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Hi Sophie,

Please see information requested below.

Thanks

Neil

**Permitted pig and poultry units**

Outdoor Poultry:             2017 = 4

                                           2023 = 6

**Agricultural Census in Northern Ireland (all farms)**

2017

Outdoor Poultry = 267

Outdoor Pigs = 0

2022

Outdoor Poultry = 336

Outdoor Pigs = 0

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Hello, I have boiled down all the data you have sent me to this. Please can you let me know if I have introduced any errors? And is it possible please to fill in the missing yellow cells? Many thanks again, Sophie.

**Northern Ireland all pig and poultry farms 2023/22 vs 2017**

**Permitted pig and poultry units**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Population type** | **2023** | **2017** |
| **All pig and poultry** | 242 | 247 |
| **All poultry** | 228 | 233 |
| **Indoor poultry** | 224 | 233 |
| **Outdoor poultry** | 4 | TBC |
| **All pigs** | 14 | 14 |
| **Indoor pigs** | 14 | 14 |
| **Outdoor pigs** | 0 | 0 |

**Sub-permitted pig and poultry units**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Population type** | **2022** | **2017** |
| **All pig and poultry** | 1107 | 836 |
| **All poultry** | 715 | 528 |
| **Indoor poultry** | TBC | TBC |
| **Outdoor poultry** | TBC | TBC |
| **All pigs** | 392 | 308 |
| **Indoor pigs** | TBC | TBC |
| **Outdoor pigs** | TBC | TBC |

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Dear Ms Kevany,

**Number of PPC permitted farms - 2017**

Total pig and poultry = 247 farms

Total pig = 14 farms

Total poultry = 233 farms

**Agricultural Census in Northern Ireland – June 2017**

Table 5.13 details that there were a total of 322 pig farms in 2017 (PPC permitted & non-permitted).

Table 5.14 details that there were a total of 761 poultry farms in 2017 (PPC permitted & non-permitted).

Regards

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Hello Neil, hope all is well. I am still struggling with that link to the permits but I am going to try a different computer shortly – it must be a problem my end. On another tack, could I ask please for the same permitted/sub-permitted distinction you gave me for the 2022 agricultural census (see below in yellow) but for the 2017 agricultural census (attached)? Many thanks, Sophie.

**N. Ireland sub-permit pig/poultry farms in 2017 TBC**

Total farms with livestock 23879 (table 4.4 of 2017 AgCen) total TBC by DAERA/IPRI

Total poultry farms 622 (table 4.4 of 2017 AgCen) TBC total permitted poultry farms in 2017

Total pig farms 181 (table 4.4 of 2017 AgCen) TBC total permitted pig farms in 2017

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Dear Ms Kevany,

Please see below responses to your recent queries:

**Number of PPC permitted farms**

Total pig and poultry = 242 farms

Total pig = 14 farms

Total poultry = 228 farms

**Agricultural Census in Northern Ireland 2022**

Table 5.9 Total Pigs category includes all pigs i.e. the weaner, finisher pigs & sows. The threshold above which a PPC Permit is required for pigs is: greater than 2,000 places for production pigs (>30kg); or greater than 750 places for sows. Places for pigs <30kg (e.g. weaners) are not included in the PPC threshold figure.

Table 5.10 Number of poultry farms - the threshold above which a PPC Permit is required for poultry is: greater than 40,000 places. Therefore, the 30,000 – 49,999 bird category will contain a significant number of PPC permitted farms.

Based on the June 2022 census figures, there are a total of 406 pig farms (14 of these are PPC permitted farms).

Based on the June 2022 census figures, there are a total of 943 poultry farms (228 of these are PPC permitted farms).

The June 2023 census figures will not be available until 2024.

Regards

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 Hello, hope all well. I am wondering please if you might be able to answer my questions below – it has been a week or so since I first sent this and no replies so far. Am also copying in the press office. Many thanks, Sophie.

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Hello, hope all well. Could you please confirm that, based on the data you sent me this week (attached for reference) the totals below are correct? Many thanks, Sophie.

= Total number of permitted pig and poultry farms currently operational in N. Ireland as of July 2023: 242

= Total number of permitted pig farms currently operational in Norther Ireland as of July 2023: 14

= Total number of permitted poultry farms currently operational in Northern Ireland as of July 2023: 228

Could you also tell me please:

= in table 5.9 of the June 2022 Northern Irish agricultural census, does the ‘Total Pigs’ category include all pigs (sow, finisher, weaner),

= and if yes to the question above, why do the total number of farms appear to be much higher, e.g. over 999 pigs there are 42 farms, between 1,000 and 1,999 there are 37 farms and with 2,000 and over there are 58 farms, an apparent total of 152 permitted pig farms?

= also, why, when I look at the poultry figures in the census (table 5.10), do I see what appears to be a lower figure of 104 for permitted poultry farms, e.g. 50,000 and over

= when might I receive the July 2023 data for the total numbers of currently operational pig and poultry farms that are under permit thresholds please?

Many thanks, Sophie.

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Hello again, I do have one question please: there does not appear to be any information on the spreadsheet you sent me for livestock/pig/poultry farms that are below the permit threshold (as per question below). Is it coming in a separate spreadsheet or other format please with farm name, address, species, number of animals and type of farm? Or, would I be right to think that this is what you are saying is included in the census?

Many thanks again, Sophie.

**Also, what information do you hold on farms below, or not included in, Environmental Permitting Regulation thresholds please? Do you have for example, farm names, addresses, animal species + numbers, and type of farm, i.e., cage, barn etc.?”**

DAERA holds a range of information about NI farm holdings within our central database, the Animal Public Health Information System (APHIS). Detail as to the information that is held in response to your specific queries is described below:

· farm names-yes, this information is held.

· addresses- yes, this information is held.

· animal species- yes, this information is held.

· numbers-yes, this information is held for cattle, sheep and pigs, and capacities for poultry.

· type of farm - some information is recorded as outlined below.

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Ms Kevany

              Please find attached response to your recent request for information.

Regards

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