

CHAPTER 4

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Introduction

1. The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food's contribution to the National Asset Register covers the core-department and its six agencies:
 - the Central Science Laboratory
 - the Veterinary Laboratories Agency
 - the Centre for Environment, Fisheries & Aquaculture Science
 - the Meat Hygiene Service
 - the Farm and Rural Conservation agency
 - the Veterinary Medicine Directorate
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2. In addition to a description of all major assets owned by the Ministry and its Agencies, analysed by category of asset, information is provided on certain investments which have been acquired over the years, which have been related to farming land and businesses which have been sold by the Ministry. Along with Ministry assets, summary accounting data is provided for all Non-Departmental Public Bodies sponsored by the Ministry with a net asset value exceeding £100k.
3. Historically MAFF has held quite large amounts of agricultural assets (farms, horticultural enterprises), however over the last 18 years most of these have been sold. The National Asset Register will continue to enable the Ministry to focus on the optimum asset base required to achieve its aims and objectives.
4. The MAFF National Asset Register (Tables 1 to 10) cover the core-department and its six agencies. The Ministry's asset base is relatively small in comparison with most other major departments in Whitehall. While each of the Agencies is required to publish Annual Accounts including a Balance Sheet recording fixed asset values to commercial accounting standards, the core-department will not have an audited balance sheet value of its fixed assets until its Resource Accounts are published in 1998/99. Based on 31 March 1997 position the total estimated asset base of the Ministry and its agencies is approximately £350m.
5. Tables 1 to 10 have been drawn from existing asset registers in the core-department and its agencies. These are held on commercial accounting software fixed asset computer packages.
6. Over 85% by value of MAFF's asset base constitutes land and buildings. The Ministry's Building and Estate Management Division (BEMD) manages all MAFF property and earlier this year commissioned a valuation from the Valuation Office to support the introduction of capital charging from 1 April 1998 when the Ministry will be required to pay a 6% charge on the net book of its land and buildings. (With the introduction of Resource Budgeting in 2001 the charge will be levied on all fixed and working capital). The valuation was based on Treasury Guidelines using the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors valuation methodology.
7. Historically MAFF held a large amount of agricultural property, some originally acquired to assist new entrants into the farming and horticulture industries. Over the last 18 years virtually all this property has been sold and MAFF has well established routines for reviewing its property assets and disposing of any which are surplus to its main requirements.

Accounting Policies

8. Accounting policies for the recording of MAFF and its Agencies assets will be stated in its Resource Accounts as follows:

“Accounting Convention

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of fixed assets at their value to the Ministry by reference to their current costs.

Tangible Fixed Assets

a. Title to the freehold land and buildings shown in the accounts is held as follows:

- i. Property on the Ministerial Estate title to which is held by the Department and its agencies and shown in the balance sheet;
- ii. Property held by the Department of Environment for which the Ministry assumed responsibility on 1 April 1996 as major occupier and therefore capitalised and shown in the balance sheet.

b. Freehold land and buildings have been included on the basis of professional valuations. Plant, equipment, fixtures, fittings, IT equipment, vehicles, and vessels have been restated using the appropriate indices. The minimum level for capitalisation in the core-department accounts and agencies is as follows:

	£
Core Department	2,000
CSL	1,000
CEFAS	2,000
FRCA	3,000
PSD	500
MHS	2,000
VLA	3,000
VMD	500

Intangible Fixed Assets

The Ministry does not have any intangible assets; however the Ministry holds a number of licences, copyrights but the income from these is of a minor nature and they have not been capitalised. Should the income from these licences, copyrights, increase to be of a material amount then capitalisation will be reconsidered.

Depreciation

Freehold is not depreciated. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write-off the valuation of freehold buildings and other tangible fixed assets by the straight line method over the estimated useful life of the asset. Lives are normally in the following ranges:

Freehold Buildings	15 to 50 years
Plant, equipment, computers	4 to 10 years
Fixtures and Fittings	5 to 10 years
Vehicles	4 to 10 years
Vessels	20 years

Donated Assets

The Department does not have any donated assets.”

9. Capitalisation levels have been set at levels to capture all significant assets. Within the core-department IT equipment and furniture and fittings are “pooled” for accounting purposes.

Investments

10. Table 11 lists investments and intangible assets owned by the Ministry. They are relatively minor accruing from either the Ministry’s ownership of agricultural land or are residual shareholdings from NDPBs/Marketing Boards which have been sold. These holdings will be reviewed as part of the Comprehensive Spending Review.

Information of Core-Department and Agency Assets

11. Further information on MAFF and its Agencies can be obtained from:

MAFF Helpline
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food
3-8 Whitehall Place
London SW1A 2HH

(Tel: 0645 3356577 - Local Rate Charges)

A description of the Ministry Aims and its main activities can be found in its Departmental Report detailing Government expenditure plans. The last report was published in March 1997 covering 1997/98 - 1999/2000. Copies can be obtained from the Stationery Office at the address (below).

