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# Newsletter

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## General News

### A look back at 2025

**As we look back on the year, one word springs to mind: contrast. Organic demand has never looked stronger, yet the policy and climate context for farmers has rarely felt tougher.**

#### Organic demand out in front

– Starting positively, the Soil Association’s Organic Market Report showed market growth of 7.3% in 2024, reaching £3.7 billion. This is double its value a decade ago and marks 13 consecutive years of growth.

Organic unit sales in major retail grew four times faster than non-organic, showing how shoppers are actively seeking out certified food and drink.

Yet organic land area remains static at around 3% of UK farmland, leaving a buoyant domestic market heavily reliant on imports and undoubtedly a missed opportunity for domestic producers.

**Defra rollercoaster** – January began with then Environment Secretary, Steve Reed, setting out plans for England’s first Land Use Framework, promising better data to balance food production, housing, energy and nature. A 12-week Land Use Consultation followed as part of the government’s wider Plan for Change, billed as a ‘national conversation’ on how England uses its finite land while safeguarding food security.

In spring, farmers felt the ramifications of Defra’s unexpected closure of SFI applications. OF&G saw organic enquiries fall by 50% and applications by 62% in the four months after 12 March, with the announcement

effectively stalling the organic transition pipeline.

There was change at the top, too. In September, Steve Reed was replaced by Emma Reynolds, who took over as Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Throughout the year, OF&G continued to state the case for a 10% organic land target within the emerging Land Use Framework and wider agricultural roadmap.

Devolved administrations have shown greater ambition. In Wales, ministers confirmed a £3 million grant for organic farmers in 2026–27, giving producers with certified organic land the confidence to plan ahead as the Sustainable Farming Scheme comes on stream. Scotland, meanwhile, has seen a 13% increase in organic farmland following targeted support.

At the same time, OF&G has continued to stand up for organic integrity following the deregulation of precision bred organisms (PBO). We supported Beyond GM’s legal challenge to secure robust labelling, traceability and coexistence so organic producers can remain GM-free.

**Weather extremes** – If policy has felt uncertain, the weather was downright brutal. The UK’s warmest and driest spring for around 50 years raised

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### Office Christmas closure and emergency contact.

The OF&G office will be closed from **1pm on Wednesday 24 December until 9am Friday 2 January.**

The contact number during the office closure - **for emergencies only** - is Stephen Clarkson on 01939 292002



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serious concerns for yields, while the hottest summer since records began in 1884 piled further pressure on crops and livestock.

Unsurprisingly, harvest delivered mixed results, with AHDB reporting huge variability across regions and crops. Against that backdrop, the UK also experienced the worst wildfires recorded, with over 47,000 hectares of moorland, forests and fields burned – yet another stark reminder of the reality of climate change.

Environmental concerns were flagged in OF&G's farmer survey. While 95% of respondents said environmental sustainability plays an important role in their farming decisions, only 3% feel very prepared for the impacts of climate change.

**OF&G milestone** - Amid this turbulence, 2025 marked our 50th anniversary and a renewed call for a whole-system,

agroecological approach to sit at the heart of the UK's food and farming strategy.

In September, the Board confirmed Steve Clarkson as OF&G's permanent chief executive, recognising his extensive experience within the organisation and the wider organic sector, and signalling stability and renewed momentum as we move towards 2026.

The year ahead will be about turning that proven demand, and the clear appetite from farmers, into a coherent package of support that allows many more businesses to convert, thrive and keep delivering for climate, nature and rural economies.

In the meantime, the OF&G team wishes you and your families a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

## Sustain Bridging the Gap - how to fix the food system for everyone

Sustain: the alliance for better farming launched a landmark report "Bridging the Gap - how to fix the food system for everyone" on 25 November. Launched in 2022 and supported by the National Lottery Community Fund, Sustain worked on a series of pilot projects with the Alexandra Rose Charity and Growing Communities alongside Food Sense Wales, Nourish Scotland and Nourish Northern Ireland.

Through nine pilots (three in schools and six in retail settings) Bridging the Gap has demonstrated ways to enable people on a low income to access climate and nature friendly food. Food that is good for people and the planet is currently more expensive than food that is bad for health and produced in ways that damage the planet.

Bridging the Gap focused on the supply and affordability of organic fruit and vegetables to people who experience low income in cities. The nine pilots included, in Scotland - **Give Peas a Chance!**, **Edinburgh Community Food**; in Northern Ireland - **Carrick Greengrocers**, **Newtownards Accessible Veg Box**; Wales - **Welsh Veg in Schools**, **Cardiff Planet Card**; in England - **Liverpool Queen of Greens**, **Hackney Organic School Food**, **Tower Hamlets Food Coops**.

A key part of Bridging the Gap is the economic analysis carried out by the University of Portsmouth and the Organic Research Centre. This showed the potential return on investment in climate and nature friendly food. For every £1 of public money invested (along with £1.10 invested by customers) provides a return of £8.78 in social, health, economic and environmental benefits: £3.94 in stronger communities + £3.11 improvements in health and wellbeing + £1.44 local economic growth and £0.29 climate and nature gains.

### Bridging the Gap How to fix the food system for everyone



Logos for National Lottery Community Fund, Growing Communities, Nourish, Food Sense Wales, and Sustain.

Alongside these inspiring pilot projects, and building on the positive economic return, the report makes three key recommendations which arose through the project's work:

- **Fix the supply** - boost UK fruit, vegetable and pulse production through cross-departmental horticulture strategies across the four nations to support green growth, support small-scale and organic farmers.
- **Fix the 'missing middle'** - ensure fair prices and invest in infrastructure like food hubs, processing and packing and distribution centres to help smaller, local producers to get their produce to market

- **Fix the access** - enable everyone to eat good food through using public food procurement to create stable markets for organic and locally produced food. Roll out schemes that make healthy food more affordable to low-income households.

Bridging the Gap highlights six approaches that bring the benefit and would enable healthy and affordable food for all - let's make these work at scale and so help to transform our food system.

