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General News

Steve Clarkson takes on permanent Chief Executive role at OF&G

Following a unanimous decision by the Board, we're delighted to announce that Steve has been permanently appointed as CEO.



Having served as interim CEO since April, during which time Steve has overseen a period of transition, he has strengthened the team with a series of recruitments.

Originally joining OF&G in 2002, Steve is a familiar face to many, having held the position of Certification and Compliance Manager since 2009.

His extensive knowledge of the organic industry makes him ideally placed to lead the organisation in its mission to promote sustainable farming practices and influence policy to support organic agriculture.

"I'm really excited to have this

opportunity to build on OF&G's 50 year heritage. It comes at a time when there is so much untapped potential for growth in the organic sector," he says.

"There are some important developments taking place which I believe will lead to tremendous opportunities for our licensees and those looking to futureproof the way they farm. I look forward to working with the team to unlock these benefits."

As a Community Interest Company (CIC), OF&G has adhered to a formal recruitment process before confirming the permanent appointment of its CEO.

Our Chairman, Richard Thompson,

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expressed his support for the appointment:

"We are delighted to confirm Steve will continue to fulfil the CEO role. His leadership during the interim period has proven invaluable, and the Board is confident he will continue to provide stability and direction needed to drive OF&G forward. Steve's expertise is exactly what we need as we look ahead."



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Survey highlights farmer confidence in organic despite barriers

Findings from our 50th anniversary survey give an overview of the agricultural landscape and current opportunities in the sector. More than 100 UK farmers completed the questionnaire and our thanks go to everyone who took part.

Here is a summary highlighting the stark contrast between optimism for sustainable farming methods and the barriers preventing its wider adoption.

- 95% of you said environmental sustainability plays an important role in their farming decisions
- 66% are confident or very confident in the future of organic farming in the UK
- 53% said that government policy and regulation will be the biggest challenges facing UK agriculture over the next 5-10 years (followed by climate change 24%)

Worryingly, data reveals that just 3% of farmers feel very prepared for the impacts of climate change. While many respondents indicated they are undertaking proactive steps to mitigate extreme weather conditions, there remains room for improvement in climate adaptation strategies.

Despite these hurdles, more than half of farmers surveyed said that regenerative and organic practices will be important or very important for the future of UK farming, citing enhanced biodiversity and improved soil health as the key benefits of organic conversion.

OF&G Chief Executive, Steve Clarkson believes the research reveals an opportunity for the adoption of more benign farming systems.

“Our findings show that farmers want to do the right thing for the climate, biodiversity and soil health – but the system is frequently stacked against them,” says Steve.

“There is an urgent need for government policy to support those who are ready to embrace sustainable farming practices that mitigate the impacts of climate change.

“There are clear opportunities to enhance the support available to farmers and ensure that the cost of conversion is not prohibitive.

“As such, we’ll continue working closely with Defra and other partners to ensure that organic farming is recognised as a cornerstone of the UK’s food and farming future. By building on half a century of proven impact, we hope to remove the barriers to organic conversion and release the organic sector’s untapped potential.”

Congratulations to Roger Gill, Head of Agriculture at The Lakes Free Range Egg Company, who has won the hamper of organic wine, beer and cider.

Harvest Service - Love British Food at Westminster Abbey

On World Food Day, Thursday 16 October, our CEO Steve Clarkson and company secretary Elizabeth Edge were invited to represent the organic sector at the National Harvest Service at Westminster Abbey.

They joined 2,200 guests including Her Majesty The Queen, a prominent supporter of Love British Food since the social enterprise organised its inaugural Harvest Service at the Abbey in 2013.

The event, which closed British Food Fortnight, was both a thanksgiving for farmers and a reminder of those challenged by hunger. Included was a special message of support from His Majesty King Charles III, readings from actor Charles Dance OBE, broadcaster Matt Baker MBE and a specially composed poem written and read by the Poet Laureate, Simon Armitage.

The congregation featured notable representatives from all the leading farming organisations, as well as MPs and peers from all parties. Volunteers from food distribution charities, farmers, schoolchildren and well-known personalities such as Rick Stein, Henry Dimbleby, Angela Hartnett and Levi Roots also attended..

Steve Clarkson said: “It was a real privilege to be part of such a meaningful celebration in one of the country’s most iconic and inspiring settings. The harvest service really captured the essence of community and gratitude.