12. All of the Agencies except for CEFAS and FRCA, which were only created on 1 April 1997, publish and lay before Parliament an Annual Report and Accounts fully audited to “true and fair” standards. Copies of the reports can be obtained from:

The Stationery Office Limited
The Publications Centre
PO Box 276
London SW8 5DT

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General Enquiries 0171 873 0011

Non-Departmental Public Bodies

13. Table 12 contains an aggregated summary of the asset data found in the major non-departmental public bodies sponsored by MAFF. All NDPBs are subjected to Quinquennial Prior Options Reviews which examine the need for the body, whether the function of the body could be carried out in the private sector and if it continues in the public sector whether its form and structure are appropriate. The Quinquennial Review includes a Financial Management Review when amongst many financial issues, control of the body’s asset base is reviewed. In addition all the bodies produce Corporate and Business Plans which allow the Ministry to examine each organisation’s asset plans.

14. Further information on the bodies can be obtained from the Ministry’s Help Line. Copies of the Annual Accounts can be obtained from the Stationery Office.

Departmental Asset Register

Note: MAFF (including Agencies) Organisations separately identified as occupying premises.

AH	Animal Health	HMI Horticulture Marketing Inspectorate
BEMD	Buildings and Estate Management Div	LUPU Land Use Planning Unit
CEFAS	Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Service	MHS Meat Hygiene Service Agency
CSL	Central Service Laboratory	PHSI Plant Health Seeds Inspectorate
EMI	Egg Marketing Inspectorate	VFS Veterinary Field Service
FCD	Flood & Coastal Defence Engineers	VLA Veterinary Laboratories Agency
FRCA	Farming, Rural and Conservation Agency	SFI Sea Fish Inspectorate

TABLE 1A - FREEHOLD PROPERTY - Headquarters & Regional Offices

Location	Description
Lion House, Willowburn Trading Estate, Alnwick Northumberland	Headquarters Out-station of 1,604 sq.m
Hook Rise South, Tolworth, London	HQ Office of 9,998 sq.m
Uplands, Epsom Road, Guildford, Surrey	Headquarters Outstation and Computer Centre/Bureaux; VFS, EMI & PHSI and FRCA Office 13,169 sq.m
Government Buildings, Crosby Road, Northallerton, North Yorkshire	Regional Service Centre; EMI, PHSI, LUPU & VFS Office of 2,537 sq.m.
High St, Northallerton, North Yorkshire	Regional Service Centre annex of 238 sq.m
Berkeley Towers, Nantwich Road, Crewe	Regional Service Centre; VFS District Office, HMI, EMI, PHSI. and FRCA Office 2,326 sq.m
Block 'A', Coley Park, Reading, Berks.	Regional Service Centre; VFS Office, HMI, EMI. and FRCA Office 5,216 sq.m
Burghill Rd, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol	Regional Service Centre including VFS & HMI FRCA
Edenbridge House, Lowther Street, Carlisle	Regional Service Centre & VFS District Office
Block B, Government Buildings, Brooklands Avenue, Cambridge	Regional Service Centre plus PHSI, EMI, LUPU, BEMD, AH MHS, FRCA
Government Buildings, Alphington Road, Exeter	HQ Outstation; Regional Service Centre; EMI, HMI, PHSI & VFS Office
Pydar House, Pydar Street, Truro, Cornwall	Regional Service Centre plus VFS District & Area Office; HMI & PHSI Office

TABLE 1B - FREEHOLD PROPERTY - Laboratories

Location	Description
Brynsiencyn, Anglesey, Gwynnedd.	Field station of timber clad shed, lean-to and portaloos (total 25 sq.m) on site of 0.18 ha.
Sand Hutton Lane, Sand Hutton, York	Central Science Laboratory completed in 1996 and comprising purpose built laboratory and offices on site of 33.2 ha of which 8.1 ha are woodland.
Greythorpe Road & 168 Sinclair Road, Aberdeen	Central Science Laboratory Research Station of a Laboratory (5,160 sq.m) built 1951/60, plus Animal House (238 sq.m), Workshop & Office (353 sq.m) and stores (115 sq.m) on a site of 1.0 ha. FOR SALE
London Road, Slough, Berks	Former Central Science Laboratory complex of 63 various buildings as offices & laboratories etc (11,528 sq.m) on a site of 4.65 ha. FOR SALE
Tangley Place, Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey.	Former Central Science Laboratory based on a former 19thC mansion house mainly used as office and 8 specialist buildings added (total 2,120 sq.m) on a site of 2.30 ha. FOR SALE
Luddington, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire	Former Central Science Laboratory Bee Unit comprising laboratory/office block (463 sq.m) on site of 1.76 ha of which 0.88 ha is undeveloped. FOR SALE VLA Veterinary Investigation Centre of a building built 1993 as office/ laboratory and ancillary buildings on a site of 2.19 ha.
Woodham Lane New Haw, Addlestone, Surrey	Veterinary Medicines Directorate Office accommodation in 4 Portacabins within VLA site
Woodham Lane, New Haw, Addlestone, Surrey	Veterinary Laboratory Agency (VLA) laboratory with 119 buildings comprising laboratories, barns, animal accommodation, offices & storage (total of 43,727 sq.m) on site of 15.1 ha
Itchen Abbas, Winchester, Hants	VLA Veterinary Investigation Centre & FRCA complex with offices, laboratories and ancillary buildings built 1994 on a site of 0.61 ha
Staplake Mount, Starcross, Exeter	FRCA Experimental Horticultural Station and VLA Veterinary Investigation Centre of 4 office and laboratory blocks, 3 animal houses and other ancillary buildings built between 1970 and 1993 and arable land on a site of 3.14 ha.
Polwhele, Truro, Cornwall	Purpose built VLA Veterinary Investigation Centre (Laboratory/ Office - 418 sq.m) built 1964 comprising main building, 2 portacabins & 2 workshops (233 sq.m) on a site of 1.21 ha including paddock of 0.36 ha. And Wildlife Unit

