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I attached the figures in a previous email (12 February) and have attached again for ease. We went back to Animal Health to determine if the figures that we sent to yourself on this date excluded sold off herds, which they confirmed, and as such we have provided the data requested already.

Both Animal Health and Wales used Vetnet to garner the data requested and that with regards to the total number of herds registered the figures include populated herds; herds that have been sold/ dispersed have already been excluded as the data provided should only include live animals. To note that this is on the condition that Animal health staff were notified by owners that they no longer keep livestock and that the figures cannot account for any temporary measures, i.e. livestock owners dispersing herds and restocking some months later.