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Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 16 October 2023, in which you asked for:

1. *How many farming areas are leased by DOC?*
2. *What is the land area leased for grazing?*
3. *Who holds each lease?*
4. *What is the range of lease charges in dollars per hectare?*

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

The permissions database, which holds information on authorisations granted by the Department, was queried on 23 October 2023 to provide data for your request. On 24 October you refined question two to request that anonymised individuals are grouped and numbered to identify individuals with more than one grazing concession.

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

1. *How many farming areas are leased by DOC?*

The Department has 413 active status grazing concessions.

2. *What is the land area leased for grazing?*

Where land area data is available, the total area for grazing concessions is 137,021.45 ha.

Of the 413 active grazing concessions, 43 (10.4%) have no land area data and 46 (11.1%) have at least one location with no land area data.

3. *Who holds each lease?*

Please see the attached document (Attachment A) for a list of grazing concession holders. As discussed on 24 October 2023, individuals have been anonymised, grouped and numbered. This is to ensure privacy considerations are met with names withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the act to protect the privacy of natural persons.



Additional details on the attachment provided are outlined in the table below:

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	30 October 2023	Spreadsheet – Grazing concession holders	Released in part, individual names not included as above.

4. *What is the range of lease charges in dollars per hectare?*

Information on how the Department determines activity fees for grazing concessions is available on our website on the *Ongoing concession fees* web page, in the *Activity fees* section: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/apply-for-permits/managing-your-concession/ongoing-concession-fees/#grazing>

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decision by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) of the Official Information Act

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and attached documents may be published on the Department's website.

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