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Dear Jo Saunders,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Poultry statistics

Thank you for your request for information of 22nd August about Poultry statistics. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

“please can you provide: Sam data from APHA Cardiff SSC, specifically, the most recent poultry holding data available in GB/UK.

Please break this down to poultry type, ie, chickens for meat, or egg layers etc.

I understand that post codes cannot be made publicly available, but please could I request for summary information on GB poultry holding density at a county level?”

On the 29 August 2023 APHA received clarity on your request as follows:

“Can I please amend FOI2023/16425

“please can you provide: Sam data from APHA Cardiff SSC, specifically, the most recent poultry holding data available in GB/UK.

Please break this down to poultry type, ie, chickens for meat, or egg layers etc.

Please denote if indoor/outdoor and intensive or free-range, and numbers of poultry per holding.

I understand that post codes cannot be made publicly available, but please could I request for summary information on GB poultry holding density at a county level?”

The information we have available can be found in Appendix 1 attached.

Please note these are not live figures and note the following caveats to the recorded information APHA hold:

It is only compulsory to register flocks of poultry of over 50 birds with APHA.

Owners/Keepers can voluntarily register flocks of less than 50 birds. To find out more about the registration of birds visit the GOV.Uk website for information here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/poultry-including-game-birds-registration-rules-and-forms>

The information provided are the average livestock numbers provided by the keeper upon initial registration. As part of the registration process, APHA ask the 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 changes. APHA do not hold historical data.

Please also note that any blank entries on Appendix 1 are not held by APHA.

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Yours sincerely

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Annex

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