

	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Cattle</b>										
<b>Numbers June (000)</b>										
Dairy cows	2,848	2,603	2,336	1,998	1,830	1,796	1,796	1,782	1,841	1,895
Beef cows	1,632	1,840	1,842	1,751	1,668	1,687	1,666	1,611	1,569	1,576
Total cattle and calves	12,192	11,857	11,135	10,770	10,170	9,988	9,952	9,844	9,837	9,919
<b>Holdings (000)</b>										
Dairy cows	45.1	38.9	31.8	29.3	23.7	22.6	21.6	21.5	20.9	n/a
Beef cows	73.7	71.0	65.7	63.9	60.6	60.5	59.4	59.8	58.5	n/a
Total cattle and calves	142.4	128.0	115.8	107.1	87.5	86.2	84.4	84.4	83.5	n/a
<b>Average herd size</b>										
Dairy cows	63	67	73	68	77	79	83	83	88	n/a
Beef cows	22	26	28	27	28	28	28	27	27	n/a
Total cattle and calves	86	93	96	101	116	116	118	116	118	n/a
<b>Total cattle numbers (by country 000 head)</b>										
England	7,097	6,747	6,156	5,848	5,542	5,416	5,373	5,364	5,374	5,385
Wales	1,363	1,337	1,273	1,251	1,138	1,123	1,113	1,095	1,103	1,119
Scotland	2,106	2,074	2,029	1,959	1,884	1,859	1,840	1,797	1,793	1,806
Northern Ireland	1,626	1,699	1,676	1,713	1,606	1,590	1,625	1,588	1,567	1,609
<b>Numbers December (000)</b>										
Dairy cows	2,890	2,631	2,339	2,009	1,832	1,783	1,786	1,817	1,883	1,918
Beef cows	1,635	1,815	1,783	1,749	1,649	1,630	1,603	1,554	1,536	1,551
Total cattle and calves	11,843	11,619	10,878	10,576	9,924	9,692	9,749	9,682	9,693	9,816
<b>Sheep</b>										
<b>Numbers June (000)</b>										
Breeding ewes	20,787	20,830	20,449	16,935	14,740	14,868	15,229	15,561	16,026	16,024
Total sheep and lambs	44,469	43,304	42,264	35,416	31,084	31,634	32,215	32,856	33,743	33,337
<b>Holdings (000)</b>										
Breeding ewes	88.1	83.6	81.4	77.8	68.6	68.1	68.2	69.3	70.1	n/a
Total sheep and lambs	92.1	87.9	86.1	81.9	73.4	73.0	73.2	74.4	75.0	n/a
<b>Average flock size</b>										
Breeding ewes	236	249	251	218	215	218	223	224	229	n/a
Total sheep and lambs	483	493	491	432	423	434	440	442	450	n/a
<b>Total sheep numbers (by country 000 head)</b>										
England	20,776	19,850	19,144	15,877	14,240	14,326	14,612	14,922	15,389	15,142
Wales	10,935	11,191	11,192	9,510	8,244	8,619	8,898	9,461	9,739	9,504
Scotland	9,934	9,509	9,187	7,883	6,755	6,801	6,736	6,571	6,693	6,701
Northern Ireland	2,825	2,754	2,741	2,145	1,848	1,888	1,969	1,904	1,923	1,990
<b>Numbers December (000)</b>										
Breeding ewes	20,566	19,938	18,513	15,601	13,843	14,199	14,286	14,337	14,617	14,614
Total sheep and lambs	30,147	28,967	27,591	23,817	21,347	22,007	23,028	22,027	22,687	23,103

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Source: Defra, Welsh Government, DAERA, SEERAD

	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Pigs</b>										
<b>Numbers June (000)</b>										
Breeding sows	781	756	610	470	427	432	425	421	406	408
Total pigs	7,548	7,627	6,482	4,862	4,460	4,441	4,481	4,885	4,815	4,739
<b>Holdings (000)</b>										
Breeding sows	12.6	9.7	7.2	6.8	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.0	6.0	n/a
Total pigs	17.1	14.1	11.3	12.5	10.7	10.9	11.1	11.0	11.3	n/a
<b>Average herd size</b>										
Breeding sows	62	78	85	69	71	72	70	70	68	n/a
Total pigs	441	541	571	390	416	409	402	444	425	n/a
<b>Total pig numbers (by country 000 head)</b>										
England	6,308	6,341	5,442	3,959	3,606	3,600	3,662	4,066	3,954	3,826
Wales	101	91	68	28	27	26	29	25	28	25
Scotland	452	558	558	469	411	390	363	308	316	318
Northern Ireland	687	637	414	405	418	425	427	480	517	570
<b>Numbers December (000)</b>										
Breeding sows	772	751	578	441	423	409	400	398	390	401
Total pigs	7,380	7,288	5,845	4,726	4,388	4,327	4,216	4,383	4,510	4,422
<b>Poultry</b>										
<b>Numbers June (000)</b>										
Breeding fowl*	7,258	7,811	10,667	8,561	9,610	10,253	9,987	11,184	11,258	12,511
Broilers	73,944	77,177	105,689	111,475	105,309	102,461	102,558	104,576	110,374	107,056
Other poultry**	2,595	15,231	15,269	13,400	11,451	11,481	10,870	11,008	10,907	11,014
<b>Holdings (000)</b>										
Broilers	2.9	2.3	2.6	2.9	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.1	n/a
<b>Average flock size</b>										
Broilers	25,498	33,555	40,650	38,440	40,504	42,692	43,997	47,470	53,762	n/a
<b>Total poultry numbers (by country 000 head)</b>										
England	95,217	104,451	129,696	134,399	125,173	120,291	117,931	120,504	125,544	125,433
Wales	7,024	6,785	10,406	7,192	7,571	8,111	8,248	8,737	8,997	7,845
Scotland	14,869	15,028	14,297	14,704	14,567	14,526	14,694	14,184	14,742	13,055
Northern Ireland	11,196	16,003	15,376	17,614	16,531	19,623	19,188	19,374	20,401	21,246

\* Includes layer breeders \*\* Excluding laying hens and pullets

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