TABLE 1B - FREEHOLD PROPERTY - Laboratories (cont)

Location	Description
Barton Hall, Garstang Road, Barton, Preston, Lancs	VLA Veterinary Investigation Centre & FRCA Office of a Main Building & 3 other blocks (2,771 sq.m) built in 1985 on a site of 1.42 ha.
Kendal Road, Harlescott, Shrewsbury, Salop	VLA Veterinary Investigation Centre of 2 buildings of office & laboratories and ancillary buildings built 1977 and extended 1992 on a site of 0.77 ha.
Rougham Hill, Bury-St-Edmunds, Suffolk	VLA Veterinary Investigation Centre of office/laboratory block built 1993 on a site of 2.59 ha of which 1.78 is undeveloped.
West House, Station Road, Thirsk, North Yorkshire	VLA Veterinary Investigation Centre of Victorian house used as office/laboratories (943 sq.m) on a site of 1.02 ha.
Jobs Well Lane, Carmarthen, Wales	VLA Veterinary Investigation Centre.
Buarth Road, Aberystwyth, Wales	VLA Veterinary Investigation Centre.
Lasswade, Penicuik	VLA Veterinary Investigation Centre
Long Benton, Newcastle	VLA Veterinary Investigation Centre
Litley Court, Hampton Park Road, Hereford	VLA Veterinary Investigation Centre
Pakefield Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk	Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS) Fisheries Laboratory of late Victorian hotel converted to laboratory/office (3,593 sq.m) plus modern office/laboratory extensions (8,550 sq.m) on site of 1.21 ha.
Benarth Road, Conwy, North Wales	CEFAS Fisheries laboratory with office block and ancillary buildings 1,800 sq.m) and 8 sea water tanks on site of 0.67 ha.
West Strand, Whitehaven, Cumbria	CEFAS Radiobiological Laboratory & Office comprising 1 prefabricated building built in 1962 with extension in 1986 (96 sq.m) on site of 0.19 ha
Remembrance Avenue, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex	CEFAS Fisheries Laboratory of purpose built Laboratory & Office in 1953 / 1974 and 3 other stores (1,740 sq.m) on a site of 0.55 ha.
Barrack Road, Weymouth, Dorset	CEFAS Fisheries Laboratory of 1 Laboratory/Office building (4,517 sq.m) built 1994 with associated stores on a site of 0.43 ha.

TABLE 1C - FREEHOLD PROPERTY - Farms etc

Location	Description
Terrington, Terrington Street, Clement, Kings Lynn	Experimental Husbandry Farm of 117 ha Grade 1 & 2 arable land. Includes farm buildings, offices and 8 dwellings. Leased to ADAS Consulting Ltd
Drayton, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwicks	Feed Evaluation Unit & Experimental Husbandry Farm. Consists a group of buildings, in a defined area of the Drayton Research Centre, cattle housing and 12 ha grazing land. Leased to ADAS Consulting Ltd
Rosemaund, Preston Wynne, Hereford & Worcs	Experimental Husbandry Farm of 176 ha including hops (14 ha), cider orchard (4 ha), woodland (4.5 Ha) and permanent pasture (11.3 ha) with the rest being Grade 2 & 3 arable or pastureland. Includes farm buildings, offices and 11 dwellings. Leased to ADAS Consulting Ltd. 35 ha at Lower Town leasehold
Gleadthorpe, Meden Vale, Mansfield, Notts	A farm of 200 ha of which majority is Grade 3 arable land with a small area of woodland. Includes offices and 15 dwellings. Leased to ADAS Consulting Ltd
Redesdale, Rochester, Tyne & Wear	Experimental Husbandry Farm of 1,350 ha composed of Cleughbrae & Ashtrees (694 ha) fell and moorland; Rookan (40 ha moorland); Dargues Hope (594 ha) of moorland; Dargues Farm (22 ha). Farm buildings, offices and 6 dwellings. Leased to ADAS Consulting Ltd
High Mowthorpe, Duggleby, Malton, North Yorks	High wolds farm of 437 ha mainly Grade 3 land suitable for arable with the rest suitable for grazing. Includes farm buildings, offices and 12 dwellings. Leased to ADAS Consulting Ltd.
Wellesbourne, Warwicks	Horticultural and agricultural site of 106.4 ha Leased to HRI
Arthur Rickwood, Mepal, Ely, Cambs	Experimental Husbandry Farm of 76 ha Grade 1 & 2 land. Includes farm buildings, offices and 4 dwellings. Leased to ADAS Consulting Ltd.
Boxworth, Cambs	Experimental Husbandry Farm of 347 ha land majority of which is Grade 2 but includes 8.7 ha woodland and 12.3 ha permanent pasture. Includes farm buildings, offices and 12 dwellings. Leased to ADAS Consulting Ltd.
Bridgets, Martyr Worthy, Winchester, Hants	Experimental Farm of 422 ha land with 400 arable and the rest woodland, shelter belts etc. Includes farm buildings, offices and 17 dwellings. Leased to ADAS Consulting Ltd
9 Great North Road, Chawston, Beds	Ex Land Settlement Association holding and is tenanted.

