

Wye Management Catchment Inspection

Data – data extracted 9 November

This document details:

- the number of farm inspections carried out in the past three financial years
- the percentage increase in inspections over the previous year
- the number of inspections which recorded at least one area of non-compliance
- the number of actions issued to address these non-compliances
- the count of complete and overdue actions
- the top 5 actions issued for each year

The following provides more information when we talk about pending, On hold and Overdue actions.

Pending actions are ones which haven't been confirmed as completed but where the deadline hasn't been reached yet.

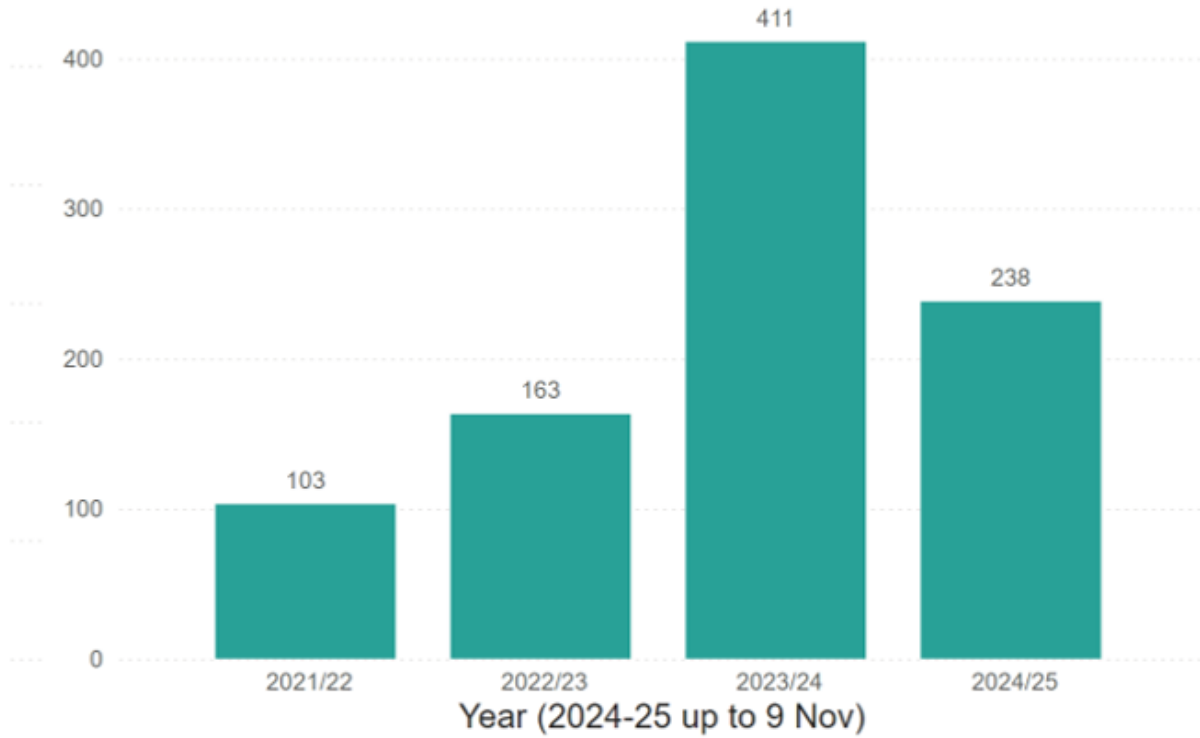
On hold actions may be an action that the farmer has been referred to Catchment Sensitive Farming for a grant and they need to wait for that process to be completed and funding made available in order to implement the changes necessary to comply. It could be that there are mitigating personal circumstances which mean the farmer is unable to fully comply with the action and is working through the action with an officer (for example a nutrient management plan (NMP) may go back and forth between officer and farmer or consultant multiple times to get it right. A farmer may be in the process of working on the document (therefore partially completed the action) but not to the satisfaction of the officer. This sort of action can result in multiple revisions of a document before ultimately being signed off as a completed action.

