

Numbers or percentage of sows kept in farrowing crates prior to and after giving birth”

This information is not held by APHA.

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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

**Access to Information Team**

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## **Annex**

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