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## General News

### Farmers need certainty, consumers want food they can trust. Organic delivers both.

Defra's annual organic farming statistics for 2025 show a 7.3% increase in organic land area. More encouraging still, UK land entering organic conversion rose by a momentous 63%, creating a strong pipeline for future production. However, the comparative data for England alone is telling.

While England remains the largest organic land base in the UK at 301,000ha, its conversion area has grown by just 24%, with fully organic land remaining broadly static. This must be a wake-up call for government. We've repeatedly seen in the devolved nations that when organic farming is backed with clear policy intent, farmer confidence follows suit as 2025's statistics have highlighted.

Differing levels of government support for organic farming are creating an unequal footing for UK farmers, with huge variations in policy provision between England, Scotland and Wales.

As the first UK organic certification body to be approved by Defra and certifying over 30% of the UK organic sector, OF&G understands that financial support to aid the transition from conventional to organic production is a key driver for farmers making the switch.

The lack of support in England means our long-held aspiration to increase the amount of organically farmed land from three per cent to 10 per cent currently remains a pipe dream.

England cannot afford to lose ground in the drive to deliver more sustainable and benign farming systems.

Farmers are looking for certainty, consumers want food they trust and the evidence base for organic's environmental, economic and societal benefits would help meet multiple policy objectives. What's missing is a clear plan to tap into organic's full potential.

The question shouldn't be whether organic matters but how we scale its principles and the policy and market structures that supports the sector. As such, we urgently need a political commitment to organic farming in line with the measures seen in Scotland and Wales.

OF&G recommends addressing three clear objectives. Firstly, a robust framework to support farmers through conversion.

Secondly, the introduction of effective measures that strengthen organic supply chains.

And lastly, a vision to grow domestic production and capitalise on rising consumer demand that has seen 14 years of consecutive growth.

We know that the demand for organic is there. The question is whether England's agricultural policy will help farmers meet it.

*(Article first published in Yorkshire Post)*

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# Open Farm Sunday 7 June

## Land Use Framework signals joined up approach

This June marks the 20th anniversary of Open Farm Sunday, the industry's flagship initiative for public engagement.

Over two decades, events hosted at farms across the UK have attracted over 3.5 million visitors. Based around three core pillars: to educate, to connect and to build trust, Open Farm Sunday remains a valuable initiative for our industry to get behind.

More than a fun, family day out, it seeks to drive meaningful change in consumers' understanding of what farming with nature looks like in practice and how food production works alongside environmental stewardship.

There are at least five OF&G certified farms hosting events this year which is fantastic for putting organic in the spotlight! Thanks to all

those farms who've signed up, we'd love to hear how your day goes and ways we can support you in the future.

Good luck to everyone involved, have a great day - whether hosting, volunteering or simply visiting.

Homepage - [Open Farm Sunday](#)



## Time to break farming's fossil fertiliser habit

A coalition of 72 civil society, farming and environmental organisations has co-signed a letter urging the European Commission to use its forthcoming Fertiliser Action Plan to reduce agriculture's dependence on fossil-based synthetic fertilisers.

Warning that nitrogen fertiliser production leaves farmers exposed to volatile prices and geopolitical shocks, the letter highlights organic and agroecological farming as proven, practical alternatives, built around soil health, nutrient recycling, legumes and diverse rotations.

The coalition calls for stronger support for low-input farming, better nitrogen efficiency, regional biofertiliser production and continued protection of environmental safeguards, as well as the opportunity to participate in future discussions.

## OF&G in the news

There has been some excellent media pick up of OF&G's statement issued after the new Defra organic stats were announced. Coverage has appeared in Farmers Guardian, Farmers Weekly, Agronomist & Arable Farmer and a number of regional titles including a full commentary by Steve Clarkson in the Yorkshire Post's farming pages.

Some of you may also have seen the recent front cover story of Farmers Guardian which profiled OF&G licensees, the Gaudie family whose organic dairy farm in North Yorkshire is focusing on milk from forage and value-added produce. You can read the online story [here](https://www.farmersguardian.com/feature/4528936/milk-vending-milk-forage-boosted-resilience-north-yorkshire-dairy-farm) (https://www.farmersguardian.com/feature/4528936/milk-vending-milk-forage-boosted-resilience-north-yorkshire-dairy-farm).

As part of OF&G's ongoing communications plan, we are working to secure more case study articles that spotlight the benefits of organic – whether farming or processing.

If you have a story that you'd like to share please email Becky at our PR agency, Pinstone

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## Cardiff voucher scheme shows value of organic access

A Cardiff pilot scheme giving low-income households weekly credit for organic fruit and vegetables has shown promising results for health, community connection and local sustainable farming.