- Recognise the value of horticulture
- Build access through local retail
- Champion a fair wage in farming and beyond
- Enhance public sector food procurement
- Enable voucher schemes and fruit and veg on prescription
- Invest in food hubs and wholesaler supply chains

The outcome of Sustain's Bridging the Gap project reveals the importance of coordinated development of the organic sector through coordinated organic action plans underway in Wales and Scotland.

# OF&G & Organics in the News

## SA Conference - Responding to the rise of regenerative agriculture.

At last month's Soil Association Organic Trade Conference, there was a focus on positioning of regenerative agriculture and how organic measures up in comparison.

During a compelling session on this topic, Sarah Compson, Director of Standards Innovation at the Soil Association, and Niamh Noone, Head of Marketing at Soil Association Certification, made it clear - organic businesses have a unique opportunity to lead the conversation by showcasing how organic already delivers on regenerative principles.

While the term 'regenerative' has undeniable appeal, as Niamh pointed out, it's often misused or inaccurately contrasted with organic farming.

While regenerative is sometimes framed as transformative and organic as static, the reality is that both movements share a deep commitment to sustainability, biodiversity, and soil health.

To illustrate the point, it was satisfying to see our co-branded infographics presented by the Soil Association positioning organic as the 'gold standard' of regenerative agriculture, reinforcing the message that organic is not just relevant but a leading force in the movement towards a more sustainable future.

Sarah Compson emphasised the need for organic businesses to communicate more confidently about how organic farming already addresses climate change, soil health, and biodiversity, areas where regenerative agriculture aims to make strides.

Earlier in the day, entrepreneur Solitaire Townsend highlighted how organic remains the 'big kid' in the room during her keynote address. While regenerative agriculture may be gaining momentum in industry discussions, it's still not on the radar for mainstream consumers. Organic, on the other hand, has widespread recognition and consumer trust. For now, regenerative should be seen as the junior partner to organic in public communications.

As we look ahead, it's clear that organic farming, with its proven

resilience and adherence to strict standards, is well-placed to continue to lead the charge for a sustainable, regenerative future.

## Organic farmers in Wales set to benefit from £3 million in support payments.

Deputy First Minister (and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs), Huw Irranca-Davies, announced £3 million organic farming support at the Hybu Cig Cymru reception at the Winter Fair. The £3m indicative funding will be available to all eligible farmers with organic certified land.

The Welsh Government's commitment to organic support is driven by a combination of environmental, economic and social objectives. Organic farming is seen as a cornerstone of sustainable agriculture in Wales, delivering benefits for biodiversity, climate, rural economies and public health. The government's support is designed to ensure that organic farming remains viable and attractive, particularly as Wales transitions to the new Sustainable Farming Scheme.

The Deputy First Minister said: "As we transition to the SFS, I want to let organic farmers know of the ongoing support so that they can make informed business decisions as they plan for next year. This announcement confirms our commitment to organic farmers across Wales."

Recognising that organic farming delivers environmental benefits that go beyond other sustainable farming practices, including the elimination of artificial fertilisers and pesticides, protecting water quality and building soil health over many years.

The sector also supplies organic produce to Welsh supply chains, supporting rural employment and contributing to the Community Food Strategy. Organic produce also plays a role in initiatives including providing locally produced, high-quality vegetables for Welsh school meals.

## Organic Action Plan for Scotland announced

At the inaugural Scottish Organic Gathering, Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands outlined a forward

looking Scottish Organic Action Plan. This will boost the organic farming sector in Scotland by strengthening the market, expanding supply chains and supporting farmers transitioning to organic production. Hosted by Soil Association Scotland, in partnership with Soil Association Certification, the event focused on taking Scotland's organic sector to scale and was attended by around 150 farmers, growers, food businesses, policy leaders and researchers.

The Cabinet Secretary promised £200,000 of Scottish Government funding, for the first year of a three-year delivery, awarded to Scotland Food & Drink to drive the roll-out. She explained that the plan has five main pillars: raising awareness of organic, research and training, developing supply chains and markets, facilitating conversion and maintenance, and promoting public procurement of organic.

David McKay, co-director of Soil Association Scotland, welcomed the commitment to the Scottish Organic Action plan saying that "We know from international experience that action plans can be effective in helping to develop markets for organic produce." The new measures should go further to expand organic in Scotland and reach the commitment to double the organic land area.

With six years of continuous growth in organic land area and rising consumer demand, Scotland is now well placed to embed organic within policy and practice. Scotland continues to outpace the rest of the UK in organic growth. Defra figures reveal Scotland achieved a 13% increase in organic farmland in 2024, bringing the total area to 131,500 hectares—marking the sixth consecutive year of expansion. This far surpasses the marginal 1% rise in England and the decline in Wales.

## Organic Action Plan for England

The good news for organic reported in Wales and Scotland highlights the widening gap between these devolved nations and progress in England, where continued growth in the market for organic food is not matched by an increase in the area of land under organic management.

The English Organic Forum had a

positive meeting with Daniel Zeichner MP, former Defra Minister of State, in early September that revealed his enthusiasm for an Organic Action Plan for England (OAPE), which could provide the opportunity through a positive policy framework for organic farming and food. A government reshuffle shortly after that meeting with the appointment of Dame Angela Eagle MP as Minister of State at Defra has resulted in a pause in progress. However, a positive exchange of letters with the new Minister gives some hope that the OAPE will spring back into life.

The English Organic Forum has invited Minister Eagle to an organic roundtable at Riverford Organic Farmers Sacrewell Farm in early 2026. The dynamic and forward looking Riverford serves as a model for how organic food can be affordable, accessible and available to all, whilst caring for the environment and delivering public goods. Defra's leadership, through a well focused Organic Action Plan for England, could play a significant role in enabling growth in the sector and replacing imports with home-produced organic food.

### **Celebrating organic, agroecological fruit and veg growers in Parliament**

MPs, peers and civil servants joined UK fruit and vegetable growers at Westminster on the 25th November to celebrate the launch of **The UK Fruit and Vegetable Coalition for an organic, agroecological future**. The event emphasised the role of organic, agroecological horticulture in strengthening food security, improving public health and supporting environmental resilience.

