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From: xxxxxxxxxxxx

Sent: 28 June 2011 18:01

To: DEFRA (E-mail)

Subject: Bovine TB: Tuberculin usage from 1956 to 2011

Dear Sir/Madam,

I see that Reference 1 (Figure 1) and Reference 2 (Graph 5) refer to the usage of tuberculins manufactured at Weybridge and Lelystad.

If you can, please provide me a table for Great Britain which contains the following 8 columns

year

month

tuberculin manufacturer (e.g. Weybridge or Lelystad)

potency of bovine tuberculin (e.g.. PPD 3000 as referred to in Ref 3)

strain of bovine tuberculin(e.g. AN5 as referred to in Ref 3)

potency of avian tuberculin (e.g. PPD 2500 as referred to in Ref 3)

strain of avian tuberculin(e.g. D4ER as referred to in Ref 3)

% of animals skin tested for bovine TB using the particular tuberculin

from Jan 1956 to last month in 2011 for which data is available. Obviously rows containing the same year and month will need to be repeated if more than one tuberculin was used in that month. If the tuberculin used for any tests in any given month is not known, please state the % of animals for which the tuberculin used is not known and state "unknown" in the columns for tuberculin manufacturer, potency and strain. The total percentage for each month should then add up to 100%.

If this configuration is not convenient for you, and more work is required to send the data in this form, please just regard the above outline as a definition of what information I require.

Also, if you can, please also indicate dates over this timescale on which test interpretation guidelines to veterinaries were changed with a brief indication of the nature of the change on each date.

A reply by email will be fine.

Yours faithfully,

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References

1.

<http://archive.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/farmanimal/diseases/atoz/tb/documents/tuberculin-report.pdf>

2. <http://www.bovinetb.info/docs/cvo-tbstatement.pdf>

3. <http://www.asg.wur.nl/NR/rdonlyres/6C8390DB-898D-4A7F-BB37-CE7F678DB4B1/38975/2153ASGproductenleafletEngelsweb.pdf>