“The Right Reverend Andrew Rumsey’s address spoke of the connection between soil and soul, which really struck a

chord - it was a powerful reminder of the essential role our community plays as stewards of the land in providing food that sustains us all.

“From the moving music and heartfelt readings to the feeling of togetherness among everyone there, it was clear how important it is to give thanks and to continue championing British food and farming.”



OF&G & Organics in the News

Countryside Stewardship extended to support organic sustainable farming and nature recovery.

Since the Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) was paused back in March, farmers considering or implementing conversion have been disrupted and their plans put on hold. We have seen a decline in enquiries regarding organic conversion. OF&G and the English Organic Forum, representing the organic sector, has been pushing for reinstatement of the organic options in SFI, (including Countryside Stewardship).

Though it is late in the day, it is good that the call has been heeded and Defra has announced that Countryside Stewardship Mid-Tier (CS MT) agreements will be extended for one year at a cost of £70 million.

Extensions will be offered to more than 5,000 farmers caught up in the uncertainty surrounding the continuation of agreements set to expire on 31st December 2025. Defra says that "the one-off extension will help agreement holders to maintain their essential contribution to sustainable food production and the restoration of nature."

See the full guidance here <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/countryside-stewardship-cs-mid-tier-extensions-for-2021-agreements> and the Defra blog here <https://defrafarming.blog.gov.uk/2025/10/15/extension-offer-for-2021-countryside-stewardship-mid-tier-agreements/>

Farming Minister Dame Angela Eagle said: "We're backing farmers with the largest investment in nature-friendly farming in history, underpinning our cast iron commitment to food security. This targeted extension to Countryside Stewardship Mid-Tier agreements ensures farmers have the certainty and support they need to continue to grow their businesses, get more British food on our plates, and help restore nature."

This is good news for those using CS MT for conversion to organic farming. It means that organic land management will continue to be rewarded for its vital role in sustainable food production and nature's recovery.

Farmers will continue under the same

rules, terms and conditions as in their existing CS Mid Tier agreement. The extension cannot be used to add, remove or replace options or capital items in an existing agreement. Capital works that haven't been completed and paid for by the time the extension starts will be removed from the agreement. Options and supplements with a duration of less than 5 years cannot be extended.

The Rural Payments Agency (RPA) will contact farmers if their CS MT agreement is eligible for an extension. Farmers must reply to the offer. Agreements and payments will then continue after 31 December 2025.

Farmers that do not want to continue with their agreement or cannot meet the conditions of the extension should let the RPA know. Farmers who do not reply by the date specified in the extension offer will not be able to extend their agreement and it will end on 31 December 2025.

Farmers who have not heard from the RPA by 6 November and have a CS MT agreement expiring in December 2025 should call the RPA.

Even if the extension is late in the year, it reflects Defra's commitment to build a stronger, more profitable farming future. There are currently more than 77,000 live Agri-environment agreements – the highest number in history – and half (4.3m hectares) of farmed land in England is actively managed under these schemes.

Plans for the Sustainable Farming Incentive are currently being reviewed to ensure the available funding for that scheme is distributed more efficiently and fairly. The government will publish information on the next iteration of the scheme in due course.

Beyond GM - update on the legal challenge: Government doubles down on deregulation and erosion of human and environmental rights.

Beyond GM's judicial review has now received the government's response to the request from the campaign group to challenge the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Regulations. This "permission" stage allows the government to tell the Court why it feels the action should not go ahead.



According to Beyond GM, instead of engaging with urgent and well-reasoned concerns about traceability, environmental risk and consumer rights, the response vacillates between peevish attacks on claimants and congratulating itself on "knockout" blows, while largely avoiding substantive arguments.

Beyond GM has responded robustly. Of interest are the government's many references to the pending results of the Precision Breeding Plant Varieties consultation (now closed) that many people responded to and which, it claimed, would ensure transparency. Ironically, the government released its official summary of that consultation, and announced that it had no current plans to do anything to ensure genetically modified precision-bred seeds and plant materials carry a mandatory label. This is in spite of an overwhelming public response to the consultation demanding labelling and traceability.

Beyond GM is not backing down. In their view, the legal case is one piece in a much bigger puzzle. They say this is becoming apparent in the news that the government is now looking for ways to abandon its obligations under the Aarhus Convention that guarantees public access to justice on environmental issues – and to rewrite the Habitats Directive to enable infrastructure projects to encroach on protected environments.