The new Coalition, hosted by the **Food Foundation** and Chaired by Steven Jacobs, Coordinator of the **Organic Growers Alliance**, brings together key organisations representing organic, agroecological growers across the UK. These include the Community Supported Agriculture Network, Landworkers' Alliance, Soil Association, Sustain, Lantra, Growing Communities, Organic North, Regather Sheffield, Better Food Shed, Food Sense Wales, Wildlife Trusts, and the Permaculture Association.

The aim of the Coalition is to strengthen domestic horticulture and

build resilient local supply chains. Working with policymakers in Defra's horticulture team, the Minister of State recently committed to include a horticulture growth strategy as part of the UK government's Food Strategy, signalling welcome support for the sector.

The UKFVC will continue to work closely with Defra to expand domestic fruit and vegetable production, improve market access for growers, support new entrants into horticulture and advocate for investment in regional distribution infrastructure. Read the Coalition's policy asks in their new **Growing Together** booklet.

### **Oxford Real Farming Conference returns to shape agroecology's future**

Each January – next year on 8–9 January 2026 – Oxford hosts not one but two remarkable gatherings. Alongside the Oxford Farming Conference sits the Oxford Real Farming Conference (ORFC), a forum for organic farming, agroecology and food-system transformation.

ORFC began in 2010 as a radical alternative to conventional agricultural conferences. Its founders envisaged a gathering where 'mud-on-the-boots' farmers, food producers, researchers, campaigners and policy-minded citizens could come together to ask the big questions and share practical solutions.

OF&G regularly has a presence and what really sets ORFC apart is its dual focus on the grassroots and the systemic. You'll find sessions on everyday practices such as agroforestry, soil health, natural pest control and diversified crop systems. These run alongside discussions on food sovereignty, policy reform, land justice and the role of agriculture in tackling climate, biodiversity, and social crises.

The scale and diversity of the conference reflect ORFC's evolution – from a fringe fringe-event to what some describe as the world's largest agroecology conference. Recent editions have attracted around 1,800 in-person delegates along with many more online, featuring hundreds of speakers from the UK and abroad.

For anyone working in organic farming, ORFC offers an unparalleled opportunity to connect, learn,

challenge assumptions and leave inspired, equipped to bring change both at farm and a national level. In short – it's where the future of sustainable farming gets shaped.

Find out more about this year's conference [here](#). We hope to see you there.

### **Open Farm Sunday Two decades of connection. People. Food. Nature.**

For 20 years, Open Farm Sunday has been a beacon for farmers looking to engage directly with the public and showcase the importance of sustainable food production.

The organic sector has historically always been well represented and in support of 2026's landmark celebrations we'd love to hear from any of our licensees who intend to host an event. OF&G recognise this as an opportunity to connect with consumers and help them make informed food choices and lasting changes that support a healthier planet and food system.

We believe Open Farm Sunday is more than an annual fun day out – it can be a catalyst for change; providing a proven platform to build public trust in food, farming and the environment. Together, let's make Open Farm Sunday's 20th anniversary a showcase for organic. Contact your CO if you're planning to participate on 7 June next year so we can showcase your involvement.

Event organisers LEAF have a wealth of resources for farmers considering hosting an event next year. These include webinars, in-person training days, a handbook and promotional resources. Visit **Open My Farm - Open Farm Sunday** to find out more.

### **Precision Breeding Techniques - "coexistence" for organic through a new Industry Working Group.**

A **position paper** (in German) from the **IG Saatgut**, the Seed Interest Group, a union of plant breeders, seed producers and conservation initiatives, has been working since 2005 to raise awareness, promote public relations, and network in order to establish political and legal frameworks that will ensure the long-term viability of GMO-free seed production. A **summary of the position paper** in English by

Eva Gelinsky and Lena Huttman of IG Saatgut and posted by the Agriculture and Rural Convention (ARC) highlights the importance of GM free seeds to allow a GMO-free agricultural and food industry to operate. The summary provides an interesting overview of the challenges that the GMO-free seed production sector could face. These include: detection methods, zero tolerance, cultivation register and other 'coexistence' measures, the polluter pays principle and collective liability, labelling, and patent law.

There are at least 15 crop genera, including many important crop species grown by organic farmers in the UK where precision breeding traits introduced for conventional farmers over the coming years could pose a contamination risk. The importance of robust and effective coexistence measures to protect against contamination of organic crops cannot be underestimated if the organic sector is to remain "GM Free" - as required by internationally agreed and legally binding standards.

The timescale for introduction and commercialisation of new precision bred varieties is unclear, and there is some time during which robust coexistence measures can be developed. However, it seems important that the cost for the implementation of a viable coexistence regime is not borne by organic farmers, or the organic supply chain. Rather these costs should be borne by the developers and users of precision bred crops, as required in the Polluter Pays Principle.

Although no proper impact assessment has been completed, a De Minimis Assessment (DMA) was compiled by Defra economists, reviewed by the Defra Chief Economist and published in early 2025 by Defra and the Food Standards Agency (the DMA is available from Defra).

The rough and ready estimation of costs in the DMA have not been subject to proper scrutiny, nor were they calculated on the basis of any coherent coexistence measures, since none have been agreed. Total costs were estimated to be almost £9 million between 2023/4 to 2033/4, which include costs for the "organic farmers protection" estimated to amount to £759,000 over this 10 year

period. These estimates have been made with no clear methodology for their calculation shown in the DMA. However, the stakeholder engagement implemented under a Defra contract with NatCen has concluded and the DMA was considered out of scope during this process.

Conveniently for the government the total cost, at less than £10 million, means that no full impact assessment was deemed necessary. Apparently a full impact assessment is only required if the costs exceed £10 million. However, some of the assumptions are questionable and depending on how many crops, and trials, and the overall size of the seed industry in the UK. Costs could range from £25-57million i.e. 2.8 – 6.3 times more than the costs estimated in the DMA. Costs could exceed the threshold of £10million that would necessitate a full impact assessment, and yet full impact assessment has been done.

