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Animal  
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# ANNUAL RETURN

## **ANNUAL RETURN MADE UNDER SECTION 80 OF THE ANIMAL HEALTH ACT 1981**

This statutory return, is required to be made and laid before Senedd Cymru in accordance with Section 80 of the Animal Health Act 1981 and includes only data relating to Wales.

The Report covers prosecutions taken under the Animal Health Act 1981 and other animal health and welfare legislation.

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**TABLE 1****CONVICTIONS ACHIEVED UNDER THE ANIMAL HEALTH ACT 1981 AND OTHER ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE LEGISLATION BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN 2025**

<b>Policy area</b>	<b>Convictions achieved</b>
Animal By-Products	3
Biosecurity (including animal gatherings)	0
Cattle Identification, Movement and Records	3
Sheep & Goat Identification, Movement and Records	2
Pig Identification, Movement and Records	0
Disease Control and Standing Regime Controls	0
Welfare on Farm (including Medicine Records)	9
Welfare during Transport	0
Welfare at Markets (and other places of sale)	0
Birds, Poultry and Hatching Eggs (incl. avian influenza)	0
Bovine Tuberculosis	1
Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	0
Imports/Rabies	0
Equine Identification/Horse Passports	0
Sheep Scab	0
Feed Hygiene	0

This return is compiled from information supplied to APHA by local authorities using Defra form AH134

**TABLE 2****COMPENSATION PAID FOR ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ANIMAL DISEASES IN 2025**

<b>Type of disease</b>	<b>Amount (£)<sup>1</sup>:</b>
Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy	Nil
Bovine Offspring Cull	Nil
Cohort Cull	Nil
Scrapie	£15,630
Compulsory Scrapie Flocks Scheme	Nil
Bovine Tuberculosis <sup>2</sup>	£27,104,635
Notifiable disease	
• Avian influenza	£3,475,193
• Bluetongue	£14,980
Reportable disease (Salmonella Typhimurium)	Nil
<b>TOTAL GROSS COMPENSATION</b>	<b>£30,610,438</b>
<b>Less receipts from salvage of carcasses:</b>	
Bovine Tuberculosis	-£8,517,563
<b>TOTAL NET COMPENSATION PAID</b>	<b>£22,092,875</b>

<sup>1</sup> All figures have been rounded up to the nearest pound (£).

<sup>2</sup> Bovine Tuberculosis salvage figures are not yet available for one slaughterhouse in Wales, for the period of June-Sept 2025, due to an ongoing inquiry. Therefore, they have not been included in this year's report.



**TABLE 3**

**NUMBER OF IMPORTED ANIMALS AND BIRDS LANDED AND FOUND TO BE AFFECTED BY A NOTIFIABLE DISEASE IN 2025**

Legislation	Type of animal	Number	Country of origin	Port of landing	Type of disease	Method of disposal
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A