**SAM Data additional information/caveats on reliability of statistical information**

There are however several caveats that apply to APHA poultry data. These caveats include the fact that it is only compulsory to register flocks of over 50 birds, and, that a recent [assessment](http://apha.defra.gov.uk/documents/surveillance/diseases/lddg-pop-report-avian2021.pdf) of the quality of the data, which is taken from the UK’s [SAM livestock registration database](https://www.data.gov.uk/dataset/a553b50e-60ab-45f7-9b6c-90d0c21ada80/sam) (into which Great Britian’s Poultry Register has been incorporated), found that “a significant percentage of holding records were ineligible for use in a study on avian influenza, which can be considered a proxy for percentage of inaccurate records. Eligibility varied between species, from turkey fatteners with 21% ineligible to commercial ducks at 57%, with an overall average of 46% ineligible due to reasons around inaccurate data (no birds or less than the number specified, moved away/no longer in business or wrong class of birds).” TBC WORDING W CC