In the final Stakeholder meeting the aim, scope and terms of reference were outlined for an "Industry Working Group", convened to develop coexistence protocols and procedures to protect organic farmers and organic supply chains. It was agreed that this Working Group would be convened by the NFU. No funding will be available for this group from Defra, but in view of the importance of agreeing viable coexistence measures it is essential that its work can resolve measures as precision bred crop varieties are brought to market.

This is vital work that the organic sector - farmers and supply chain operators - must get fully behind to protect an organic future free from Genetically Modified Organisms (AKA Precision Bred Crops).

### **Lloyds launches Agricultural Transition Finance loan.**

The new loan aims to help UK farmers overcome the financial barriers of transitioning to more sustainable and regenerative farming systems and is open to new and existing customers across all farming sectors, with a minimum loan value of £25,001.

The loan can support refinancing, funding new investments in sustainable farming practices and providing working capital during the

transition process.

Farmers at all stages of their sustainable farming journey can qualify for the scheme. Farmers may focus on an area or areas that will have the most impact for them across 16 regenerative activity standards, including practices such as cover cropping, minimum or zero tillage, direct drilling, mob grazing, herbal leys, companion cropping, undersowing and intercropping.

Participants must provide a carbon or environmental baseline assessment dated within two to three years and may also qualify through participation in Defra's environmental schemes, supply chain programmes, or by holding relevant organic or LEAF Marque standard accreditations.

The launch follows the publication of Lloyds' recent report, **Farming with Nature: Mapping the Growth Opportunity for UK Agriculture**, which mapped 5.1 million hectares to identify where the greatest financial and environmental returns could be delivered, providing an evidence base for this new financial proposition.

### **The Organic Research Centre (ORC) enhances capabilities by joining ADAS**

As of 1 September 2025, the UK's foremost research authority on organic farming and low-input farming practices, ORC, officially became part of the agricultural and environmental consultancy ADAS.

ORC remains a stand-alone business within the ADAS group of companies and will continue to be managed by current CEO Lucy MacLennan. This strategic move aims to leverage shared resources and complementary applied research expertise to advance sustainable farming practices.

OF&G welcomes the announcement and will continue to work closely alongside colleagues within the newly strengthened organisation. The integration of ORC into ADAS is a significant opportunity to expand research into new areas to more effectively respond to evolving challenges in agriculture.

ORC will continue its valuable role in advocating innovative organic solutions that benefit the sector, our licensees and the environment through independent applied research.

# Market Reports

## Grain Prices: Courtesy of Andrew Trump, Organic Arable

We held our annual meeting in late November which was an interesting day focussed on soil health and innovative approaches to soil health assessment and testing, and an opportunity for organic farmers to meet and discuss. It was an enjoyable day with plenty to reflect upon. Opportunities for the organic sector to gather to learn and exchange ideas are important and something we need to support and strengthen.

Imported grain continues to maintain its grip on the UK market with feed compounders reporting they have good cover. Organic dairy and organic poultry demand is reportedly up, yet we seem to have continued weakness in the organic feed wheat price. Sales are hard to make at present as by remaining out of the market, buyers continue to maintain downward pressure on price. We have an ask of the organic livestock sector, to be more questioning of their feed suppliers as to how much UK cereal and pulse

they use. If beef and milk remained unsold, despite good demand, you would ask your customers for support. The dominance of imported grain is now so established it is only if demand changes that buying approaches will be altered. When you next look at your feed ingredients ticket give your feed rep a call and ask how much is UK sourced? And please can your New Year's resolution be to ask them to increase it by 10% in 2026.

Current indicative values (ex farm) Feed Wheat £290, Feed Barley £270, Feed Oats £265, Beans £400

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## Organic Livestock Trends: OLMC

### ORGANIC STORE CATTLE REPORT

As we move to the end of 2025 the store trade remains very buoyant with all sizes and grades of store cattle in strong demand with finishers seeking to stock up to fulfil contracts.

The drier autumn has helped farmers spin out forage stocks with many cattle still outside, however some cattle are now showing a weathered look and would benefit from some supplementary feeding of silage in order to maximise their value. In the light of the demise of many small abattoirs and much of the meat processing now being controlled more and more by the large organisations Farm Assurance certification is becoming more important than ever, even more so as we will ultimately move toward whole life Farm Assurance which I am almost certain will become a requirement in the not-too-distant future. So, we urge Farmers to get their Farm Assurance up to date in order to maximise returns and give consumers full confidence and traceability in this wonderful product we produce.

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### OLMC FINISHED STOCK

#### Prime Cattle

The demand for organic prime beef has increased into November, the price has strengthened. Supply of organic prime cattle remains at lower levels currently. Trade might ease little as we get to end of December as demand is likely to drop.

The forward supply numbers look to be tight into the beginning of 2026 and prices are expected to remain strong.

#### Average R4L Organic UTM in spec @ 762/kg deadweight Cull cow

We have seen a very strong trade for organic cull cows through the autumn until the end of November. The price has dropped off a little now, mainly due to processors concentrating on prime beef kills for the Christmas market. The increased supply of cows coming on to the market has also influenced the weakening price. Both dairy and suckler cows coming forward rather than retained for further fattening, in many cases easing the pressure on dwindling stocks of winter food.

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

#### Lamb

The trade for prime organic lamb has followed the same path as conventional by firming a little as we came through November. The numbers of organic lambs have been enough for the current demand and would look to be that way until we get into the new year now.

Prices have strengthened and should maintain similar levels into January.

#### Average R3L organic NSL in spec @ 700p/kg

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# Upcoming Events in 2026 that OF&G are attending

## LAMMA 15-16 Jan 2026 at the NEC Birmingham

The UK's biggest agriculture machinery and technology showcase returns bringing together more than 600 exhibitors and tens of thousands of farmers and contractors under one roof. It's an opportunity to explore the latest tractors, combines, arable and grassland kit, new ag-tech, and livestock-friendly machinery – alongside a packed seminar, Demo Zone and the new Dairy & Beef Hub covering all sectors.