TABLE 1C - FREEHOLD PROPERTY - Farms etc (cont)

Location	Description
Barnhall, Wickford, Essex	38.5 ha of agricultural land currently tenanted. FOR SALE
Hurstbourne Common, Hants	68 ha of poor quality agricultural tenanted land.
Stockbridge House, Cawood, North Yorks.	Experimental Horticultural Station of 64.75 ha of Grade 2 land. Includes glasshouses, packing sheds etc and 13 dwellings. Leased to HRI
Kirton, Boston, Lincs	Experimental Horticultural Station of 42 ha of Grade 1 land and includes 5 dwellings. Leased to HRI
Efford, Lymington, Hants	Experimental Horticultural Station of 149.8 ha in Green Belt and leased to HRI 48.5 ha predominantly Grade 2 pasture but with 10.1 ha amenity woodland to be returned to MAFF and is FOR SALE
Pwllpeiran, Cwmystwth, Aberystwyth	Research farm part owned by MAFF, part by the Welsh Office and part by the Forestry Commission. Leased to and farmed by ADAS Consulting Ltd on behalf of Welsh Office. 1,130 ha of land plus offices and 8 dwellings.
Coombelands Farm, New Haw, Addlestone, Surrey	VLA pasture farm with extensive buildings, barns and old house as 2 flats. Site of 40.4 ha.
Manor Farm, New Haw, Addlestone, Surrey	VLA farm of 0.21 ha including 1 building.
Grange Farm, New Haw, Addlestone, Surrey	VLA farm mainly specialist farm including isolation units & 7 dwellings. Site of 23.8 ha.
Halls Farm, New Haw, Addlestone, Surrey	VLA small, mainly modern farm with some serviceable buildings and good house. Site of 20.31 ha.
Appstree Farm, Ockham, Ripley, Surrey	VLA small stock farm with appropriate buildings. Site of 20.0 ha.
Old Rectory Farm, Ockham, Ripley, Surrey.	VLA stock farm including buildings and cottage. Site of 29.0 ha.
Holme Farm, New Haw, Addlestone, Surrey	VLA mainly pig farming premises with part of land disused. Site of 5.60 ha.

TABLE 1D - FREEHOLD PROPERTY - Buffer Depots

Location	Description
4 Almondbank, Perth, Scotland	Buffer Depot of 3 warehouses (13,791 sq.m. built early 1940s and 4 warehouses built 1988 plus ancillary buildings on site of 8.9 ha. FOR SALE
5 Almondbank, Perth, Scotland	Buffer Depot of 5 warehouses & ancillary buildings (2,005 sq.m) on site of 5.6 ha. FOR SALE
Abergwili Road, Abergwili, Carmarthen	Buffer Depot of 1 warehouse built 1940, 8 Nissen type huts and 2 offices (total of 2,743 sq.m) on site of 1.17 ha. FOR SALE
Caton Road, Cloughton, Lancaster	Buffer Depot of 2 warehouses (5,060 sq.m) built in 1950s with office annex on site of 1.53 ha FOR SALE
New Street, Earl Shilton, Hinckley, Leics	Buffer Depot 2 warehouses and an office (5,070 sq.m) built in 1940s on site of 1.37 ha. FOR SALE
Trentside, Gunthorpe, Nottingham.	Buffer Depot of 1 warehouse and office accommodation (2,387 sq.m) built in 1940s on site of 1.0 ha. FOR SALE
Kendal Road, Harlescott, Shrewsbury, Salop	Buffer Depot of 7 storage buildings and an office built (12,622 sq.m) about 1916 on site of 3.72 ha. FOR SALE
Gravel Pit, Hertford Road, Hoddeson, Herts	Buffer Depot of 1 warehouse (2,397 sq.m) including office space in site of 0.86 ha. FOR SALE
Station Road, Honeybourne, Evesham, Worcs	Buffer Depot of 3 warehouses, 2 offices and a small store (9,427 sq.m) on site of 2.83 ha. FOR SALE
130 Hyndford Road, Lanark, Scotland	Buffer Depot of 1 warehouse (2,360 sq.m) including office space built 1940s on site of 0.56 ha. FOR SALE
Towy Avenue, Llandovery, Dyfed	Buffer Depot of 1 warehouse, office and 4 Nissen huts (2,770 sq.m) on site of 0.85 ha. FOR SALE
Pocklington Industrial Estate, Pocklington, East Yorks	Buffer Depot of 1 warehouse (5,450 sq.m) built 1940s on site of 1.54 ha. FOR SALE
Nant Alyn Road, Rhydymwyn, Mold, Flint	Buffer Depot of 90, mostly derelict, buildings dating from World War II with underground tunnels on a site of 35.0 ha known to be contaminated. FOR SALE
357 Station Road, South Leigh, Oxon	Buffer Depot of 3 warehouses (2,355 sq.m) built 1940s on a site of 0.52 ha. FOR SALE

