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PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about cattle reactors, which we received on 16 May 2017. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“Please send to me the annual number of cattle reactors per 1000 skin tests on a bovine in England when performing routine whole herd tests on the following herd sizes in each of the last 2 years.

1-10

11-50

51-100

101-200

201-300

>300

As such, please send to me 6 numbers for 2014 and 6 numbers for 2015”

Data sets were run on 17 May 2017 and represent the data recorded up to 16 May 2017 (date of your request).

APHA’s definition of routine whole herd tests are: CT-NH1, RHT24/36, RHT48, WHT, WHT2.

Please see table below for a key on what these mean.

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Figures calculated

Herd size	2014	2015
1-10	2.16	3.2
11-50	2.32	2.33
51-100	1.99	2.05
101-200	1.59	1.79
201-300	1.30	1.61
300+	0.86	0.97

Reason for test used	Type of test and When and Why	What to test
CT-NH1	Test carried out when a new or reformed herd has been identified, within 12 months of arrival of the first animal. Reformed herds following depopulation for TB reasons will require a second check test (CT-NH2) after 12 months, all other herds will revert to routine testing in line with the area testing interval for that holding.	All bovines except calves under six weeks of age
RHT24/36	Carried out in parishes with a 24/36 month testing interval.	The following categories of animals must be included in all RHTs, unless specifically exempted by the Veterinary Head of Field Delivery (VHoFD): breeding bulls (i.e. entire male animals over 12 months of age), females which have calved, young bovines which will be used for breeding whether they are home-bred or purchased (except calves under six weeks old), pet cows and other non-commercial cattle resident on the holding.
RHT48	Carried out in parishes with a 48 month testing interval.	The following categories of animals must be included in all RHTs, unless specifically exempted by the Veterinary Head of Field Delivery (VHoFD): breeding bulls (i.e. entire male animals over 12 months of age), females which have calved, young bovines which will be used for breeding whether they are home-bred or purchased (except calves under six weeks old), pet cows and other non-commercial cattle resident on the holding.

WHT	Carried out routinely every 12 months in annual testing areas and in individual herds requiring annual testing, e.g. producer-retailer dairy herds, bull hirers, heifer rearers, city/open farms, AI centres, etc. Can also be carried out via VHoFD discretion in 48 month testing areas.	All bovines except calves under six weeks of age
WHT2	Carried out routinely every 24 months in biennial testing parishes	All bovines except calves under 42 days of age

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Yours sincerely

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