The Low Carbon Agriculture Show will, this year, be incorporated into the LAMMA show, OF&G will again be exhibiting at the show with two members of staff on hand each day. If you would like to discuss anything organic or relating to the Compost and Biofertiliser Certification Schemes please come along to our stand, **Stand number LCA224**.

Claim your free ticket [here](#)

## Oxford Real Farming Conference 2026

8 - 9 January, Oxford

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/>

## Staff News - Meet Ryan Mason our new Processor Certification Officer

Over the past few months, we've been busy recruiting to bolster our team of certification officers. We're pleased to introduce you further to Ryan Mason.

I joined OF&G in June 2025 as a Processor Certification Officer. In my role, I help processors navigate everything from ingredients and suppliers to labelling and traceability, ensuring it all stays within organic standards. I also support operators with all sorts of enquiries about the organic certification process. This is my first foray into the complex world of organic certification.

Before OF&G, I worked in product development for a global manufacturer of brewing ingredients, and before that I was a brewer myself, a role in which tasting sessions were actively encouraged. This all followed a BSc (Hons) in Biochemistry, where I learnt how even the smallest things can drive the biggest change. Now at OF&G and with the help of my esteemed colleagues, I've begun to build a solid understanding of the full certification workflow, from handling new enquiries and product approvals to reviewing inspections, managing non-compliances, and updating certificates. What I enjoy most is digging into the organic regulations (who doesn't!).

Looking ahead, I'm optimistic about the organic sector and firmly believe it will continue to grow as more people care about health, sustainability, and where their food comes from.

Outside work, you'll usually find me in the garden, optimistically trying to grow herbs and vegetables each year with mixed results. I'm also a keen chess player, happily spending my evenings perfecting the art of losing. Spending time in nature is my true passion, whether it's hiking mountains or taking a wild swim, nothing brings me more joy.. As Henry David Thoreau said, "I took a walk in the woods and came out taller than the trees."



## OF&G policy activity - what we have been doing

CS - Christopher Stopes , SC - Steve Clarkson

NAME	ACTIVITY	DATE	COMMENT
CS	EOF / Defra Review meeting	30/10	Online
CS	NatCen Precision Breeding Technique Stakeholder meeting	12/11	In person
CS	Wildlife & Countryside LINK Agriculture Working Group	13/11	Online
CS	IFOAM OI Keeping Regen Real webinar	17/11	Online
CS	Lumina Intelligence UPF webinar	20/11	Online
CS	Defra Farming & Countryside Programme Update	20/11	Online
CS	Sustain Bridging the Gap report launch	25/11	In person

# 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
Sipcam UK Ltd	stewart@sipcamuk.co.uk	Plant Health Products
Gardening Naturally Ltd	justin.daubeney@gardening-naturally.com	Pest Control, Fertilisers, Bedding Control
Tithebarn Ltd - Rockie & Farm Division	serena@tithebarn.co.uk	Animal Feed Supplements, Vitamins Minerals & Trace Elements
Passion Ag Ltd	tom@passionag.com	Plant Health Products, Silage Additives
Lallemand Animal Nutrition UK Ltd	gpayne@lallemand.com	Animal Feed Material, Animal Feed Additives, Slurry Treatment, Silage Additive
Greenaway Green Waste Services	green_away@btinternet.com	Soil Conditioners
EM Agriton Limited	info@agriton.co.uk	Manure Treatment, Compost Additive, Silage Additive, Animal Feed Supplement, Bedding Materials, Soil Conditioners, Fertiliser
Sea-Chem Ltd	chris.black@sea-chem.co.uk	Plant Health Products, Compost Additive
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Origin Fertilisers	info@originfertilisers.co.uk	Fertilisers
SBM Life Science	jessica.barrett@sbm-company.com	Fertilisers, Insect Control, Plant Health Products, Pest Control,
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Biolevel Ltd	laurence@biolevel.net	Soil Conditioners
Volac International Ltd	melani.garcia@volac.com	Silage Additive
Alltech (U.K.) Ltd	europequality@alltech.com	Animal Feed Additives, Animal Feed Supplements, Vitamins Minerals and Elements,
Doff Portland Limited - Pelsis Group	Tom.Clamp@Pelsis.com	Pest Control, Fertilisers
Crop IQ Technologies Ltd	global@cropiqtech.com	Plant Health Products, Insect Control
British Gypsum	adam.kent@saint-gobain.com	Fertilisers
Sumitomo Chemical (UK) Ltd	ruth.stanley@sumitomo-chemical.eu	Insect control
Insonso Salmarim LDA	filipe@salmarim.com	Ingredients
Herban UK Limited	info@herban.co.uk	Animal Feed Supplements
Gromax Industries Ltd	simon.brett@gromax.co.uk	Weed Control

## Recently awarded approved inputs

SUPPLIER	WEBSITE / EMAIL	CATEGORY
EZOTRADE Ltd	info.ezotrade@gmail.com	Soil Conditioner
Midland Chemicals Ltd	sunny@midlandchem.com	Fertiliser
Rumbol Products Limited	info@rumbol.co.uk	Vitamins, Minerals & Trace Elements

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## Producers

### Poultry Housing order in England and Wales

In November the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) issued a Avian Influenza Protection Zone (AIPZ) with a mandatory housing order across the whole of England and subsequently Wales, there is currently no mandatory requirement to house birds in Scotland.

If you have more than 50 birds you must house them (regardless of the type of birds).

If you have less than 50 birds but you sell or give away eggs, poultry products or live birds you must also house them.

However, if you have less than 50 birds and these are for your own use (i.e. you do not sell or give away any eggs or meat) you do not have to house them.

All poultry producers must ensure they keep strict biosecurity measures to prevent the spread of AI.

