

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of Northern Ireland

Statement of Administrative Sources used for statistical purposes

1. Data Sources

When compiling official statistics staff within DARD utilise the data held in the following administrative systems:

1. Grants and Subsidies system
2. Animal and Public Health Information System (APHIS)
3. Northern Ireland Bird Register update
4. Annual Sheep and Goat register

2. Change Management

When changes to administrative systems are considered, statistical staff are consulted as part of the change management process.

3. Data access

Statistical staff are granted continual, but limited, access to the administrative systems. The information extracted contains only the relevant data and statistical staff have no authority to directly alter any data contained within the systems. They can, however inform the administrative system managers of any errors they uncover, to aid in the overall system maintenance.

A data extraction facility is available to allow statistical staff to extract the relevant data, ad hoc, from the APHIS data. This reduces the involvement of the system administrators and ensures the data is comparable with previous extractions.

4. Data quality

A rolling review of data quality is conducted with both credibility and logical checks performed.

5. Security

The data is accessible only through secure Departmental desktop computers. Statistical staff with access to the administration systems are reviewed twice annually.

6. Other administrative sources

There are no additional administration systems with the potential to reduce the compliance burden on data providers.

Appendix A

Grants and Subsidies system used for:

- June Agricultural and Horticultural Survey
- December Agricultural and Horticultural Survey
- European Union Structure Survey
- Statistical Review of Northern Ireland Agriculture

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