Beyond GM have raised nearly £53,000 of the £85,000 they need to keep fighting; they are not giving up. Beyond GM are asking for donations to their legal fund and signatures on the petition available on the Stop Hidden GMOs website.

They are looking to all those that support their demand for mandatory labelling and transparency to stay with them on this vital journey to protect against environmental risks and for the protection of the consumer's right to know.

OF&G licensees can support this work by signing the joint GM Freeze

and Beyond GM petition on the Stop Hidden GMOs website <https://stophiddengmos.uk/sign-the-petition/> and sign up to the Beyond GM newsletter to stay informed.

Donate to the legal action at <https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/stop-hidden-gmos/> through the Beyond GM fund at CrowdJustice, the PayPal donate button on the Beyond GM home page or by sending a cheque made payable to **Beyond GM Ltd** to: Stop Hidden GMOs c/o Beyond GM, 99 Brentwood Road, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 7ET.

Organic food and farming can play a part in the Government's Food Strategy

Wildlife and Countryside Link <https://www.wcl.org.uk/> is the coalition of environment and wildlife organisations in England. It brings together 90 organisations that have the support of over eight million people in the UK. They protect over 750,000 hectares of land and 800 miles of coastline. They report that the Food Strategy Alliance of Alliances (Eating Better; Sustain; Plant-based Food Alliance; the Obesity and Health Alliance; and Wildlife and Countryside Link) will together propose a series of policy priorities for the Government's Food Strategy.

A Food Strategy Action Plan is expected from Government in Spring 2026. It is hoped that it will deliver the vision that was published in July 2025 in Towards a Good Food Cycle. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-uk-government-food-strategy-for-england> Three systemic issues will be addressed: the "junk food cycle", the "invisibility of nature" and the "resilience gap".

There are **10 high level outcomes** that will sit under four themes:

Theme 1: Healthier and more affordable food

1. An improved food environment that supports healthier and more environmentally sustainable food sales.
2. Access for all to safe, affordable, healthy, convenient and appealing food options.

Theme 2: Good growth for our food sectors

3. Conditions for the food sector to thrive and grow sustainably,

including investment in innovation and productivity, and fairer more transparent supply chains.

4. A good sector attracts talent and develops skilled workforce in every region.

Theme 3: Sustainable and resilient supply

5. Food supply is environmentally sustainable with high animal welfare standards while waste is reduced.
6. Trade supports environmentally sustainable growth, upholds British standards and expands export opportunities.
7. Resilient domestic production for a secure supply of healthier food.
8. Greater preparedness for supply chain shocks, disruption, and impacts of chronic risks.

Theme 4: Vibrant food cultures

9. Celebrated and valued UK, regional and local food cultures.
10. People are more connected to their local food systems and have the confidence, knowledge and skills to cook and eat healthily.

These 10 themes point to the urgent need to address the gap between the promise and the reality. We desperately need a Food Strategy that aligns the NHS 10 Year Plan, Child Poverty Strategy, Farming Roadmap, Land Use Framework, Animal Welfare Strategy and the Circular Economy Strategy.

Four principles of organic food and farming - Care, Health, Ecology and Fairness - underpin the legally defined and coherent organic system. OF&G looks forward to the organic sector working with the Government through Wildlife and Countryside Link and the English Organic Forum to enable the contribution a flourishing organic sector can make to a transformative food strategy; one which can truly deliver those 10 "high level outcomes" expected from the Food Strategy.

Intensive agriculture harms soil health. Pollution pricing is needed for organic to flourish

Recent research (<https://www.nature.com/articles/s44264-025-00098-6>) published by a group of international researchers led by scientists from Rothamsted at North

Wyke in Devon, confirm that the resilience of agriculture is threatened by intensification of conventional agricultural practices that can harm soil life through negative feedback loops. Dr. Alison Carswell, lead author of the study, said, "Healthy, resilient soils are not just the foundation of food security, they are central to biodiversity and climate stability. Yet many of the practices we rely on to increase yields today risk undermining that foundation in the future." Organic farming practices help maintain resilience through enhancing the health of the soil, providing a viable model for resilient agriculture.

Perhaps one way to achieve this is through pollution pricing. The excellent news source 8point9Ha reported on a recently published paper by Professor Sir Dieter Helm: The Future of British Farming <https://dieterhelm.co.uk/publications/the-future-of-british-farming/> in which he reflects on the key factors shaping British agriculture today. Helm says that without proper internalisation of environmental costs, organic and regenerative approaches will remain niche markets dependent on consumer willingness to pay premiums.

