



Rural Payments Agency

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**19 February 2024**

**Our ref: RFI 6813**

Dear [REDACTED]

### **Environmental Information Regulations – Information Request**

We refer to your request for information dated 22 January, which we have dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

You have asked for the below information in relation to land declared as wheat in England in 2023:

- *The total area of land declared as wheat on 2023 Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) claims.*
- *The total area of land declared as wheat on 2023 BPS claims that has been claimed by a business that is claiming payments under either the Sustainable Farming Initiative (SFI) or the Countryside Stewardship (CS) scheme.*

Please find the information you have requested below.

The total area of land declared as wheat on 2023 Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) claims in England was 1,559,830 hectares.

The total area of land declared as wheat on 2023 BPS claims in England that was claimed by a business that is also claiming payments under either SFI or CS was 1,274,455 hectares.

Please be advised that these figures are based on businesses who have had a live agreement of any kind for CS or for any of the variants of SFI. Therefore, this figure may include a small number of businesses who have either ceased claiming (but still have a live agreement) or who have not yet started claiming (as they have an agreement that is still being setup).

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision by following the link to the Information Commissioner's website [here](#).

They can also be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

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Yours sincerely

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