Overdue actions – We don't mark an action complete until all elements are compliant. For example, a farmer may have done a huge amount of work on a NMP but may still not be at a point we would sign it off, and so this will be marked as overdue. Similarly, if there is an action for soil testing, a farmer may have completed most of their field tests (highest risk fields), but until all fields have been confirmed as having tests complete, the action remains open and, in some cases, overdue.

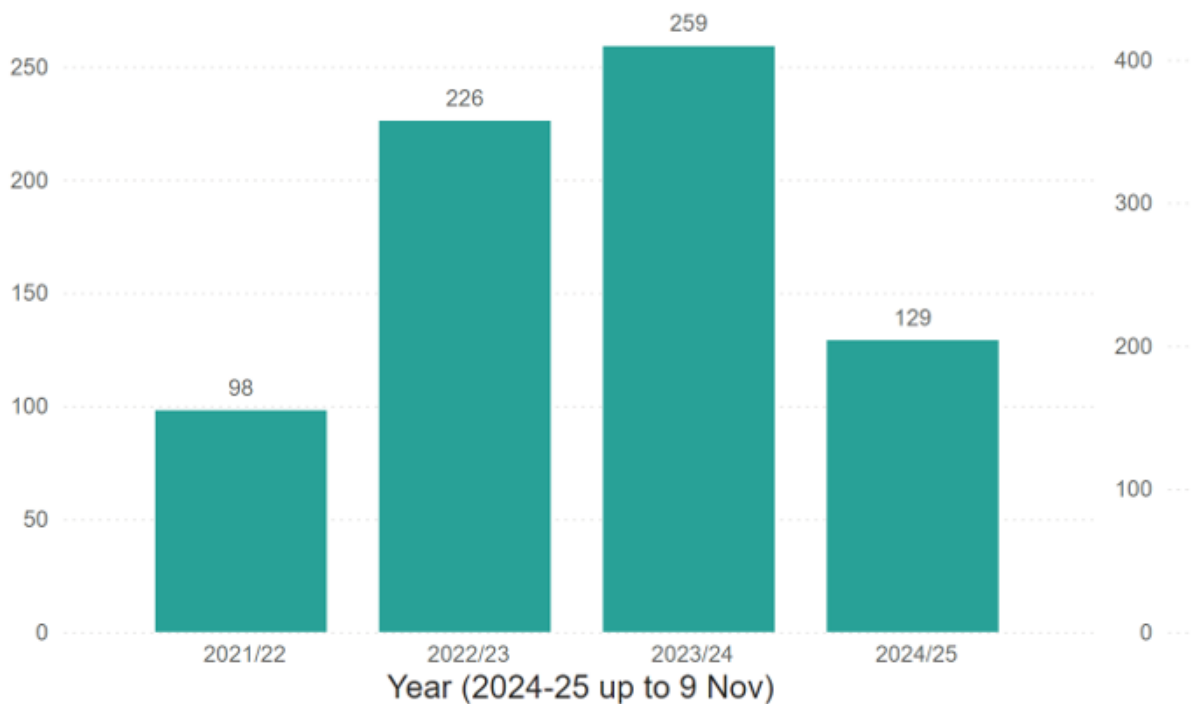
It must also be noted that some actions, such as improvements to slurry stores or silage clamps, can be major changes to infrastructure and take time to plan, source funding for and implement.