Helm suggests that "What the Government should do is focus on the pollution and therefore closing the gap between high- and low-pollution production techniques." He goes on to assert that "the ultimate irony is that current low-input farming may represent the future mainstream, not through ideological preference or consumer choice, but through hard economic logic once environmental costs are properly priced into agricultural production".

It is good to see that Dieter Helm, a prominent economist and the internationally respected scientists from Rothamsted come to a similar conclusion as to the cause of the crisis and the way forward. In the future organic approaches will be in the mainstream because they protect and enhance the fundamental basis of life and the health of soil. They reduce the external costs on the environment compared with intensive high-input farming.

Market Reports

Grain Prices: Courtesy of Andrew Trump, Organic Arable

We've just had an upgrade to our computer system and as part of this process needed to review some data and ended up looking at some of the sales that were made when it was first installed 4 years ago. Sometimes a time of reflection is useful and a slow market affords some time to do so. The startling impacts on price of first covid and then the Ukrainian war were the seasons first recorded on our new system. From the highs of feed wheat over £450 the price has weakened down to hovering around and below £300. There has been a spread of perhaps 7-8% in feed wheat values in the last 3 years, so prices have been relatively static despite the inflation that those two international events caused. The cost of production has increase by around 20-25% making the stagnation in grain prices very challenging for arable growers. With increasing costs of production and a minimal response from the market to this it is hardly surprising the organic cereal areas have remained largely static for several years, the fundamentals of our market tell the tale as to why this might be.

Previously I had been reasonably bullish about prospects for this coming season from the arable farmer's perspective. Despite the dry season the harvest had been largely OK and harvest was reasonably straightforward with low drying costs. The decertification of arable land

in France and other EU states and the growth in their consumer markets led me to think that we would see a strengthening of grain values as much of the EU would be tight for grain. However, organic imports strongly reference the conventional market and the weakness in the conventional market since harvest has pressured the organic wheat price lower. Those countries that grow for export and have weak domestic demand take these falling values referenced to the conventional price. As that falls so does their price and that for the domestic producer.

The only crop that has bucked the trend is oats which continues to show strong values as demand for domestic provenance remains strong and short supply chains return better value to producers. However, keep quality in mind as the discount for low quality oats is significant.

Pricing the current market is challenging. Feed buyers seem well covered and opportunities are lower than anticipated given that livestock values warrant feeding.

see <https://www.organicarable.co.uk/arable> for more information. Please keep an eye on our blog www.organicarable.co.uk/blog

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Organic Livestock Trends: OLMC

ORGANIC STORE CATTLE REPORT

Despite a lack of conserved forage in some areas demand for store cattle remains high. The main flush of Autumn store cattle is largely over with only the 2025 crop of spring born suckled calves yet to hit the market, this will occur in the next month or so.

Prices have reflected the high demand with confidence being at an all-time high amongst finishers and producers scouring cattle to turn out next spring.

The quality and condition of the cattle traded through the co-operative has also generally been good despite the dry conditions with only one or two groups showing signs of poor growth rates due to the lack of grass. There could be young cattle still in the pipeline that may not have grown as well as expected due to cows being short of milk.

Going forward I don't predict any let up in demand and price of store cattle.

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OLMC FINISHED STOCK

Prime Cattle

While not too significant, the organic prime beef trade seems to have slipped a little. Abattoirs are reporting a

slight weakening in consumer demand currently. This is causing a slight delay in getting stock moved in some cases. However, in the next breath the abattoirs are actively looking to find stocks of beef cattle as we move into the later autumn and early winter months. Concerns abound of possible short supplies to meet the increased demand they would expect for the Christmas period.

Average R4L Organic UTM in spec @ 735/kg deadweight

Cull cow

Numbers are on the short side and would look that way for the foreseeable future. The cow price has steadied a little after slipping a bit through August. Generally, we see a push in demand for processing beef into the autumn, which if cows remain short in supply, could push prices further up.

Average R4L Organic OTM Cow in spec @ 575/kg deadweight

Lamb

The lamb trade has eased back a little in the past few weeks. Abattoirs are reporting slight oversupplies of organic lambs hitting the market. Abattoir demand and increasing sales should start to be seen as we get nearer November, but it is likely we will see a flatter trade until then.