TABLE 1D - FREEHOLD PROPERTY - Buffer Depots (cont)

Location	Description
Melbourne Place, Topcliffe Road, Sowerby, North Yorkshire	Buffer Depot of 1 warehouse (2,375 sq.m) built 1940s on a site of 1.09 ha. FOR SALE
Former RAF Station, Strubby, Alford, Lincs	Buffer Depot of 3 1940s aircraft hangars (8,173 sq.m), including portacabin office space, on a site of 17.5 ha FOR SALE
Tattenhall Road, Tattenhall, Chester	Buffer Depot of 1 warehouse (2,382 sq.m), including office space and a small store all built 1940s on a site of 1.34 ha. FOR SALE
Little Glen Road, Glen Parva, Leicester	Buffer Depot of 1 warehouse (2,093 sq.m) with office and a Romney Hut on a site of 0.90 ha. FOR SALE

TABLE 1E - FREEHOLD PROPERTY - Other Offices

Location	Description
46 Fore Street, Newlyn, Cornwall	Mid terrace office of 3 floors with internal floor space of 71 sq.m. and built 1970.
Alphington Road, Exeter	Archive Storage of 10 single 1940s built garages and a boiler house on a site of 0.49 ha.
Crosskill House, Mill Lane, Beverley, East Yorkshire	PHSI/EMI and Veterinary Area Office
Southgate Street, Bury-St-Edmunds	VFS Office and PHSI, EMI & FRCA
Whitehouse Lane, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge	Plant Varieties Records Office.
Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester	VFS & EMI Office
Albert Dock, Hull	Fisheries Office
Ceres House, 2 Searby Road, Lincoln.	VFS District Office; FCD & PHSI & FRCA
Crown House, Sittingbourne Road, Maidstone	VFS Area Office; EMI, HMI & PHSI Office
Castle House, Newport Road, Stafford	VFS District Office; EMI, HMI & PHSI Office
Quantock House, Paul Street, Taunton	VFS District Office; FCD & PHSI. and MHS & FRCA
Longacre House, Frome Road, Trowbridge	VFS Office.

TABLE 2A - HISTORIC LEASEHOLD PROPERTY - Headquarter Offices

Location	Description
3-8 Whitehall Place, London.	Headquarters Offices of 6,389 sq.m
10 Whitehall Place, London.	Headquarters Offices of 7,190 sq.m
55 Whitehall, London	Headquarters Offices of 1,936 sq.m

TABLE 2B - HISTORIC LEASEHOLD PROPERTY- Laboratories

Location	Description
Langford House, Langford, Bristol	VLA Veterinary Investigation Centre within Bristol University Veterinary School of 2 buildings (515 sq.m) on a site of 0.18 ha. 84 years lease from 1951.
Hatching Green, Harpenden, Herts	Former Central Science Laboratory with an office/laboratory main building and a range of other specialist buildings on a site of 1.98 ha. 99 years lease from 1957. FOR SALE
Olantigh Rd, Wye, Ashford, Kent	FRCA Office/Laboratory complex in 4 blocks with ancillary outbuildings for storage etc (2,917 sq.m) built 1967/71 on site of 2.43 ha including agricultural land of 0.4 ha. 99 years lease from 1967 Leased to ADAS Consulting Ltd

TABLE 3A - LONG LEASEHOLD PROPERTY - Laboratories

Location	Description
Colney Lane, Colney, Norwich	Central Science Laboratory Food Science Laboratory built in 1990 comprising purpose built laboratory & offices (4,900 sq.m) on site of 0.7 ha. 60 years lease from 1988
The Elms, College Road, Sutton Bonnington, Notts	VLA Veterinary Investigation Centre ground floor of a 19thC house used as office and other later buildings as laboratories etc on a site of 0.33 ha. 50 years lease from 1989. Quality Assurance Unit of 1 building as Laboratory & Office built 1922 on site of 1.16 ha. 47 years lease from 1992.
Merrythought, Calthwaite, Penrith Cumbria	VLA Veterinary Investigation Centre & FRCA Office of a building as office/laboratory and ancillary buildings on a site of 1.38 ha. 35 years lease from 1995.

