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The Agricultural and Horticultural Census in Northern Ireland

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Why are you processing my personal information?

- The Agricultural and Horticultural Census provides valuable statistics on farm and horticulture businesses in Northern Ireland, which are used by a wide range of stakeholders.
- This data is collected under Article 3 of The Agricultural Statistics (Northern Ireland) Order 2004.

What categories of personal data are you processing?

- DAERA will create and report on a database containing;
 - Business ID numbers;
 - Names;
 - and Business addresses (including contact email addresses or telephone numbers, where held).
- No special category data is processed as part of this project.

Where do you get my personal data from?

- The personal data used originates from the DAERA Agricultural and Horticultural Census returns.

Do you share my personal data with anyone else?

- Your data is treated as confidential and is used solely for statistical and research purposes.
- Your information may be shared for DAERA research purposes always under strict Data Sharing Agreements to facilitate the administration of DAERA research objectives.
- The data collected in the Agricultural and Horticultural Census is not used for cross compliance purposes.
- Any third-party contactors are not permitted to share information and must securely destroy the data after use.

How long do you keep my personal data?

- Your personal data will be retained only for as long as necessary for processing, in accordance with DAERA's Retention and Disposal Schedule.

What will the data we collect be used for?

- The information collected from individual farm businesses as part of the Agricultural and Horticultural Census is used to produce the accredited official statistics annual report 'The Agricultural Census in Northern Ireland'.
- Agricultural census statistics are used for a wide range of purposes. The data is used by DAERA to provide an evidence base for policy development and, as such, it is used to assess the outcomes of policies under evaluation and to predict the impacts of policy options that are under consideration to support agriculture in Northern Ireland.
- Census data is also widely used by researchers to develop models of the agri-food sector, enabling detailed analysis of agricultural, trade, and environmental policies.
- Livestock numbers and land use data are used to estimate greenhouse gas emissions from agricultural sources for the UK greenhouse gas inventory and to monitor changes in emission levels over time.
- Farmers make use of data to understand changes in the structure of the industry at regional level and at lower levels of geography (down to Ward level).
- Producer representative organisations use agricultural census statistics to assist with lobbying government departments and political representatives.
- Food processors and suppliers of goods and services to the farm sector use the data for business planning and decision-making on capital investment.

What rights do I have?

- You have the right to obtain confirmation that your personal data is being processed, and to [access your data](#).
- You are entitled to have personal data [rectified if it is inaccurate or incomplete](#).
- You have a right to have personal data erased and to prevent processing, [in specific circumstances](#).
- You have the right to 'block' or suppress processing of personal data, [in specific circumstances](#).
- You have the right to data portability, in [specific circumstances](#).
- You have the right to object to the processing, [in specific circumstances](#).
- You have rights in relation to [automated decision making and profiling](#).

How do I complain if I am not happy?

- If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of this privacy notice, or how your personal information is being processed, please contact the Department's Data Protection Officer at: dataprotectionofficer@daera-ni.gov.uk
- If you are still dissatisfied, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office:

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To see the full DAERA Privacy Statement, which gives more details on your rights and the security of your data, please go visit the [DAERA website](#).