Average R3L organic NSL in spec @ 675p/kg

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Upcoming Events

Join us at The Welsh Real Food and Farming Conference

Taking place from November 18 to 20 at Bridgend College's Pencoed Campus, this year's conference focuses on 'Communities, Food and Farming: Working Together', a theme that reflects the value of adopting a more collaborative approach.

OF&G proudly sponsor The Wales Real Food and Farming Conference, which serves as an independent platform for discussing sustainable food and farming practices. It brings together farmers, food businesses, environmentalists, public health professionals, educators, and social justice advocates to share knowledge and ideas for building a resilient food system in Wales.

This event aims to encourage discussions that can lead to

actionable steps towards building a more resilient food future.

The first two days feature a diverse array of panel sessions, while the third day includes farm visits organised in partnership with Farming Connect Horticulture.

Members of the OF&G team will be present over the first two days. To find out more and to book tickets please visit:

<https://wrffc.wales/cynhadledd-2025-conference/>

<https://wrffc.wales/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/wrffc-programme-2025.pdf>



Oxford Real Farming Conference 2026

8 - 9 January, Oxford

From a fringe protest of 50 people to a gathering of thousands, the Oxford Real Farming Conference (ORFC) continues to bring the grassroots agroecology and food sovereignty movement together to lead the way towards a fairer food and farming system in the UK. The ORFC 2026 line-up will include 145+ dynamic in-person sessions, including 45+ livestreamed sessions, and will bring together pioneering voices from across the UK and around the world to address the crucial issues facing food and farming right now.

For more information and to buy tickets visit <https://orfc.org.uk/>



OF&G policy activity - what we have been doing

CS - Christopher Stopes , SC - Steve Clarkson

NAME	ACTIVITY	DATE	COMMENT
CS	Organic Action Plan for England - Evidence Review	29/8	Online
CS	NFU Agriculture & Land Use Alliance	2/9	Online
CS/SC	Daniel Zeichner MP Defra Minister meeting	3/9	In person
CS	Defra / EOF weekly meeting	4/9	Online
CS	Defra Farming Roadmap meeting	8/9	Online
CS	Sustain Farm Working Party	8/9	Online
CS	Pesticide Action Network UK Board	15/9	Online
CS	Randox Health Summit: Farming & the microbiome	2/10	Online
CS	Glyphosate Working Group	7/10	Online
CS	Precision Breeding Technique Impact Assessment	16/10	In person
CS	Agri Food Network Roadmap for Resilience	22/10	Online
SC	Farm Assurance Scheme Round Table	17/9	Online
SC	Organic Conversion Support (small scale horticulture) Wales	19/9	Online

Get ON our land!

A UK farmer-led movement opens gates to food, drink and rural businesses this November.

Pitch Up! is inviting businesses and start-ups to share land and space on organic and regenerative farms across the UK. Joining a Pitch Up! Partner farm means you can tap into raw materials, investment and knowledge-sharing from Pitch Up!'s experienced network - creating a low-risk space to test, learn and grow together.

The annual Application Season runs from 1 - 30 November and anyone can submit an Expression of Interest at any time.

All ideas are welcome as well as specific opportunities for millers and bakers, market



gardeners and CSAs, cheesemakers, sustainable textile producers, mobile regenerative dairy, nature groups and much more.

Find out more and apply at pitchupandgrow.com

Staff News - Meet our new Certification Officers

Over the past few months, we've been busy recruiting to bolster our team of certification officers. We're pleased to introduce Daisy Butters and Rowena Spurrier.

Daisy joined OF&G on 11 August as a Producer Certification Officer. She says "at the moment I'm being trained in two different schemes by an excellent team who are helping me get to know the ins and outs of all the different parts that make up a producer's certification. They have helped me become more and more confident every day in processing approval requests, assessing inspection reports and showing me how to issue compliance notices and certificates.



"I have a varied background, most recently as a Laboratory Technician. Previously I've had roles as an Executive Assistant to the Managing Director of a medical device testing company, a Personal Assistant to an actor and as a Research Assistant at a horticultural research facility, which I went into after graduating from my

BSc in Marine Biology with Biodiversity & Conservation.

"I'm learning so much, The world of Organic farming isn't alien to me since my partner is an Organic dairy farmer but the world of Certification certainly is. I've learnt a lot about how important it is to prioritise nature and the environment to help support every step of production from the ground up, and how everything fits into place to ensure the best conditions for the environment, and subsequently the best conditions for organic production. The Certification Manual is enlightening in how it highlights best practices, learning from it has proven to be really engaging so far..