TABLE 4 - PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Description	Number								
	MAFF	PSD	MHS	CSL	VMD	VLA	CEFAS	FRCA	TOTAL
Electric Hoists	2								2
Fork Lift Trucks	2								2
Pedestrian Controlled Truck							1		1
Scissor Lift							1		1
Lawnmowers	2								2
Combine Harvester				1					1
Tractors				1		17			18
Trailers				2					2
John Deere Gator				1					1
Field Drills						11			11
Sprayers						2			2
Air Conditioning Units			1		2				3
Welding Machine							1		1

TABLE 5A - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - EQUIPMENT (SERVERS/PCs etc)

Description	Number								
	MAFF	PSD	MHS	CSL	VMD	VLA	CEFAS	FRCA	TOTAL
Siemens Nixdorf International (SNI) SNI									
RM 600	51	1	1	1					54
SNI RM 400	7								7
SNI RM 300								1	1
SNI RM 200	29		5					10	44
SNI PCE 4T		1							1
SNI Primery		1							1
SNI PCD 5T	1								1
SNI PCD 5S	1								1
Sequent S5000				1					1
Sequent S2000	3					2			5
Sun Sparc Stations	10			5					15
Compaq Deskpro 486	2				1				3
Compaq Systempro	4							1	5
Compaq Prosignia 300	4					1	1		6
Compaq Proliant	11				3				14
Smart Terminals	1								1
DEC Alpha 1000/266							3		3
TOTAL SERVERS	124	3	6	6	4	3	4	13	163

Description	Number								
	MAFF	PSD	MHS	CSL	VMD	VLA	CEFAS	FRCA	TOTAL
SNI/Compaq etc PCs	7,164	342	117	522	142	1,041	474	576	10,378
Laptop Computers	7	8	32	54	4	15	53	64	237
Printers Peripherals etc	1,198	50	52	28	57	604	47	321	2,357

TABLE 5B - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - MAIN SYSTEMS

Title	Description
MAFFnet	The Ministry's X25 Wide Area Network connecting all MAFF offices.
MAIDEN	MAFF's Integrated Desktop Environment for the Nineties administrative system that comprises Local Area Networks, Microsoft Office, E-mail, Netscape, JSB and links to other systems.
RAMIS	Resource Accounting and Management Information System. Oracle Financials (v.9.3.7.) comprising Purchasing, Accounts Payable, Fixed Assets, Revenue Accounting, Accounts Receivable and General Ledger modules.
RADX	Regional Administrative Data Exchange. Used by the Regional Service Centres to process Grants & Subsidy claims and links into HQ PAYTS, RAMIS and GSMS.
GSMS	Grants and Subsidies Management System. Maintains the statistical and related payment data from RADX and RAMIS.
HQ PAYTS	Calculates the amount of grants and subsidy payments from RADX data and links to RAMIS & GSMS
PARIS	Personnel Administrative Records Information System.
VETnet	Animal Health and Veterinary Group network used by the Veterinary Field Services and the Veterinary Laboratory Agency for processing data on veterinary work. Data for payments to Local Veterinary Inspectors is passed to RAMIS.
IACS	Integrated Administrative Control System. System and database for CAP.
FSS	Farm Survey System used to conduct surveys and maintain a database of agriculture and horticulture activities
COMRAD	Computerisation of MAFF's Research And Development. Budgeting and Control system for MAFF's R&D
CONQUEST	Contract Management System used by CSL & MHS
SUN ACCOUNTS	Accounting System used by PSD, VMD and CEFAS for accrual accounting. All take a feed from RAMIS

TABLE 6 - OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Description	Number								TOTAL
	MAFF	PSD	MHS	CSL	VMD	VLA	CEFAS	FRCA	
Telephone Systems	40			2		11	4	2	60
Decolators/Bursters	2		1						3
Envelope Stuffers	2								2
Labelling Machines	2								2
Envelope Openers	2								2
Photocopiers, Fax Machines etc in all units									

TABLE 7 - SCIENTIFIC AND LABORATORY EQUIPMENT

Description	Number								TOTAL
	MAFF	PSD	MHS	CSL	VMD	VLA	CEFAS	FRCA	
Mobile Laboratory				1					1
Centrifuges				21					23
FTIR Spectrometer				2					3
Gas Chromatographs				33					37
Mass Specific Detectors				7					7
NMR Spectrometers				3					3
MASS Spectrometers				4					4
Beam Condenser				1					1
Compound Microscopes				6					6
Contamination Units				2					2
Micro-encapsulation Unit				1					1
Detection and Sampling Equipment						417			417
Sample Processing Equipment						312			312
Decontamination Equipment						63			63
RDI ADCP Workhorse							2		2
Ion Chromatograph							1		1
Flow Nutrient Analyser							2		2
Scanfish Bodies							2		2
Coultier Multisizer II							1		1
Spectroradiometer							1		1

TABLE 8 - FURNITURE AND FITTINGS

Description	
Core-MAFF and the Agencies:	Various desks, chairs, tables, filing cabinets, bookcases, workstations, storage cupboards, display boards etc

TABLE 9 - VEHICLES

Description	Number								TOTAL
	MAFF	PSD	MHS	CSL	VMD	VLA	CEFAS	FRCA	
Saloon Cars	247		23	2		38	7	7	324
Estate/Hatchback Cars	1	1		30			30		62
Trucks/Lorries	2			3		28	1		34
Cargo Hiab Crane							1		1
Vans	21			4		8	10		43
Postal Van	1								1
Rabies Vans	28					1			29
Rabies Crew Bus	1					1			2
Off-road vehicles (eg Landrovers)				8		27	1		36
Caravan				1					1
TOTAL	301	1	23	48	0	103	507		533

TABLE 10 - VESSELS - CEFAS

Qty	Description	
2	Research Vessels	
	<i>RV Cirolana</i>	<i>RV Corystes</i>
Commissioned	1970	1988
Length (oa)	72.540m	53.25m
Breadth (mld)	14.020m	12.80m
Draught	5.048m	4.30m
Gross Tonnage	1,919 tonnes	1,280 tonnes
Net Register Tonnage	575 tonnes	384 tonnes

TABLE 11 - INVESTMENTS

Company/Organisation	Type	Number/Quantity
Dairy Crest plc	Ordinary Shares	12,983
Milk Marque Ltd	Ordinary Shares	47,361
Genus Ltd	Ordinary 10p shares	44,272
Bridgets, Martyr Worthy, Hants	Milk Quota (4.12% Butter Fat content)	3,252,470 litres
Pwllpeiran, Aberystwyth	Suckler Cow Premium Quota	98 head

Non-Departmental Public Bodies

TABLE 12 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL PUBLIC BODIES

Name	Asset	Net Book Value £000
Covent Garden Market Authority (CGMA)		
<p>The CGMA was established in 1961 by Act of Parliament. The function and responsibility of the CGMA is to operate an efficient wholesale market at Nine Elms whilst ensuring that its revenues are sufficient at least to break even one year with another. Property assets are shown at professional valuation at 1 April 1977 plus additions at cost less disposals and depreciation. Current replacement costs are calculated to be £22.4M. Other assets are shown at original cost less depreciation. Depreciation is on a straight line method. Plant & Equipment also includes Vehicles. Details extracted from the accounts for the year ended 31 March 1996 the latest available.</p>	Land & Buildings	2,886
	Plant & Equipment	554
	IT Equipment	0
	Office Equipment	0
	TOTAL	3,440
Food From Britain (FFB)		
<p>FFB was formed under the Agricultural Marketing Act 1983. The principal activities are the improvement of the marketing and promotion of British food overseas and the promotion and development of speciality foods. Assets are shown at cost less depreciation. Assets are depreciated on a straight line method. Details extracted from the accounts for the year ended 31 March 1997</p>	Land & Buildings	0
	IT Equipment	18
	Office Equipment	26
	Furniture & Fittings	55
	Vehicles	12
TOTAL	111	
Horticulture Research International (HRI)		
<p>A company Limited by Guarantee and has charitable status. HRI's purpose is to carry out research and development in support of horticulture and related industries and to exploit the results commercially. Land and buildings professionally valued in 1992 and since enhanced by 2%. Other Assets were either included in the 1992 valuation or revalued during 1994 and since been revalued by 3.5%. Assets acquired since 1994 are included at cost. Assets are depreciated on a straight line method. Land & Buildings includes additions/improvements to leaseholds. Plant & Equipment also includes Fixtures & Fittings. Details extracted from the accounts for the year ended 31 March 1997</p>	Land & Buildings	84,280
	Plant & Equipment	14,231
	IT Equipment	0
	Office Equipment	0
	TOTAL	98,511

TABLE 12 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL PUBLIC BODIES

Name	Asset	Net Book Value
Meat & Livestock Commission (MLC)		
The MLC was set up under the Agriculture Act 1967.		
The MLC took over the activities and assets of the Pig Industry Development Authority (PIDA) and the Beef Recording Association (BRA) and has subsequently developed these organisations in pig and cattle production together with similar activities for sheep production. The MLC's objectives are to maintain red meat at the core of meal solutions; to exploit the natural advantages of British meat in export markets; to strengthen the industry's competitive capability and to encourage the industry to develop new products suitable for any meal. Assets are stated at cost except freehold properties which are stated at valuation. Depreciation is on the straight line method. Details extracted from the accounts for the year ended 31 March 1997	Land & Buildings	3,888
	IT Equipment	242
	Vehicles	993
TOTAL		5,123
Sea Fish Industry Authority (SFIA)		
The SFIA was established under the Fisheries Act 1981. Under the provisions of the Act all rights, obligations and property of the White Fish Authority (WFA) and the Herring Industry Board (HIB) became the rights, obligations and property of the SFIA. The WFA & HIB no longer exist. The SFIA main activities are to carry out and give advice on research and development in respect of any matters relating to the sea fish industry; to provide or assist in the provision of training; to promote the marketing and consumption of sea fish and sea fish products in the UK; to give financial assistance by way of grant, loan or guarantee to persons incurring expenditure in forming, carrying on or extending the activities of co-operatives for the sale of sea fish or for the purchase of fishing gear, fuel, stores or other materials requisite to the industry. The facility to make loan arrangements does not presently exist. Land and buildings are at open market value and other assets at current replacement cost. Depreciation is on a straight line method. Details extracted from the accounts for the year ended 31 March 1997		
	Land & Buildings	1,910
	IT Equipment	119
	Office Equipment	384
	Vehicles	11
TOTAL		2,424

