

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

GREAT BRITAIN.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

RETURN No. 22/1939. OUTBREAKS OF SCHEDULED (NOTIFIABLE) DISEASES WHICH HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE MINISTRY during the period 16th to 30th NOVEMBER 1939.

Summary of Returns of outbreaks of certain scheduled (notifiable) diseases which have been confirmed by the Ministry during the period 16th to 30th November 1939.

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 30th November 1939	21	26	1	45	1	1	22	188	134
Corresponding period in { 1938	36	36	7	1,106	—	—	29	90	99
{ 1937	47	54	24	4,710	2	2	11	30	9
{ 1936	17	24	15	917	2	2	17	73	34
Total 1st Jan. to 30th Nov. 1939	666	757	86	10,715	33	73	246	2,965	1,923
Corresponding period in { 1938	752	1,145	176	22,367	45	75	184	831	674
{ 1937	655	788	100	18,711	106	145	217	940	560
{ 1936	405	481	38	3,645	101	243	205	1,756	1,206

NOTE.—The figures for the current year are approximate only.
§ 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 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 30th November 1939, was as follows:—

ENGLAND.	WALES.	SCOTLAND.	TOTAL (GREAT BRITAIN).
3,144	7,489	2,473	13,106

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 30th November 1939 in respect of 542 bovine animals.

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries,
8th December 1939.