"I enjoy that I can always expect something new in a day-to-day environment, with every producer having their own passion for the things they're doing and the way they've chosen to do it. Being able to help them along the way is rewarding and a reminder that at the end of the day, we're

all rooting for the same (organic) team!

"Outside work, I love helicopters and fighter jets, Cosford airshow is the highlight of my year. I have a pet Siamese Fighting fish who is my pride and joy. I also enjoy arts & crafts, baking, travelling, walking, photography, and spending time helping out where I can on the farm."

Rowena joined OF&G on 26 August and is undergoing training to be a Producer Certification Officer, she says: "On a typical day I am on a call with another Certification Officer evaluating reports, issuing approvals and learning the organic production standards.

"Prior to joining the team I worked part-time on a dairy farm for 14 years. I've worked as a lab technician for the Animal and Plant Health Agency. I have a degree in Animal Science from Aberystwyth University. I've also worked in a college and a farm shop.

"Before starting I hadn't realised there were so many different species of Clover available! The people here are very friendly and want to help you succeed.

"I am really enjoying the variety of work that crops up throughout the day and the many avenues of interest that this leads to. It is interesting to see the diversity in farm enterprises.

"Over the next 5 years, I think Organic farming could create more interest with the move towards less inputs on farmland.

"Outside work, I enjoy gardening, particularly the vegetable variety, chickens and horses and helping my other half on the farm."



Approved Inputs

A full list of approved inputs appears on our website <https://ofgorganic.org/useful-info/approved-suppliers>

Updated approved inputs

SUPPLIER	WEBSITE / EMAIL	CATEGORY
Westland Horticulture Ltd	sstaples@westland.com	Pest Control, Plant Health
Food Alive	foodaliveltd@gmail.com	Ingredients
Law Fertilisers Ltd.	mlaw@lawfertilisers.co.uk	Fertiliser
biodiver.city GmbH	info@biodiver.city bernhard@biodiver.city	Soil Conditioner
PelGar International	gareth@pelgar.co.uk	Pest Control
Simply Naturally Limited	simplynaturallylimited@gmail.com	Salt
Oceanic Organic Ltd	hq@oceanicorganic.co.uk	Fertiliser
Biological Preparations T/A Agriprep Ltd	jlear@biologicalpreparations.com	Silage Additive
DOSTOFARM GmbH	quality@dostofarm.de	Animal Feed Additives
Nutrimate Limited	andyhardie123@btinternet.com	Plant Health Products
Acadian Seaplants Ltd	info@acadian.ca	Fertiliser
Virus Shield Biosciences Limited	craig@vsbiosciences.com	Disinfectant / Cleaning Agent
Bioline Agrosiences Ltd	SCritchley@biolineagrosiences.com	Pest Control, Plant Health Product
Venture Foods (UK) Ltd	sarah.f@venturefoods.com	Ingredients
SmartFert Ltd	robin@recycledcropnutrients.com	Fertilisers
Westland Horticulture	creid2@westland.com	Fertilisers, Compost
Syngenta UK Ltd	andrew.cunningham@syngenta.com	Plant Health Products
De Sangosse S.A.S	BELINM@desangosse.com	Pest Control
Global Crop Improvement Company Ltd	julie@ab-consortia.com	Soil Conditioner, Foliar Treatment, Fertilisers, Seed Treatment
The Crop Smith Ltd	sam.brown@thecropsmith.uk	Plant Health Products
Eutrema	russell@eutrema.co.uk	Biofungicide, Plant Health Products, Fertilisers
Salutaris, Unipessoal Lda	bsalvador@salutaris.pt	Ingredients

Recently awarded approved inputs

SUPPLIER	WEBSITE / EMAIL	CATEGORY
Nufarm UK Ltd	https://nufarm.com/uk/	Fungicide

Technical Newsletter

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Processors

Fraudulent certificates

OF&G have received notification from Defra about a company called BioHerby, which has been advertising as being certified by GfRS mbH (statement taken from their website "We are a certified and authorized organic retailer DE-ÖKO-039") without having been certified by GfRS mbH.

This has been reported to the appropriate authorities for action by GfRS mbH.

If you have any concerns or queries please contact your Certification Officer

OF&G have also received notification from Defra of a letter from a company based in South Africa, Blueberries Holdings (Pty) Ltd, claiming to be certified by Ecocert.

Ecocert have confirmed that this is fraudulent.