

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS, 1894 TO 1937, AND AGRICULTURE ACT, 1937 (PART IV.)

GREAT BRITAIN. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

RETURN No. 16/1940. OUTBREAKS OF SCHEDULED (NOTIFIABLE) DISEASES WHICH HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE MINISTRY during the period 16th to 31st AUGUST 1940.

Summary of Returns of outbreaks of certain scheduled (notifiable) diseases which have been confirmed by the Ministry during the period 16th to 31st August 1940.

Period.	Anthrax.		Foot-and-Mouth Disease.		Parasitic Mange.‡		Sheep Scab.	Swine Fever.	
	Outbreaks confirmed.	Animals attacked.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Animals slaughtered as diseased or exposed to infection.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Animals attacked.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Swine slaughtered.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Period 16th to 31st August 1940	28	37	—	—	—	—	2	256	215
Corresponding { 1939	20	25	19	1,979	—	—	2	133	104
{ 1938	19	24	3	203	—	2†	9	33	40
{ 1937	18	23	—	—	3	4	6	26	22
Total 1st Jan. to 31st August 1940 ...	367	424	24	3,605	15	30	126	3,020	2,114
Corresponding { 1939	547	600	63	7,631	31	71	166	1,581	1,177
{ 1938	580	937	160	20,464	42	72	116	443	342
{ 1937	490	596	19	4,473	91	129	139	748	460

NOTE.—The figures for the current year are approximate only.

‡ Excluding outbreaks in Army Horses.

† These animals relate to an outbreak confirmed prior to 16th August 1938.

NOTE.—The following diseases were eradicated from Great Britain in the years indicated:—Cattle plague, or rinder-pest (*pestis bovina*) 1877; pleuro-pneumonia (*peripneumonia contagiosa bovum*) 1898; sheep pox (*variola ovium*) 1850; rabies 1922; epizootic lymphangitis (*lymphangitis epizootica*) 1906; and glanders (including farcy) (*malleus*) 1928. Dourine (*exanthema coitale paralyticum*) has never existed in Great Britain.

No case of Fowl Pest (*pestis avium*) has been confirmed in Great Britain since the 11th January 1937, the date as from which the disease was first notifiable. So far as is known, however, Fowl Pest has not existed in Great Britain since 1933.

TUBERCULOSIS (ATTESTED HERDS) SCHEMES.

The number of Attested Herds, i.e. herds officially certified as free from tuberculosis as at 31st August 1940, was as follows:—

ENGLAND.	WALES.	SCOTLAND.	TOTAL (GREAT BRITAIN).
3,795	9,364	3,127	16,286

TUBERCULOSIS ORDER OF 1938.

Notices of Intended Slaughter have been issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries under the Tuberculosis Order of 1938 during the period 16th to 31st August 1940 in respect of 654 bovine animals.

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries,
10th September 1940.