The Planet Card scheme, run through Cardiff farmers' markets, supported 120 households and generated around £19,000 in voucher spending directly with local growers.

Evaluation found participants increased healthy eating, improved food knowledge and valued the dignity of shopping directly from farmers.

Food Cardiff and Food Sense Wales are now calling for the scheme to be expanded, alongside a Welsh Organic Fruit and Vegetable Voucher Scheme to make good food fairer and more accessible.

To read the full Planet Card 2023–2025 report by Food Cardiff and Food Sense Wales, click [here](https://foodcardiff.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Planet-Card-April-26.pdf). (https://foodcardiff.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Planet-Card-April-26.pdf)

## 2026 Shows/Events OF&G is attending

- **7 June** Open Farm Sunday (and dates throughout the month)
- **9 June** [Organic dairy conference and farm walk](#)
- **1 & 2 July** [Groundswell](#)
- **18 - 21 June** [Royal Highland Show](#) (in conjunction with SOPA)
- **ARK Summit** - Weathering Uncertainty: Cultivating Long-Term Resilience for Land, Food, Biodiversity and Community. **Friday 19 June**, on the organic Winwood Family Farm in the Cotswolds. The event promises to explore the forces shaping regenerative and organic agriculture, agroecology, nature restoration and landscape recovery.

# PBOs and GMOs, what the High Court Judicial Review Revealed

[See the Beyond GM newsletter.](#)

Beyond GM's hard work reached an important milestone with a two day judicial review in the Royal Courts of Justice on 12 -13 April. During both the pre-trial negotiations and the hearing itself, it became clear that pressure from the judicial review – which stands up for the rights of the organic and non-GMO sectors, farmers, food businesses and the wider public – has forced movement on issues such as mandatory labelling of PBO seeds and the need to affirm PBO status on the National Variety List (the official list of plant varieties that can be placed on the market).

These are issues that the government would have preferred to leave on the back burner, but that is no longer an option. The hearing exposed just how fragile and contradictory the government's position is and it was the first time the public had a chance to hear the government's arguments and evidence, some of which were subject to confidentiality restrictions before the hearing.

The proceedings were very technical, with barristers and the judge moving constantly between multiple computer screens, paper evidence bundles, legal authorities and witness materials as they worked through the issues in real time. Beyond GM's legal team from Leigh Day were skilled and erudite, with powerful arguments and strong and well-argued case.

There was, threaded throughout the government's case, a striking lack of understanding of what organic is

and how organic systems function in practice. At one point the government barrister argued, as they have throughout, that a farmer losing their certification could simply continue farming organically without it, with no loss of business or reputation!

It was noteworthy that Precision Bred Organisms were referred to as GMOs throughout, and yet the government stuck to its guns about the urgent need for deregulation to give the UK a "first mover advantage" in biotechnology. What seemed clear was that government prioritises biotech policy objectives over coexistence and transparency concerns.

When the judge asked how people might avoid PBOs in the food system if they are not labelled, the government barrister suggested they could eat organic. The irony was difficult to miss given that the Regulations simultaneously remove many of the practical tools organic operators rely on to maintain PBO-free status.

The inconsistencies in the government's position were clear, and hopefully not lost on the judge:

The government's barristers conceded that PBOs are scientifically genetically modified organisms, while arguing they should not be regulated as GMOs.

They argued that PBOs are safe and equivalent to conventional crops, while also acknowledging unique environmental risks that require monitoring and robust coexistence measures.

They suggested that if people wanted to avoid GMOs they could just eat organic, while defending the removal of real-world traceability tools that allow organic farmers and food businesses to remain PBO-free.

They argued that Environment Minister Daniel Zeichner, who signed the Regulations into law but is no longer in post, was well-informed about the Regulations, while also indicating he had been misled by some of the ministerial briefings on which he relied.

They also argued that regulators had to move quickly to get the regulations through to realise the economic benefits of a "first mover advantage" in agricultural biotechnology, while conceding that key parts of the system are not operational or are misaligned, and no marketable PBO products currently exist.

The judgement is anticipated before the summer recess, and though it is obviously hard to predict, whatever the outcome, the case has already changed the conversation. Consumer choice, organic identity and integrity, traceability, democratic oversight, environmental risk and the future direction of our food system – issues that are too often pushed to the margins or written off as technical minutiae – are being vigorously debated, thanks to Beyond GM.

