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**Subject:** RE: RFI 2454

With regards to the 01Nov07 to 31Oct08 figures, we will be now able to provide you with these figures. However we will need to run a separate report to generate them and this will take a few days. We will forward the figures on to you when we have them available.

With regards to the total number of herds figures, you state that the supplied total number of herds exceeds figures published on the Defra website by at least 10%  
[http://www.defra.gov.uk/esg/work\\_htm/publications/cs/farmstats\\_web/2\\_SURVEY\\_DATA\\_SEARCH/COMPLETE\\_DATASETS/regional\\_level\\_datasets.htm](http://www.defra.gov.uk/esg/work_htm/publications/cs/farmstats_web/2_SURVEY_DATA_SEARCH/COMPLETE_DATASETS/regional_level_datasets.htm). The data provided in the link states that data is based on a sample survey with some estimates being made. The data we have provided includes all cattle herds registered on the Animal Health Vetnet database and as such is a larger number of herds than the sample survey resulting in the variance.

With regards to the figures on sold off cattle, Defra are not able to provide these figures. However, we have forwarded the request to our colleagues in Animal Health to see if they are able to provide this information for you. We will inform you as soon as we hear back from them.