

12 June 2025

Dear

ATISN 24719 – Request for Information.

I refer to the email of 14 May 2025 requesting the following information regarding farm subsidies, inspections and food production across Wales:

1. How many Welsh farms are in receipt of a basic subsidy payment?

In 2024, a total of 16,165 farmers received payments through the Basic Payment Scheme (BPS).

2. Former EU farm subsidies required publication of recipient information. Is this information still now available for public inspection? Please provide details.

Information on recipients of grant funding can be found by searching the links below (selecting WG as the paying agency):

<https://cap-payments.defra.gov.uk/Search.aspx>

https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/*/http://cap-payments.defra.gov.uk/Default.aspx

3. How many inspectors are available to implement farm inspections in Wales, and what is the total annual number of completed inspections carried out? Are any inspection results available to view by the public?

The Welsh Government currently employs 33 inspectors responsible for conducting inspections for Rural Payments Wales (RPW). Additional inspection activities are undertaken by other organisations, including the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), Natural Resources Wales (NRW), the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) team, CADW, and Local Authorities. In the year 2024, RPW carried out a total of 1,456 inspections. While inspection results are not routinely published, outcomes from specific requests may be made publicly available.

4. Are any limitations placed upon the quantity of Welsh farm produce that may be exported?

Welsh Government does not hold this information.

5. Are there any annual food production requirements or quotas placed upon Welsh Farms in receipt of taxpayer subsidy payments?

Information on the eligibility criteria to receive a payment under the Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) can be found at Section B of the 2025 Single Application Form Rules Booklet. A copy of which can be obtained at: [2025 Single Application Rules Booklet](#)

6. What control of Welsh farm food production do you implement, to ensure that the food requirements of the population of Wales are satisfied?

Welsh Government does not hold this information.

7. Do you monitor food imports to Wales, and exercise any control over these imports?

Welsh Government does not hold this information.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely