

Data Sheet

Farm animals

This table shows the approximate numbers of animals on farms in the UK over an eight year period.

The numbers are in thousands (rounded to the nearest thousand).

Animals on UK farms

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Total Cattle	11519	11423	11135	10602	10345	10517	10603	10414
Dairy cows	2439	2440	2336	2251	2227	2192	2131	2065
Beef cows	1947	1924	1842	1708	1657	1700	1739	1768
Total Sheep	44471	44656	42264	36716	35834	35846	35890	35517
Ewes	21260	21458	20449	17921	17630	17599	17665	16990
Lambs	22138	22092	20857	17769	17310	17335	17272	17532
Total Pigs	8146	7284	6482	5845	5588	5047	5161	4864
Total Fowl	148292	149867	154504	163875	155005	165324		160528
Table fowl	98224	101625	105689	112531	105137	116774	119912	111487
Laying fowl	29483	29258	28687	26895	28778	29274	29662	29550

Questions

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1

How many beef cows were on UK farms in 2003?
Give your answer to the nearest thousand.

2

How many fewer sheep were there in 2005 compared to when the population was at its maximum?
Give your answer to the nearest thousand.

3

The number of pigs went down from 1998 to 2005. Which year saw the largest drop in numbers compared to the year before?

4

When lambs become one year old they are re-named as ewes (female sheep) and rams (male sheep). How many rams were there on UK farms in 2005?
Give your answer to the nearest thousand.

5

Figures for the total number of fowl on UK farms in 2004 are not available.

Which of these is the most likely estimate of the number?
(Put a ring around the right one.)

140 million 150 million 160 million 170 million 180 million

Explain your answer.
