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Robin Swann asked:

To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, in each of the last three years, how many cattle that tested positive for bovine TB then tested negative post-slaughter, broken down by constituency.

ANSWER

My Department does not record data relating to bovine TB on a constituency basis. However, my Department can provide the number of cattle which were positive reactors at a skin test and in which no lesions typical of bovine TB were found at post-mortem examination and which were negative at subsequent laboratory tests (Histopathology and Bacteriology) for the years 2012 to 2014 broken down by Divisional Veterinary Office (DVO) area. A map of the north of Ireland showing the DVO areas is attached, a copy of which has been placed in the Assembly Library.

The data relating to TB reactors which were not confirmed to have TB distributed across DVO areas is shown in the tables below.

2012		
Divisional Veterinary Office Area	Number of TB reactors	Number of TB reactors that were not confirmed to have TB
Armagh	812	473
Ballymena	223	92
Coleraine	896	480
Dungannon	899	470
Enniskillen	1,909	1,088
Mallusk	628	387
Derry	149	66
Newry	1,731	1,033
Newtownards	1,591	861
Omagh	2,057	1,109
All DVO areas	10,895	6,059

2013		
Divisional Veterinary Office Area	Number of TB reactors	Number of TB reactors that were not confirmed to have TB
Armagh	821	444
Ballymena	744	322
Coleraine	694	321
Dungannon	636	381
Enniskillen	1,234	714
Mallusk	302	186
Derry	70	30
Newry	1,423	882

Newtownards	1,340	704
Omagh	998	513
All DVO areas	8,262	4,497

2014		
Divisional Veterinary Office Area	Number of TB reactors	Number of TB reactors that were not confirmed to have TB
Armagh	584	290
Ballymena	409	180
Coleraine	1,022	431
Dungannon	697	305
Enniskillen	1,281	720
Mallusk	352	196
Derry	123	39
Newry	1,839	1,114
Newtownards	1,390	668
Omagh	1,141	549
All DVO areas	8,838	4,492

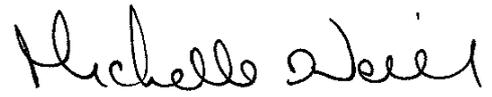
More detailed Tuberculosis Disease Statistics in the north of Ireland are available on the DARD internet and include monthly statistics from 2015.

See the link below:

(<http://www.dardni.gov.uk/statistics-tuberculosis.htm>).

The Pages 'Reactor Animals' and 'Confirmed Disease' are relevant to this question. All these figures are correct at the time of writing.

Note that some animals in which no lesions were detected at post-mortem will not have had further laboratory tests.

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Divisional Veterinary Office (DVO) boundaries

