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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0992

On 10/10/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Number of incidents of thefts of livestock in the county broken down by species, year on year from 2000 to 2025, specifically Sheep/Lambs and Pigs.

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.

We have extracted the total number of substantiated crimes recorded between 2000 and 2025 where the offence is recorded as theft and where at least one property item of sheep and/or pig is recorded. The tables below provide a breakdown of the count of crimes recorded, and separately, a count of the number of property items recorded. Please note that separate tables have been provided as there can be more than one property item recorded per crime.

Table 1 – Crime Count

Year	Total
2000	10
2001	1
2002	6
2003	3
2004	6
2005	7
2006	6
2007	6
2008	4
2009	8
2010	4
2011	8
2012	3
2013	5
2014	4
2015	3
2016	14
2017	5
2018	6
2020	2
2021	2
Total	113

Table 2 – Property Count

Please note that the data is only available up to 2021. This is due to a change in recording practices.

Year	Property Item		Total
	Pig	Sheep	
2000		10	10
2001		1	1
2002		6	6
2003		3	3

2004	2	5	7
2005		9	9
2006		8	8
2007	1	5	6
2008		4	4
2009	1	7	8
2010		5	5
2011	3	5	8
2012		3	3
2013		8	8
2014		6	6
2015		3	3
2016		17	17
2017		5	5
2018		7	7
2020		2	2
2021		3	3
Total	7	122	129

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 –
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely,

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