

20th July 2026

Dear

ATISN 27142 – Information on the presence of Bovine TB and its consequences

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 26th June 2026. You asked for:

The number of cattle in Wales tested for TB in the twelve months from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026; how many of these tested positive for TB, and how many were subsequently confirmed to be free of TB.

The total compensation paid in the twelve months from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 to farmers for animals culled for TB, and the compensation paid for animals that were subsequently proven free from TB.

The destination of the carcasses of cattle culled for TB in the twelve months from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 and a summary of the incidence of TB lesions in the cattle culled for TB.

Our response

Some of the information you requested is provided below.

All cattle in Wales will be tested for TB at least once a year. This resulted in a total of 1,992,203 tests being carried out in the twelve months to 31st March 2026.

In the 12 months to the end of March 2026, the number of cattle that tested positive and were slaughtered for TB control was 10,395. Welsh Government do not hold the information on how many of these were subsequently confirmed to be free of TB.

The total compensation paid for animals culled for TB in the 2025/26 financial year was £26,517,297. Welsh Government do not hold the information on how many of these were subsequently confirmed to be free of TB.

However, Welsh Government do not hold the information on the destination of carcasses of cattle culled for TB nor the incidence of TB lesions in cattle culled for TB.

Not all of the information you have requested is held by the Welsh Government. However, I believe that the Animal and Plant Health Agency (**APHA**) holds the information which you are seeking. You can ask them directly for the information at **APHA.CymruWales@apha.gov.uk** or I can transfer your request to them. Please inform me in writing if you would like me to transfer your request.

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

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

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