



FOI_IG0000458: FARM FIRES FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS

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FOI Request:

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, to request information relating to callouts to farm fires for the past five years, from the beginning of 2015 to date

- Date of event (ideally full date, but at least month and year)
- Geographical location, e.g. postal area (as granular as possible without being disclosive of personal data)
- Cause or suspected cause (if known)
- Location of fire (ie domestic, agricultural building containing animals, out building not containing animals)
- Whether farmed animals were involved
- Types of farmed animal involved (cattle, poultry etc.)
- Farmed animals killed (Y/N)
- Number of farmed animals killed (exact number if known – although any quantification available would be useful)

Scope: Incidents attended by SWFRS from 01/01/2015 to 31/07/2020 recorded on the Incident Recording System (IRS). End date selected to provide monthly totals, as specified in the request.

Data: Based on data extracted from SWFRS IRS on 28/08/2020 – data may be subject to change pending validation of IRS incident records. Report criteria: Incident date 01/01/2015-31/12/2020, Incident Type = Fire, excludes Over Border attendances

Property Types as detailed below.

Data may be subject to change, pending completion/validation of IRS records.

REPORT AND STATISTICS

Please note that the data provided is subject to the following limitations:

Geographical Location: Incident data has been supplied to Ward and Unitary Authority level. It is not possible to provide consistent postcode data as many of the incidents identified are outdoor and not addressable, ie, do not have a postal address but are described by geographical coordinates and reference to local landmarks, eg, roads.

We do not hold detailed information on land use and property boundaries to enable outdoor incidents to be differentiated between farmland and other use/tenure, therefore incidents have been identified by Property Type.

Property Type: Farmhouses are categorised as Dwellings and we would not identify whether they were in current use for farming purposes or were residential dwellings with no farming connection. Dwelling fires have therefore been excluded from this report.

IRS categorisation identifies the following property types for agricultural use and they are included in the data provided:

PROPERTY TYPE	PROPERTY CATEGORY	PROPERTY SUB TYPE
Non Residential Buildings	Permanent Agricultural	Barn
Non Residential Buildings	Permanent Agricultural	Greenhouse (commercial) glass
Non Residential Buildings	Permanent Agricultural	Greenhouse (commercial) polytunnel
Non Residential Buildings	Permanent Agricultural	Intensive Farming Sheds (chickens, pigs etc)
Non Residential Buildings	Permanent Agricultural	Milking Parlour
Non Residential Buildings	Permanent Agricultural	Tractor Shed
Non Residential Buildings	Permanent Agricultural	Other building
Non Residential Buildings	Permanent Agricultural	Silo
Agricultural Vehicles		
Outdoor Equipment and Machinery	Agricultural Equipment	

Grassland, woodland and crop fires include categories that indicate agricultural use as detailed in the following guidance notes on IRS recording, incident details for which are included in the dataset provided:

Property Category	Property Sub Type	Guidance Notes
Grassland, woodland and crops	Standing crop	Arable or horticultural land with crops of wheat, barley, corn, vegetables, orchards, etc.
Grassland, woodland and crops	Stacked/baled crop (incl manure heap)	Recently cropped arable, horticultural land with crops stacked in bales, etc.
Grassland, woodland and crops	Straw/stubble burning	Use for intentional burning by the agricultural community. Cropped arable or horticultural land being burnt off. Any other deliberate ignition should be recorded as 'grassland/pasture/grazing etc'.

Animals Involved: SWFRS does not routinely record information on animals involved in fires attended or animal fire casualties.