

Animal and Plant Health Agency Access to Information Team Woodham Lane New Haw Addlestone Surrey

www.gov.uk/apha

Our ref: FOI2023/18030 11 October 2023

**KT15 3NB** 

Dear

## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Avian Influenza Statistics

Thank you for your request for information of 14th September about Avian Influenza Statistics. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

"Further to my previous query relating to avian influenza, could you advise who would hold the data relating to euthanasia numbers as apposed to infections?"

APHA holds the data on how many birds are euthanized/culled in relation to Avian Influenza.

"In addition, could you provide the number of birds euthanised as part of infection control due to the presence of avian flu for the years 2020, 21, 22 and so far in 2023."

Please see the table below:

Year	Bumber of birds culled
2020	118937
2021	998112
2022	3772362
2023	1354466

\*Cull figures for 2022/2023 are subject to change depending on reconciliation of paperwork.

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, 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.

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.

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** 

enquiries@apha.gov.uk

## Annex

## Copyright

The information supplied to you continues to be protected by copyright. You are free to use it for your own purposes, including for private study and non-commercial research, and for any other purpose authorised by an exception in current copyright law. Documents (except photographs or logos) can also be used in the UK without requiring permission for the purposes of news reporting. Any other re-use, for example commercial publication, would require the permission of the copyright holder.

Most documents produced by APHA will be protected by Crown Copyright. Most Crown copyright information can be re-used under the Open Government Licence. For information about the OGL and about re-using Crown Copyright information please see The National Archives website.

Copyright in other documents may rest with a third party. For information about obtaining permission from a third party see the Intellectual Property Office's website.

## Complaints

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request, you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to the Access to Information Team at the address at the top of this letter or email <a href="mailto:enquiries@apha.gov.uk">enquiries@apha.gov.uk</a> and the team will arrange for an internal review of your case.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Please note that generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted APHA's own complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at:

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

Please click here for further contact details.