The work of Beyond GM continues, they still need support, so [donations](#) are welcome to help see the case through. Subscribe to the [Beyond GM Newsletter](#)

## Staff News

**Ryan Mason** - has now left the business for greener pastures, and the role has been taken on by Dominique Palfrey.

### **Dominique Palfrey - Processor Certification Officer**

We are really pleased to tell you about our newest member of the OF&G team. Dominique joined OF&G on 7 April as a Processor Certification Officer and is currently getting to grips with our systems and processes.

I'm sure over the coming weeks and months many of our processor licensees will hear from Dominique as she becomes more familiar with the complexities of organic certification.

We will give her some time to settle in and provide you with a bit more background about her in a few months time.

### **Rose Huxley - Certification Administrator**

We are really pleased to introduce another new member of the OF&G team, Rose, who has been helping with Certification of Inspections (COIs), artwork, and sending out inspection paperwork, to name just a few of her responsibilities. Her support has been a great asset to the Certification team.

# Regenerative farming greenwash in the USA



Whilst many consumers think that the “regenerative” label means no pesticides, it is only organic, a truly regenerative standard, that eliminates hazardous pesticides, thus reducing pesticide exposure.

A **report** published in May 2026 by US Friends of the Earth (FoE) provides a clear analysis of the rapid expansion of regenerative food labels in the USA. This is a wake-up call to those involved in the UK regen greenwash.

With the Groundswell regen festival on the horizon at Lannock Farm (1-2 July 2026), it is important to keep in mind the reminder in the US FoE **Press Release**: “Along with human health, agrochemical reduction matters for the land itself. Decades of scientific research show that reducing reliance on synthetic pesticides and fertilizers is foundational to any credible regenerative system. These chemicals degrade soil biology, decimate pollinators, contribute significantly to climate emissions and pollute our air and water. Labels that ignore this reality risk reinforcing the very system they claim to transform.”

As Charlotte Vallaeyes, one of the co-authors of the report reminds us, “Labels only matter if people can trust them. That trust depends on independent third-party verification to confirm that farmers are meeting the standard and strong traceability systems to ensure that the final product actually contains ingredients from

those farms. Even the most rigorous standards have limited value without credible systems to verify compliance and track products from the farm to the final product consumers see on the shelf.”

Pesticide Action Network UK (PAN UK) has **revealed** that the Defra pesticide usage survey shows increased use of glyphosate, up 1,000% since 1990 - from 200 tonnes to 2,200 tonnes. The area of farmland treated with this toxic pesticide increased ten-fold over the same period to 2.6 million hectares. Glyphosate is central to no-till conventional regenerative farming.

It is clear that the surge in regenerative labels in the USA reflects growing demand for a better food system but there are gaps in policy. Favouring conventional, chemical-intensive monocultures means that the consumer is consistently misled by the regenerative label.

The very report’s summary table below shows 13 regen labels against 13 criteria (seven agrochemical, four soil health and two integrity). What emerges is:

- Lack of verification of farmer compliance is widespread.
- Verification and traceability requirements range from robust to nearly meaningless.
- Organic and Regenerative Organic labels stand out as the most reliable and enforceable standards and verification guarantees.

**Summary of Regenerative Agriculture Certifications**

THRESHOLD STANDARDS	AGROCHEMICALS							SOIL HEALTH PRACTICES				INTEGRITY	
	Pesticide Prohibition	Pesticide Residue	Integrated Pest Management	Non-GMO seeds	GMOs	Fertiliser prohibition	Fertiliser Reduction	Feeding the Soil	Cover Crops	Appropriate Tillage	Crop Rotations	Verification	Traceability
Regenerative Organic Certified - All Levels	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Real Organic Project	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
USDA Organic	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Demeter Biodynamic	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Certified Regenerative by A Greener World	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Certified Regenerative International - Grade A	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Rainforest Alliance Regenerative	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	●	●
Certified Regenerative International - In Transition	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
PATHWAY STANDARDS													
Soil & Climate Health Initiative Verified Level IV	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Soil & Climate Health Initiative Verified Level I	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Regenagri - Baseline Level*	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Regenified Tier 5	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Regenified Tier 2	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

\* Evaluation of the top Regenagri tier is not possible with current public data.