TABLE 12 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL PUBLIC BODIES

Name	Asset	Net Book Value
Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (RBG)		
<p>The Board of Trustees of RBG was established under the National Heritage Act 1983 when responsibility was transferred from MAFF to the Board. RBG also includes Wakehurst Place, Ardingly, Sussex which together with Kew Gardens illustrate over 400 years of landscape history and contain 39 buildings and structures which are listed as architecturally and historically significant and form part of the UK's national heritage. RBG has charitable status. RBG's functions are to carry out investigations and research into the science of plants and related subjects and disseminate the results; provide advice, instruction and education in relation to those aspects of the science of plants with which the Board is in fact concerned; provide other services, eg, quarantine, in relation to plants; care for its collections of plants, preserved plant material etc; keep the collections as national reference collections and ensure that they are available to persons for the purposes of study, and add to and adapt them as scientific needs and resources allow; afford members of the public opportunities to enter any land occupied or managed by the Board for the purpose of gaining knowledge and enjoyment of the collections. The Board does not hold title to land and buildings used by RBG but is liable for maintenance. Expenditure on new buildings is written off in the year in which the expenditure occurs. Collections are written off in the year of acquisition. Assets are depreciated on a straight line method. The consolidated accounts show £72,000 of assets with Kew Enterprises RBG's trading subsidiary. Details extracted from the accounts for the year ended 31 March 1997</p>	Land & Buildings	0
	Plant & Equipment	748
	Office Equipment	95
	Scientific & Laboratory Equipment	1,833
	Vehicles	144
TOTAL		2,820
SUMMARY		
	Land & Buildings	92,964
	Plant & equipment	15,533
	IT Equipment	379
	Office Equipment	505
	Scientific & Laboratory Equipment	1,833
	Furniture & Fittings	55
	Vehicles	1160
TOTAL		112,429

INTERVENTION BOARD

Introduction

The Intervention Board is the United Kingdom co-ordinating body for funding and accounting for all the European Union 's schemes to regulate the market in agricultural products, including those administered by other United Kingdom paying agencies (e.g. Agriculture departments and the Forestry Commission). It was created an executive agency by Agriculture Ministers (the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretaries of State for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) on 1 April 1990 but retains its status as a Government department.

The Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce is appointed by the Agriculture Ministers. Its members are the Chief Executive of the Agency and senior officials of the Agriculture departments under independent chairmanship. The Ministers are responsible to Parliament for the work of the Agency and the Chief Executive is responsible through the Board to Agriculture Ministers for the day to day management of the Agency.

The Agency's assets principally relate solely to those functions undertaken in connection with carrying out the United Kingdom's obligations under the Common Agricultural Policy of the European Union. The Agency's key tasks are to:

- * make the physical, administrative, legal and accounting arrangements required to buy, store and sell commodities
- * aid production, processing and storage
- * administer quotas
- * licence, aid or levy food exports
- * licence food imports
- * deter and detect fraud and irregularities
- * conduct litigation
- * maintain the financial controls required by its accountability to Parliament and the EU
- * act as UK co-ordinating body in respect of FEOGA schemes administered by all UK paying agencies

Accounting Policies

The Agency has been preparing an Annual Report and Accounts since 1992/93 which shows the fixed assets held in the balance sheet. These are principally IT software and building structures.

The Agency prepares its fixed assets statement using the following accounting policies:

The Agency has set a capitalisation threshold of £2,000 for fixed assets. The cost of individual items below the capitalisation threshold is charged directly to the Operating Account, with the exception of certain grouped items such as computer hardware and furniture, which in themselves are below the threshold but which if excluded from the Balance Sheet would result in a material understatement of asset values. Grouped assets are depreciated in the same way as all other fixed assets.

Fixed assets are revalued annually using price indices issued by the Office for National Statistics. The accounts direction given by the Treasury requires the Agency to prepare its accounts under the modified historic cost convention.

Depreciation is provided on a straight line basis, on all tangible fixed assets, over the asset's standard life.

The Agency does not have any intangible or donated assets.

Further Information

The Agency's annual report and accounts is laid before Parliament. Copies can be obtained from :

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Departmental Asset Register

BUILDINGS

Offices

Kings House, Reading -

Other offices , Reading -

Grain stores - grain walling

Hartlebury, Cursley Lane, Hartlebury, Kidderminster, Worcestershire DY10 4DU

Prees Heath, Tilstock Airfield, Prees Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 3JX

Tangmere, Ex RAF Station, Tangmere, W. Sussex, PO20 6FX

York, Water Lane, Clifton, York, YO3 6GP

Grain stores - grain walling / Cold store conversion

Locharbriggs, Catherinefield Industrial Estate, Catherinefield Road, Locharbriggs, Dumfries, DG1 3PQ

Hemswell, Hemswell Cliff, Hemswell, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, DN21 5TH

In addition the following stores have no grain walling and do not appear in the Agency's asset register. Although the ownership of these sites passed to the Agency from 1st April 1996 at present a rent is paid to PACE (Property Advisors of the Civil Estate) and they will not appear in the Agency's asset register until 1997/98.

Driffield, C/O Fishers Seed and Grain Ltd, Cranswick, Driffield, North Humberside, YO25 9PF

Manby, Saltfleet Road, Manby, Louth, Lincolnshire, LN11 8HA

PLANT AND MACHINERY

Grain handling equipment is located at the grain stores.

IT EQUIPMENT

The agency has a substantial amount of IT equipment with the principal asset being specialised software developed for the Agency's specific requirements.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

The Agency has many items of general office furniture and equipment required for its day to day operations.