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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 04 September 2026 which sought the following information:

Additional information about the recently closed SFIS, for our research we would like some breakdowns of the applications as we know the applications are broken into 2 separate parts, Lesse & Non-Lesse generating what appears to be 2 sections within 1 application

Could we get a breakdown as below.

1. Total Applications received:
4,253 applications were received from 3,963 individual farm businesses.
2. Total applications for Non-Lesse:
3,732.
3. Total applications for Lesse Equipment:
521.
4. Average Score of applications for items of Non-Lesse:

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26.33.

5. Average Score of applications for Lesse items:

28.22.

6. Average Grantable value of applications for items of Non-Lesse - of all non-lesse applications what was the average grant cost:

£9,618.34.

7. Average Grantable value of applications for Lesse items:

£11,410.45.

8. Could you list the top 10 applied for items in non-lesse?

Top 10 Items Applied for Items in Non-LESSE
Ammonia reduction slat rubber mat for cattle housing.
Automated calf rearing system with washing facility and notification alerts (one programmable calf milk feeder and one feed station with washer). *
Calving gate
Electronic Cow (Beef / Dairy) Heat and Health Detection System - Base Unit. **
Single auger diet feeder with weighing system minimum 10 cubic metres capacity.
Manually operated cattle squeeze crush with weigh package (electronic weigh scale and two electronic load bars) capable of linking to EID device and automatic EID gate.
Plastic slats designed for temporary indoor housing for sheep / calves with stainless steel support system.
Robotic slurry scraping device (or collector) and charging station.
Mounted grass tedder (minimum 4 rotors).
Cattle (Beef / Dairy) Individual electronic weigh platform package (electronic weigh platform, two electronic load bars and electronic weigh scale) capable of linking to EID device(s).

* There were also applications for additional calf feed stations which could only be purchased with this item, and which would have put them 7th in this list on their own.

** Each applicant for this item also applied for additional heat and health detection system devices (collars / ankle transponders / boluses / ear tags) which could only be purchased with this item.

9. Number of applications under the different farm businesses ie - Dairy, suckler/beef, sheep, arable, poultry, horticulture - which ever way is easiest for you based on your application forms.

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The table below gives the farm type matched to information held by DAERA for applications received to the scheme. There are 119 applications which we are unable to match.

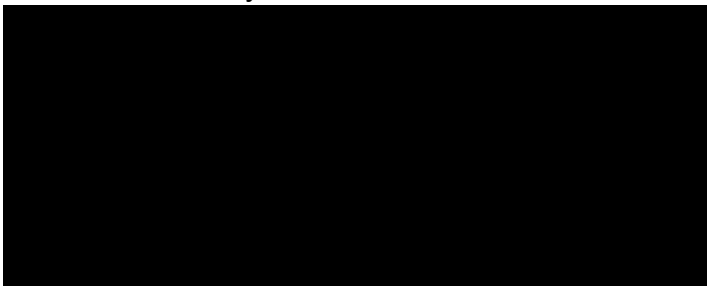
Farm Type	Farm Count
Cereals	20
General Cropping	51
Horticulture	11
Pigs	42
Poultry	155
Dairy	1,150
Cattle and Sheep: LFA	1,654
Cattle and Sheep: Lowland	621
Mixed	140
Unmatched	119
Total	3,963

If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,



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