

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

GREAT BRITAIN. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

RETURN No. 2/1941. OUTBREAKS OF SCHEDULED (NOTIFIABLE) DISEASES WHICH HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE MINISTRY during the period 16th to 31st JANUARY 1941.

Summary of Returns of outbreaks of certain scheduled (notifiable) diseases which have been confirmed by the Ministry during the period 16th to 31st January 1941.

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 January 1941 ...	27	29*	29	3,900	1	4	23	110	68
Corresponding period in									
1940 ...	34	42	1	66	1	3	13	152	77
1939 ...	55	58	11	1,635	7	12	61	64	45
1938 ...	38	40	43	5,341	10	10	22	22	12
Total 1st to 31st January 1941 ...	52	55	51	5,431	1	4	45	250	111
Corresponding period in									
1940 ...	55	64	5	624	5	9	36	342	184
1939 ...	92	97	22	3,531	8	13	83	106	72
1938 ...	89	91	75	9,981	16	20	52	38	23

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

\* 2 of these animals refer to an outbreak confirmed prior to 16th January 1941.

‡ Excluding outbreaks in Army Horses.

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 bovim*) 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 January 1941, was as follows:—

ENGLAND.	WALES.	SCOTLAND.	TOTAL (GREAT BRITAIN).
3,830	9,283	3,218	16,331

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 January 1941 in respect of 520 bovine animals.

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries,  
18th February 1941.