



Livestock and Meat Commission for Northern Ireland
Statement of administrative sources used for statistical purposes

1- Data sources

When compiling official statistics LMC staff will utilise the data held in the following administrative systems

- 1) Animal and Public Health Information System (APHIS)

2- Change Management

When changes to administrative systems are considered, statistical staff are consulted as part of the change management process to ensure the continuation and quality of service to LMC stakeholders.

3- Data Access

LMC's statistical staff are granted continual, but limited, access to the administrative systems to facilitate the completion of their duties. The information extracted for publication 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 Price Reporting System. This reduces the involvement of the system administrators and ensures the data is comparable with previous extractions.

4- Data Quality

Credibility and logical checks are performed by LMC statistical staff to ensure data quality of all information sources is maintained.

5- Security

LMC data sources are only accessible through secure LMC desktop computers. Statistical staff with access to the administration systems are reviewed in line with changes in personnel, roles and responsibilities.

6- Other Administrative sources

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

Appendix A

Animal and Public Health Information System (APHIS)

- LMC Bulletin
- LMC Weekly Market Information Update
- LMC Quarterly
- LMC Monthly Economic Review
- LMC Industry Snapshots
- LMC Market Information Yearbook
- NI Calf Registrations update
- Cattle for beef production on NI farms