The latest information in AI can be found by clicking one of the following links:

England - <https://www.gov.uk/animal-disease-cases-england/bird-flu-regional-avian-influenza-prevention-zone-east-of-england?cachebust=1737754092#aipz-housing-measures-6-november-2025>

Wales - <https://www.gov.wales/avian-influenza-bird-flu-current-restrictions>

Scotland - <https://www.gov.scot/publications/avian-influenza-outbreaks/>

### Use of Non-Organic Protein Feed Ingredients for Monogastric Animals

As noted in the June 2025 issue of the Technical Newsletter the production rules allowing the use of 5% non-organic protein feeds in the diets of pig and poultry was due to expire at the end of 2025 with Defra laying a Statutory Instrument (SI) to extend its use beyond this date.

Defra has now confirmed and published the SI (<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2025/1111/regulation/2/made>) extending the use of the 5% non-organic protein ingredients to the end of December 2026.

As had been initially proposed, from 1 January 2026, the use of the 5% non-organic protein will be restricted to 'young

animals' with 'young animals' being defined as pigs up to 35kgs liveweight and poultry of no more than 30 weeks of age.

Defra have indicated that a transition period will be put in place to allow pigs over 35kgs and poultry over 30 weeks of age on 1 January 2026 to move away from the use of 5% non-organic protein feed in their diet without adversely affecting their health and welfare.

We are currently waiting for Defra to confirm the details of any transition and will inform operators as soon as we are made aware.

### 'Part-Organic' Pullets

As with the production rules around the use of non-organic protein, the rules allowing the use of non-organic pullets that have been managed to the organic feed and veterinary standards (so called 'part-organic' pullets) is due to expire at the end of December 2025. Defra has confirmed and published the SI extending the production rules allowing 'part-organic' pullets to be used for a further 12 months ending on 31 December 2026.

If you wish to use 'part-organic' pullets you must apply to OF&G at the point of ordering the pullets, when sending an application to OF&G you must provide the following information:

- A completed copy of the most recent version of

Record Sheet 21A (<https://ofgorganic.org/useful-info/downloads?q=&filter=record-sheets>);

- Organisations/registered operators that you have contacted to supply organic pullets; and/or
- The recognised on-line marketplace where you have advertised the need for organic pullets to be supplied;
- Declaration from the supplier that the birds will be managed to the organic feed and veterinary standards whilst at the pullet rearing site.

OF&G expects there to be discussions during 2026 regarding the introduction of organic pullets rearing standards in Great Britain.

# Processors

## Changes to the Third Country and CB's list

In order for products to be imported into Great Britain (GB) from Third Countries (TC) the Control Body certifying the operator must appear on one of two lists produced by Defra.

The two lists include a list of recognised third countries/territories and categories of products which may be imported into GB and a list of recognised non-UK countries control bodies and control authorities.

These lists are periodically updated by Defra and third countries/territories and recognised CBs may be removed or included depending on specific circumstances. Defra has recently updated and made changes to the list of recognised third countries and territories.

**The India entry (Tab 6) has been updated to remove five Organic Control Bodies no longer accredited by APEDA.**

- APOF Organic Certification Agency (AOCA)
- Natural Organic Certification Agro Pvt. Ltd
- Global Certification Society
- Reliable Organic Certification Organization
- Bhumaatha Organic Certification Bureau (BOCB)

Organic products relating to these five control bodies can no longer be imported into GB.

The most up to date lists can be found by following the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/organic-registers-lists-of-third-countries-or-territories-control-bodies-and-control-authorities>

## Quaternary Ammonium Compounds (QACs)

A number of years ago we highlighted an issue with the use of BAC and DDAC, also referred to as quaternary ammonium compounds or QACs/QUATs and their use in organic dairy systems.

These products, whilst allowed to be used in organic systems, are difficult to remove from surfaces and if not adequately rinsed will result in residues in the organic product. Strong rinsing with hot water is a more effective method of removing residues than a cold water rinse.

To avoid possible contamination producers may consider switching to a cleaning product that does not contain BAC or DDAC to ensure there is no risk of residues. If you wish to continue using products containing BAC or DDAC

we recommend that you take action to ensure that your cleaning programme is sufficient to remove any residues, this can be done by purchasing QAC test strips to test contact surfaces for any residues.

Please note that Maximum Residue Levels (MRL) applying to BAC and DDAC is 0.1mg/kg. Products with detections over the MRL cannot legally be sold as either organic or non-organic.

It should also be noted that the above also applies when these products are used in other situations including on harvesting equipment, in packhouses, food-processing units etc.

## Gellan Gum

The organic standards permit the use of certain products and substances when producing a processed organic food, yeast or yeast product (referred to in Article 27(1)(a) and 27(a)(a)). Annex VIII Section A provides a list of food additives, including carriers that may be used (OF&G Certification Manual 10.3.01).

The list includes the use of E418 gellan gum. However, it is stated that from 1 January 2026 this can only be used when derived from organic production.

Defra is aware that sources of gellan gum derived from organic production are extremely difficult to find and have amended the requirement to remove the 1 January 2026 date.

Whilst in the first instance you must use gellan gum derived from organic production, where this is not available you may use gellan gum that is derived from non-organic, non-gm sources.

## Endorsing a Certificate of Inspection (COI) during the festive period


As noted on the front page of the newsletter the OF&G offices will be closed from 1pm on 24 December and will re-open again on 2 January. During this time access to emails for most staff will be at best limited.

Anyone wishing to export products to the European Union or United States should ensure they have completed all


necessary information to allow a COI to be endorsed by close-of-play on **Monday 23 December**.


Should you have an urgent COI that requires endorsing for a product export prior to 2 January please contact Steve Clarkson on 01939 292002 or email [steve@ofgorganic.org](mailto:steve@ofgorganic.org)




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# Classified Advertisements



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## Items for sale

**Note:** Purchasers should always check the current certificate and the status with the vendor. OF&G cannot take responsibility for any stock, items or services sold through this service. Advertisements are accepted at OF&G's discretion.

