

Annex

Request

1. *In (i) 2012, (ii) 2013 and (iii) 2014 how many horses were slaughtered in licensed slaughterhouses in the UK? How many of these in each year were allowed into the food chain?*
2. *In each year please state how many of the slaughtered animals had a horse passport issued by the (i) Hurlingham Polo Association, (ii) British Show Jumping Association, (iii) British Equestrian Federation (iv) Dartmoor Pony Society (v) Exmoor Pony Society and (vi) Weatherbys?*
3. *In each year please state how many of the slaughtered animals that were then allowed into the food chain had a horse passport issued by the (i) Hurlingham Polo Association, (ii) British Show Jumping Association, (iii) British Equestrian Federation (iv) Dartmoor Pony Society (v) Exmoor Pony Society and (vi) Weatherbys?*

Response

I have noted that this is an additional FOI following our response on 18 May 2015 to your previous request (FOI 1730). I also note that although the questions are similar you have modified them to specify meat that has 'entered the food chain' as well as requesting for a further year (2012) of data.

In order to address your question, I should first explain that it is for the FSA to ensure that all carcasses are checked and deemed fit for human consumption. Whether that carcass then enters the food chain would be a commercial decision.

If the FSA deems a carcass **not** fit for human consumption then it would be disposed of appropriately. In light of this there will be some elements of this question that we would not be able to answer in the manner in which you have asked them.

In the information below we will provide you with the figures of solipeds (a mammal having a single hoof on each foot, including horses, hinnies, mules and asses) slaughtered, and the information as to the number rejected as not fit for human consumption. However whether the carcass that was considered fit for human consumption then went into the food chain would be a decision made by the food business operator.

Question 1

You have requested the number of horses slaughtered for the years 2012, 2013, 2014 in licensed slaughter houses and allowed into the food chain. Please find the table below which provides you with the number of solipeds slaughtered and the numbers that were rejected as not fit for human consumption.

Year	GB	NI	Total	Total Rejected NI	Total Rejected GB
2012	8526	979	9405	1	102
2013	5008	0	5008	0	103
2014	4515	0	4515	0	137

Questions 2 and 3

You have requested the number of slaughtered animals that have passports issued by the below passport issuing organisations. You then also requested the number which were allowed into the food chain which had passports issued by the below organisations.

In relation to those issued with passports by those organisations you have identified, I have broken down the figures so the total refers to the number of solipeds slaughtered with a passport issued by the referenced organisation. The rejected number is those that were not deemed fit for human consumption at post mortem inspection.

Year	Hurlingham Polo Association		British Show Jumping Association		British Equestrian Federation		Dartmoor Pony Society		Shire Horse Society		Weatherbys		Rejected Solipeds - PIO Information Not Available
	Total	Rejected	Total	Rejected	Total	Rejected	Total	Rejected	Total	Rejected	Total	Rejected	
2012	32	0	12	0	1	0	206	2	27	0	1550	4	6
2013	26	0	9	0	0	0	138	1	7	1	948	12	62
2014	18	2	15	0	1	0	149	2	15	0	732	12	77

As already stated above, please note that merely being deemed fit for human consumption would not necessarily give an accurate indication as to the number that **actually** entered the food chain, only those that were fit to.