

17 September 2025

Dear

**ATISN 25074 – Avian Influenza**

**Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on 19 August 2025. You asked for:

1. For the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date, how many individual outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) occurred at game farms containing pheasants and/or partridges in Wales?
2. For the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date, how many game farms containing pheasants and/or partridges in Wales were affected by an outbreak of HPAI.
3. For the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date, how many pheasants and partridges on game farms in Wales were culled due to an outbreak of HPAI.
4. For the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date, the total cost of each culling operation on game farms in Wales where an outbreak of HPAI occurred. To include the cost of staff to carry out the cull, the cost of disposal of the carcasses, transport, the cost of the equipment (gas etc) to carry out each cull and any other associated costs.
5. For the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date, how many game farm operations have received financial compensation from the Welsh Government for HPAI outbreaks?

**Our response**

The information you requested is enclosed.

1.

Individual outbreaks of HPAI at gamebird farms in Wales	
Year	Outbreaks
2020	0
2021	1
2022	2
2023	1
2024	0
2025 (to date)	1

2.

Number of gamebird farms affected by HPAI in Wales	
Year	Gamebird farms
2020	0
2021	1
2022	2
2023	1
2024	0
2025 (to date)	1

3.

Number of pheasants and partridges culled in Wales in response to HPAI		
Year	Pheasants	Partridges
2020	0	0
2021	9	0
2022	8329	0
2023	25204	1287
2024	0	0
2025 (to date)	9332	8248

4. The Welsh Government does not hold this information. You may wish to contact the Animal and Plant Health Agency to request this information.

5.

Number of gamebird farms that received compensation for HPAI outbreaks	
Year	Gamebird farms
2020	0
2021	1
2022	2

2023	1
2024	0
2025 (to date)	1

### **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:

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Welsh Government,  
Cathays Park,  
Cardiff,  
CF10 3NQ  
or Email: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto:Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales)

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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