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Dear Sid Keaton,

### **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Bull Statistics**

Thank you for your request for information of 29th August about Bull Statistics. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

“Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can I have the number of bulls in the UK, and the number of bulls who are housed indoors continuously year round, your latest figures available please.”

#### **Section 16 (Help and advice)**

APHA does not have a standard definition for a bull. We therefore have extracted two sets of data from the Cattle Tracing System (CTS) which holds cattle data for Great Britain (GB only). APHA does not have housing details for Bulls as this is not held.

The GB figures for 1st July 2023 are:

Male Bovines 6-12 Months: 381,804

Male Bovines Over 12 Months: 1,150,208

The information that we have provided is a true reflection of the information that we have access to.

Further information about the CTS system can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/cattle-tracing-online>

APHA do not hold information for Northern Ireland this can be accessed via DAERA here:

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/>

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Yours sincerely

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