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Our reference: FOI_25_0520

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0520

On 16/05/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

- i) The total number of cases of livestock theft reported in the calendar years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024.
- ii) The total number of livestock theft reported between 01.01.25 - 15.05.25
- iii) Of the above cases, please could you break it down by theft of sheep, cows, pigs, horses, chicken, donkey, goats. If this is not possible, alternatively could you provide the number of these theft cases where a keyword search of any of the key words 'sheep, cows, pigs, horses, chicken, donkey, goats' is included.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

A search has been completed on all substantiated crimes of burglary & theft offences recorded between the dates of 01.01.2019 – 15.05.2025. A filter has then been added for any crimes where the MO's contain the following keywords:

Livestock

Sheep

Cow

Cows

Pig

Pigs

Horse

Horses

Chicken

Chickens

Donkey

Donkeys

Goat

Goats

Q 1 & 2 have been combined in the table below

Year	Total
2019	8
2020	8
2021	7
2022	11
2023	7
2024	5
2025	2
Total	48

Q3

Animal	Total crime records
chickens	9
Cows	4
Horse	12
Lambs	2
Pony	1

Sheep	21
Piglets	1
Total	50

Please note the table above is a count of the number of crime records which contains one of the keywords, not a count of the number of animals stolen.

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure. Please note that a request for an internal review must be made within 20 working days of the response to your original request.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following means:

Website - <https://ico.org.uk/>

Call their helpline - 0303 123 1113

Email - casework@ico.org.uk

Post –

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Yours sincerely,

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