



Rural Payments Agency

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**03 March 2025**  
**Our ref: RFI 7326**

Dear [REDACTED],

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

We refer to your request for information dated 21 February which we have dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

You had requested the following information:

- 1. The number of male calves that were killed in slaughterhouses with an age at death at either 0 or 1 months (those aged up to, but not including, two months old). Please supply the figures for 2022, 2023 and 2024.*
- 2. The number of male calves killed on-farm (not those sent to the slaughterhouse) with an age at death at either 0 or 1 months (those aged up to, but not including, two months old). Please supply the figures for 2022, 2023 and 2024.*
- 3. The number of male calves killed in slaughterhouses with an age at death at up to, but not including, eight months, excluding calves intended for the rose veal market. Please supply the figures for 2022, 2023 and 2024.*

Please find the information you have requested below. This is correct as of 25 February 2025, when it was collated.

- The number of male calves killed in slaughterhouses aged up to, but not including two months old was:
  - 46,041 in 2022
  - 43,410 in 2023
  - 37,016 in 2024
- The number of male calves killed on-farm aged up to, but not including two months old was:
  - 33,451 in 2022
  - 33,727 in 2023
  - 32,540 in 2024

3. The number of male calves killed in slaughterhouses aged up to, but not including eight months old was:

- 59,658 in 2022
- 57,435 in 2023
- 49,204 in 2024

Please note, the above figures show all male calves killed in slaughterhouses aged up to, but not including eight months old. The Rural Payments Agency (RPA) does not collect data regarding whether calves are intended for the rose veal market, so we are unable to exclude these.

Therefore, this information is not held and is 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 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.

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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.

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**

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Yours sincerely

**Information Rights Team**

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