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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1297/25 Farm Thefts

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 9th September 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *Yearly breakdown of reports to Cumbria police of thefts/burglaries from farm/agricultural building/farmhouse in years 2020 to 2024.*
2. *Yearly breakdown of arrests by Cumbria police for thefts/burglaries from farm/agricultural building/farmhouse in years 2020 to 2024.*
3. *Yearly breakdown of charges by Cumbria police for thefts/burglaries from farm/agricultural building/farmhouse in years 2020 to 2024.*

NB - I have listed as thefts/burglaries and farm/agricultural building/farmhouse to make sure no info is missed. This is of course dependent on how the police categorises each incident. I'm happy to amend the FOI dependent on this, if needed.

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm Cumbria Constabulary does hold some information relevant to your request and where this is the case I have today decided to disclose this to you.

The information provided has been extracted from Cumbria Constabulary's crime recording system. We do not have a specific location/search term for farms in our system. Therefore, a keywords search has been conducted for the terms 'agri' and 'farm' in the MO. The results were then manually reviewed for relevancy and any results that were irrelevant were removed. For example, results for 'farm foods' or 'cannabis farms' etc.

Please note: A keyword search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary. If, for example, the words were recorded in a different field, or if another name or term was used, any such records would not be identified by the keyword search which has been undertaken.

Question 1.

Yearly breakdown of reports to Cumbria police of thefts/burglaries from farm/agricultural building/farmhouse in years 2020 to 2024.

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
January	10	5	6	3	5	29
February	4	7	3	8	9	31
March	1	3	12	9	5	30



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April	5	4	3	3	5	20
May	7	5	9	5	3	29
June	7	2	7	7	4	27
July	13	2	9	4	4	32
August	11	9	5	2	5	32
September	9	10	6	4	10	39
October	6	11	13	10	8	48
November	3	10	11	3	1	28
December	9	7	3	6	2	27
Grand Total	85	75	87	64	61	372

Question 2.

We cannot answer this question as crimes and arrests cannot be directly connected in our current reporting system. In order to answer this question, it would require a manual review of all burglary/theft arrests for relevant results. This would exceed the appropriate limit of time allowed therefore inciting a Section 12 response.

Question 3.

Please note: the information provided in question 3 is correct as of the date this letter is provided. Therefore, a number of these crimes will still be open and may receive an OC1/charge outcome in future, so the data is likely to change.

We have provided the number of crimes with a OC1/charge outcome, not the number of people charged meaning that a crime can have more than one offender/suspect attached with different outcomes.

Yearly breakdown of charges by Cumbria police for thefts/burglaries from farm/agricultural building/farmhouse in years 2020 to 2024.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
1 - Charged or Summoned	3	2	2	1	0	8
Grand Total	3	2	2	1	0	8

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

Whilst every care has been taken in the retrieval of the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact us for clarification, if you do have any issues or queries relating to this data.

Complaint Rights

If you believe your request has not been properly handled, or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to request an internal review.

In the first instance, please email freedomofinformation@cumbria.police.uk quoting the FOI reference number and explain why you are dissatisfied. Your complaint will be considered and a response will be provided to you after your complaint has been investigated.

If you remain dissatisfied following conclusion of the internal review, you have the right, under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to complain directly to the Information Commissioner.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.



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