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Sent: 14 April 2009 04:00
Subject: Numbers of dairy herds

Hi

Please find attached a spreadsheet showing the number of dairy herds over time since 1992, except for a couple of years when I don't have any data. The numbers provided relate to June of the year. You will note that number of dairy herds increased until 2001 and then subsequently decreased. This is due to a trend of increasing herd size of dairy herds, due in some cases, to amalgamation of smaller dairy herds. In the early 1990s, the smallest dairy herd would have been about 100 milking cows, whereas today the smallest herd is about 250 milking cows.

Trust that this meets your needs.

Regards, ...