

FOI Request (received 17 October 2017) – Reference FOI/55/2017

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

For each of the years between 1997 and 2017 so far (inclusive) please state how many people in Northern Ireland have been involved in:

1. Farm accidents
2. Fatal farm accidents
3. Farm accidents involving slurry
4. Fatal farm accidents involving slurry

Response (issued 25 October 2017)

I refer to your request for information under the above Act.

You asked us *for each of the years between 1997 and 2017 so far (inclusive) please state how many people in Northern Ireland have been involved in:*

1. *Farm accidents*
2. *Fatal farm accidents*
3. *Farm accidents involving slurry*
4. *Fatal farm accidents involving slurry*

Following a search of our paper and electronic records I can advise you that we hold some information relevant to your request (but not all of the information requested). This information has been collated and is attached to this email as a PDF document - '*FOI_55_2017_farming_Statistics.pdf*'.

Please note that these figures represent incidents reported to HSENI and that many other incidents and accidents on farms unfortunately are not reported.

I hope you find this information useful, but if you are dissatisfied with the way in which HSENI has handled your request, please go to <http://www.hseni.gov.uk/about-hseni/content-foi.htm> which explains the actions that are available to you.

If you have any queries regarding my e-mail please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Attachment

Year	No. of reported farm accidents	No. of fatal farm accidents	Farm accidents involving slurry	No. of fatal farm accidents involving slurry
1997	Information not held	11	Information not held	2
1998	Information not held	9	Information not held	0
1999	Information not held	6	Information not held	1
2000	Information not held	5	Information not held	1
2001	Information not held	5	Information not held	1
2002	Information not held	5	Information not held	0
2003	Information not held	9	Information not held	0
2004	Information not held	5	Information not held	0
2005	Information not held	8	Information not held	2
2006	24	7	Information not held	0
2007	16	7	Information not held	0
2008	24	7	Information not held	0
2009	18	4	Information not held	0
2010	19	1	Information not held	0
2011	35	12	Information not held	2
2012	35	12	Information not held	4
2013	26	4	Information not held	0
2014	34	8	Information not held	1
2015	36	6	Information not held	0
2016	36	8	Information not held	1
2017 (to date)	31		Information not held	
Total	334	139	Information not held	15