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31 July 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2026/00558

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 2 July in which you requested the following:

Your request:

data relating to success rates and applicant numbers and other information for the Farming Innovation Programme competitions. Please provide this data by completing the table below.

1. Competition / strand
2. Deadline month/year
3. Competition round / reference (e.g, Round 10)
4. Funding available for that round (£)
5. Total number of applications received
6. Number of applications passing eligibility checks
7. Number of applications scoring 70+
8. Number of applications scoring 80+
9. Number of applications awarded funding
10. Largest grant awarded (£)
11. Smallest grant awarded (£)
12. Average total project size of awarded projects (£)
13. Average grant amount awarded (£)

Please provide the data for the latest round available within your records. I have also included fields for the deadline month/year and competition round (e.g., Round 10).

Our response

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) does hold information relevant to your request.

Please see the information in the attached document: **FOI2026/00558 Annex 1.**

We have numbered your questions for ease of reference:

- Table A contains information relating to questions 1-6 and 9-13.
- Table B contains information relating to questions 7 and 8.

Section 40 – Personal Data

In preparing this response we have considered the risks of identifying individuals from small numbers, therefore, in line with standard statistical reporting practice, data has been suppressed to mitigate against the disclosure of personal data. We consider that under Section 40(2) of the FOIA, this data would be exempt where it relates to fewer than five individuals. We believe that to disclose information relating to small numbers of individuals would contravene the first Data Protection Principle as defined under Section 86 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and

Article 5 of UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) of lawfulness, fairness and transparency. Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test.

Applicant scores with under 5 results in each category have been rounded to the nearest value of five. As mentioned above, categories consisting of between one and four individuals have been suppressed as personal information under section 40(2) of the FOIA and are indicated by '< 5'. Where there are no members within a category, a count of zero is recorded.

Your rights

If you have any queries regarding our response please do let us know. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review, explaining which elements of this decision you disagree with and why. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of our response and should be addressed to:

Head of Information Governance
Email: foi@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: www.ico.org.uk

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see [UKRI's complaints procedure](#).¹

Yours sincerely,


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¹ <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/contact-us/make-a-complaint/#skipnav-target>