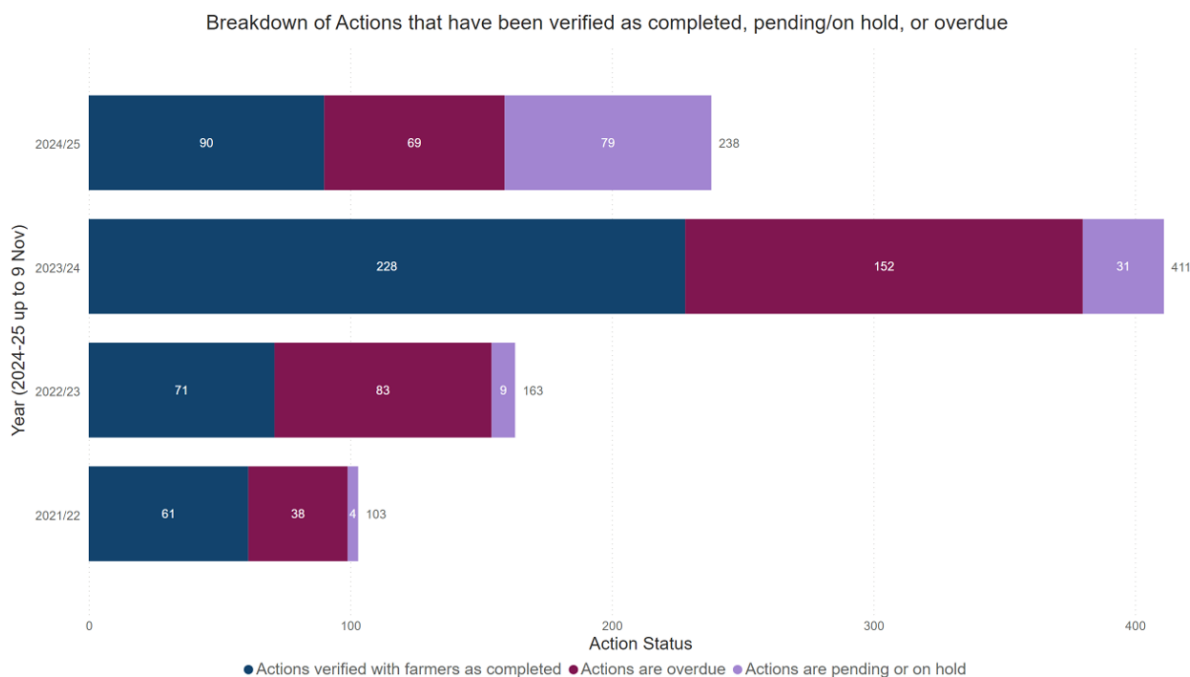
Our enforcement action in the catchment has involved the issuing of site warnings or warning letters, which year on year has generally increased.

Actions Issued by Year



Farm Inspections carried out





Inspection figures for financial year 2024-25 (to 9 November):

- 129 farm inspections carried out
- 73 recorded at least one area of non-compliance
- 245 actions have been issued to farmers to address non-compliances
- 97 actions have been verified with farmers as complete
- 69 actions are overdue
- 79 actions are pending or on hold
- 34 warnings issued to farmers / land managers

The top 5 actions issued for 2024-25 are:

1. Nutrient management plan
2. Soil testing
3. Manure storage
4. Oil storage
5. Other

No percentage increase is presented for the current financial year.

Inspection figures for financial year 2023-24:

- 259 farm inspections carried out
- This is a 14.6% increase in inspections compared to the previous year.
- 149 recorded at least one area of non-compliance
- 411 actions have been issued to farmers to address non-compliances
- 228 actions have been verified with farmers as complete
- 152 actions are overdue
- 31 actions are pending or on hold
- 19 warnings issued to farmers / land managers

The top 5 actions issued for 2023-24 are:

1. Soil testing
2. Nutrient management plan
3. Clean/dirty water separation
4. Oil storage
5. Manure storage

Inspection figures for financial year 2022-23:

- 226 farm inspections carried out
- This is a 130.6% increase in inspections compared to the previous year.
- 78 recorded at least one area of non-compliance
- 163 actions have been issued to farmers to address non-compliances
- 71 actions have been verified with farmers as complete
- 83 actions are overdue
- 9 actions are pending or on hold
- 4 warnings issued to farmers / land managers

The top 5 actions issued for 2022-23 are:

1. Soil testing
2. Nutrient management plan
3. Clean/dirty water separation
4. Manure storage
5. Livestock management

Inspection figures for financial year 2021-22:

- 98 farm inspections carried out
- This is an 716.7% increase in inspections compared to the previous year.
- 40 recorded at least one area of non-compliance
- 103 actions have been issued to farmers to address non-compliances
- 61 actions have been verified with farmers as complete
- 38 actions are overdue
- 4 actions are pending or on hold
- 8 warnings and notices issued to farmers / land managers

The top 5 actions issued for 2021-22 are:

1. Clean/dirty water separation
2. Slurry store
3. Silage clamp
4. Nutrient management plan
5. Oil storage