CATTLE FOR SALE				
<b>50 charolais x store cattle suckler calves 7 to 8 months</b>	50 steers and heifers 7 to 8 months all out off proper beef cows. Very well grown, all by good charolais bulls.	Ian Smith	07779 987580	Cornwall
<b>Hereford breeding heifers</b>	5 Hereford x breeding heifers. 18 months. Be nice heifers to bull in the spring. Not been pushed. Low tb area. Other store cattle available. .	Ewart Williams	07810 632774	Gwynedd
<b>Two Aberdeen Angus Heifers</b>	Pedigree AA, Pasture for Life and Organic (OF&G) certified. Checked by the vet and are cycling and so suitable for breeding or as store animals. The herd are managed using Holistic Planned Grazing/AMP Grazing and so are used to electric fencing, tall grass grazing and daily moves.	Clare Hill	07812 217988	Shropshire
<b>In Calf Organic AA Heifers and Cows</b>	"Purebred Angus females. 5, two and a half year (ish) old Heifers, and 6 older Cows. Due to calve mid January 26 onwards. High health status. BVD vaccinated, Johnes monitored. Just had annual TB test and all clear again, so ready to move now. Pictures can be made available. Please call for more information and price."	Nigel	07974 971414	Buckinghamshire
<b>Certified organic Devon bust calves</b>	Certified Organic Devon bust calves 12 steers 7 heifers TB tested ready to go nice and quiet. email mariafloyd@gmail.com	Tom Floyd	07515 465914	Devon
<b>Pedigree Traditional Hereford Bull</b>	Gorgeous young pedigree Traditional Hereford bull. Very docile to handle, calm disposition and ready to go. Naturally horned, but disbudded. Viewings welcome. He's ready to go to a new home!	Alice Parsons	07576 971327	Worcestershire
<b>Organic Aberdeen Angus Bull</b>	4 years old. TB tested. BVD vacinated. Blue tongue vacinated. Selling due to being related to heifers in our herd. Only working on our closed suckler herd since 2023. Bought from and bred by Penrhiw Aberdeen Angus herd. Quiet natured. Easy calving.	Alex Archard	07766 953663	Worcestershire
<b>20 Hereford X stores</b>	Hereford out of robust Ayrshire cows. Can be taken as a group or pick a selection. Grass fed, range of ages 16- 22 months	Jo Billings	07855 814291	Derbyshire
<b>TB Restricted Store Cattle</b>	Tb restricted store cattle. Mainly Angus, out of dairy cows. Well grown steers and heifers. Various of different ages available of up to 18 months old.	Hefin Evans	07813 869047	Pembrokeshire
<b>Welsh black steers</b>	6-12-13 month old steers 300 kg average. Good growing cattle. Tb tested	Huw Evans	07977 505855	Powys
<b>Store cattle</b>	60 Store cattle, 4-14 months British Blue X Longhorn X	Ross Denning	07813 119029	Cornwall

SHEEP FOR SALE				
<b>Organic Hebridean Sheep for Sale.</b>	Up to 15 2022/3/4 born ewes for sale would make good starter flock, ideal for conservation grazing, registered pedigree. Also 20 store lambs.	Jo Cartwright	07975 935842	West Yorkshire
<b>Store Lambs</b>	80 suffolk and Charollais mixed store lambs. April born at 1300 ft. Can Split. Video and photos available. Top end of the Clun Valley	Trevor Wheeler	07799 681134	Shropshire
<b>Organic grazing sheep</b>	These two castrated half brothers were born on the farm in April 2023. They graze parts of our little organic farm. They are looking for a new home to make room for this year's weaned lambs. Bucket trained and wormed with good feet. Nearest town is Buckingham. Can deliver to within 20 mile radios for a fee.	Farokh Khoroooshi	07798 822524	Bucks
<b>Organic Store Lambs</b>	Up to 25 store lambs for sale. Aberfield, Highlander & Primera breeding, April 2025 born. Average weight 33 kgs	Rob Priest	07810 717248	Cornwall

## DAIRY CATTLE FOR SALE

<b>Autumn Bulling Heifers</b>	15 bulling heifers for sale. Surplus to requirements. Mainly Holstein genetics. cows producing 8000 litres at 4.36%fat & 3.46 pro per year.	David Flint	07539 545852	Shropshire
<b>In calf heifers</b>	Due 22 May onwards, recently tb tested clear so ready to go. Large group or individuals available	Joanna E Billings	07855 814291	Derbyshire

## FEEDSTUFFS AND FORAGE FOR SALE

<b>Fodder beet</b>	Fodder beet for sale, can supply to the end of the spring.	Rob Houlbrooke	07792 685696	Herefordshire
<b>Organic barley &amp; pea bicrop for sale</b>	Nice sample, mainly barley (approx 90%) in the mix. Priced as feed barley with a free pea garnish for a bit of extra protein. Approx 80 tonnes available.	Daniel Powell	07773 393461	Shropshire
<b>Round bale haylage</b>	46 Round bales of haylage for sale. Made in July and August 2025.	Andrew Sanderson	07732 034582	Lancashire
<b>Organic Hay</b>	54 round bales organic meadow hay, baled 20/6/25, no rain.	Charlie Morrish	07971 230728	Devon
<b>Organic Fodder Beet for Sale</b>	Bulk loads of organic fodder beet. North Shropshire. Haulage can be arranged.	Edward Brettell	07773 004302	England
<b>Organic hay for sale</b>	30 round bales, made June 2025, no rain	Charlie Morrish	07971 230728	Devon
<b>Hay for Sale</b>	Organic hay for sale. 500kg bales of permanent pasture hay for sale. North Shropshire / Shrewsbury	Edward Brettell	07773 004302	Shropshire
<b>Haylage for Sale</b>	Organic Haylage. Permanent pasture haylage and red clover haylage. 500kg bales, wrapped with 7 layers. North Shropshire, Shrewsbury and Whitchurch.	Edward Brettell	07773 004302	Shropshire
<b>Organic rape and turnip grazing available</b>	Stubble turnips and forage rape grazing available near Oswestry.	Huw Ellis	07932 651030	Shropshire
<b>Organic Pea &amp; Barley combicrop</b>	10 tonnes available of August cropped Organic Pea & Barley combicrop - open to offers. Currently stored in a covered trailer within a barn.	Richard Cornwall-Legh	07947 422220	Cheshire
<b>Beans for sale</b>	We have just over 6 tonne of excellent quality beans available. 3.8Tonne Futura Spring Beans and 2.4 Tonne of Vespa winter beans. All in tote bags for easy collection	William Tooby	07768 473035	Worcestershire

## MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

<b>Organic Tree and Hedge Plants</b>	Wide variety of tree and hedge plants available for planting this season. They are hand sown in organic, peat free compost in cells. <a href="http://www.asgartrees.co.uk">www.asgartrees.co.uk</a>	Karen Hack	07802 753164	West Berkshire
<b>Organic Farmacyard Manure</b>	Organic Farmacyard Manure available 8 to 10 tonnes weekly during the winter months.	Mr. Robbie Miles	01323 763063	East Sussex

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# Items wanted

CATTLE WANTED				
<b>50 Organic Angus, Limousin or Hereford Heifers required</b>	50 replacement breeding heifers wanted, Northern Ireland.	Jim McClory	07763 825799	County Down
<b>Replacement heifers</b>	Looking for up to 4 pedigree Hereford heifers to supplement our organic suckler herd. TB 4 area only.	Chris Forster	07831 419325	Greater Manchester/ Merseyside
<b>Pedigree Horned Hereford breeding females</b>	I am looking for 5-10 pedigree horned Hereford heifers or cows.	Alexander Fraser	07818 454321	Somerset
<b>Organic Dexters Wanted</b>	Organic Dexter Cattle wanted, cows heifers or steers. 10 - 20 depending on type	Sam Hanks	07786 828982	Suffolk
<b>30 Organic Murray grey cattle</b>	30 Murray grey cattle 6-10 months old	Sally Hine	07717 826510	Wiltshire

DAIRY CATTLE WANTED				
<b>Grazing or silage ground</b>	Looking for silage ground or youngstock grazing North Shropshire.	George Cope	07955 898810	Shropshire
<b>Holstein Friesian</b>	Incalve heifers and lactating cows wanted	Jim Paterson	07917 412335	Ayrshire
<b>Febuary Calving grazing cows</b>	Looking for 20 Febuary calving grazing type cows. Friesian or Crossbred but not Jersey.	Toby Ansdell	07785 397678	Devon
<b>In calf heifers wanted</b>	Holstein Friesian Heifers wanted calving January onwards	Dan	07847 887298	Dorset
<b>Dairy heifer</b>	We are looking for 44 Holstein heifers aged 12 to 15 months within close travelling distance of EX15, East Devon	Jonathan Gibbins	07764 978056	Devon

SHEEP WANTED				
<b>North of England Mules replacement organic theaves</b>	45 replacement sheep wanted North of England	Will Morton	07714 145171	Warwickshire
<b>Organic swaledale ewe lambs</b>	Max 20 organic swaledale ewe lambs wanted.	Karen Philippon	01832 720288	Northants

FEEDSTUFFS AND FORAGE WANTED				
<b>Forage Required for Suckler Cows</b>	Hay, silage or straw required to feed suckler herd. Suitable bulky feeds also considered. Near Tewkesbury, Glos. Can collect locally. Willing to pay on collection / delivery.	Carl Gray	07771 985908	Gloucestershire
<b>Organic forage required</b>	Looking for 1500 tons of good quality organic silage.	Steve Gough	07768 477754	Wiltshire
<b>Forage required</b>	Forage for young/dry stock	Adam Westaway	07977 575825	Devon
<b>Hay wanted</b>	Good Quality reasonably priced organic hay within 25 mile radius of Leicester. Contact: chris.attfield@farmline.com	Christopher Attfield	07760 150931	Leicestershire
<b>Fodder needed</b>	Organic bale forage needed mostly for youngstock, East Somerset	Grainne Lee	07813 050171	Somerset
<b>Organic Hay wanted</b>	Reasonably priced hay wanted.	George Danby	07788 413355	Lincolnshire
<b>Haylage</b>	Up to 100 bales of haylage or silage.	Throope Manor Farm	07939 525142	Wilts
<b>Organic Stock Feed Potatoes</b>	Looking for 100 tons of washed feed potatoes.	Mr T Davies	07395 072776	Denbighshire
<b>Meadow Hay</b>	Meadow hay required in Herefordshire	Andrew Rogers	07812 857904	Herefordshire

OTHER LIVESTOCK WANTED				
<b>Organic Dairy Goats Wanted</b>	We are searching for organic certified dairy goats. In milk preferable and from high health, johnes/ cae/ cla free or monitored herds.	Ginny Faulkner	07710 191519	Devon
<b>Pekin Organic Breeding Ducks</b>	Looking for breeding ducks: 100 Females GL 30 and 20 Males GL 50.	Daniel John Mason	07764 765743	Devon

LAND AND GRAZING WANTED				
<b>Chicken Litter Wanted</b>	600 tonnes of organic/gm-free chicken litter urgently needed for organic arable farm near Tarporley, Cheshire.	Matthew Hill	07919 575257	Cheshire

MISCELLANEOUS WANTED				
<b>Farmworker seeks work</b>	Organic vegetable farmworker seeks work in the UK	Paul Smith	07930 805670	Oxfordshire
<b>Organic Prima Donna hop plants</b>	Does anyone have any organic Prima Donna Hop plants for sale - I cannot seem to find any anywhere! I need about 35 plants. Many thanks!	Gwen Petitpierre	07798 638892	East Sussex
<b>Organic Farm Manager</b>	Farm Manager wanted for 1350 Ha Balcaskie Estate, East Neuk of Fife. Scotland. Organic Mixed Farm. 400 suckler Cows, 1600 ewes, 200 Ha Combinable crops. Salary: Competitive package including good accommodation if required. Please email sparsons@balcaskie.com for further details.	Sam Parsons		Fife



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