



Rural Payments Agency

21 February 2025

Our ref: RFI 7309

Dear [REDACTED],

Environmental Information Regulations – Information Request

We refer to your request for information dated 10 February 2025 which we have dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

You have requested the following information.

- 1) *The annual total for years 2003 to 2023 for the number of Welsh Black cattle issued with passports under Welsh Black (WB) and Welsh Black Cross (WBX) in the UK.*
- 2) *The age at death on average of WB females.*

Please find the information you have requested in the Annex attached to this email.

All data correct as at 12/02/2025.

Please note that the information we have disclosed is for Great Britain, which includes those for England, Scotland and Wales. We are unable to provide figures for Northern Ireland as they use a different cattle tracing system. We cannot provide figures from Northern Ireland giving a whole United Kingdom view therefore this information is not held.

The information you have requested is therefore exempt from disclosure under regulation 12(4)(a) EIR 'Information not held'. This is a qualified exemption, which usually means that a public authority is required to conduct a public interest test to determine whether or not information should be disclosed or withheld. However, the Information Commissioner (IC) takes the view that a public interest test in cases where the information is not held would serve no useful purpose. Therefore, in line with the IC's view RPA has not conducted a public interest test in this case.

If you require the figures for Northern Ireland you will need to request information from Northern Ireland, as follows:

Northern Ireland: daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk

We also attach Annex A below, explaining the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

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

Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted RPA's own complaints procedure.

If you need further information

If you have any questions about this email, you can contact us by email irt@rpa.gov.uk.

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Yours sincerely

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