● Fully meets the bar    ● Partially meets the bar    ● Does not meet the bar    ○ Not applicable

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

CS - Christopher Stopes , SC - Steve Clarkson , JB - Jenny Bibb

NAME	ACTIVITY	DATE	COMMENT
CS	English Organic Forum / Defra update	31/3	Online
CS	Wildlife & Countryside Link Pesticide Working Group	1/4	Online
CS	English Organic Forum / Defra update	7/4	Online
CS	English Organic Forum & Defra Policy Group	16/4	Online
CS	English Organic Forum / Defra update	1/5	Online
CS	English Organic Forum / Defra update	8/5	Online
CS	Beyond GM Judicial Review	13/5	In person
CS	English Organic Forum / Defra update	14/5	Online
CS	Pesticide Action Network UK Board	18/5	Online
CS	Wildlife & Countryside Link Agriculture Working Group	21/5	Online
SC	Welsh Organic Forum	16/3	Online
SC	English Organic Forum & Defra Policy Group	16/4	Online
SC	English Organic Forum / Defra Update	1/5	Online
SC	English Organic Forum / Defra Update	8/5	Online

## Market Reports

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

In 1999, Organic Arable Marketing Group—later renamed Organic Arable—was founded by a group of six organic farmers to maintain producer cohesion and presence in the organic market. For the past 27 years, the company has supported its farmer members in doing so. The 2025 harvest season will be its last as a grain marketing business, and the company will cease trading later this year.

It has been a remarkable 27 years, marked by significant change and development in both the organic sector and the organic cereal market. On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone who has been involved with Organic Arable over that time—our farmers, Board, and customers. While it has not always been an easy ride, it has been both informative and rewarding, and has provided many happy memories.

I will continue working in the organic cereal sector in a couple of new roles and look forward to continuing to work with organic farmers. You are innovators and resourceful problem-solvers, constantly adapting and refining your farming systems, and I thoroughly enjoy seeing these evolutions.

There is now very little domestic grain left unsold on farms. Ongoing geopolitical unrest has led to some strengthening in grain values, benefiting organic farmers, with prices higher than they have been throughout the season. Feed mills generally have good coverage, so demand is limited ahead of the new crop.

Recent rainfall has alleviated some drought concerns in the West, although the East remains dry. The table shows rainfall data for Gloucester and Cambridge over the past two years, alongside long-term average

Rainfall Jan to May (mm)	Gloucester	Cambridge
2025 (whole month May)	305.5	101.9
2026 (May to date)	406.9	106.7
Long Term Average	315.9	267.7

The East is again experiencing dry conditions similar to last year, although temperatures have been cooler. Gloucester appears to have received slightly above-average rainfall, although this may come as a surprise as most report conditions dry. Crops in the West are generally looking well, while those further East are beginning to show some signs of drought stress. The dry, warm conditions in March provided excellent weed management opportunities, and crops appear clean this year, with hoeing having been particularly effective.

As we look ahead to the new crop, expectations are that prices will begin higher than this season, with £300 ex-farm an achievable target for feed wheat. Barley and oats are expected to trade at slightly lower levels, with premiums available for human consumption depending on quality. June is an important month, as temperature and light drive crop development and yield. Ideally, we would see significant rainfall in the East, followed by warm, bright days to support strong harvest yields.

see <https://www.organicarable.co.uk/arable> for more information. **01638 744144 / 07980 955490**

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# Organic Livestock Trends: OLMC

## ORGANIC STORE CATTLE REPORT

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The cattle trade continues to be very buoyant with buyers hungry for cattle to turn out.

We now have a waiting list of buyers for 300-400 kg, 12-month-old cattle which is reflective of the demand for organic cattle. The grass is starting to green up and grow in most areas and while we have had plenty of rain, the ground is starting to slowly dry out and conditions for turn out will be here soon.

Breeders are either calving cows now or certainly calving in the next couple of months with over 80% of the national beef herd being spring calving. This means that producers are starting to think about their breeding policy and bull selection. Obviously, the aim is to get a calf and a cow back in calf as quickly as possible to end up with a calf every 365 days. Early calvers will already have made decisions on breeding policy and later calvers need to be thinking of bull selection PDQ.

The subject of cattle breeding is vast and in a short article like this, it is simply impossible to cover the subject comprehensively. There are nevertheless a few simple issues that need contemplation and thought.

To make progress with breeding cattle, the bull needs to be of better genetics than the existing female herd. I would urge you to select a bull that is going to produce progeny that maximises returns from the marketplace, but also take a long-term view and consider that the female progeny will be the basis of the herd in the future. This of course depends on the size of the herd and may mean two breeding programmes, one focused on breeding cattle to sell and one for replacement heifers.

The importance of cattle breeding on farm returns is without question. It costs the same to feed a badly bred

steer or heifer as it does a good one.

We are always available to give advice and we have contacts with good breeders who can supply bulls. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

## OLMC FINISHED STOCK

### Prime Cattle

The trade has started to come back a little, not at the pace the current conventional trade is experiencing though. Supplies of cattle are meeting current supply requirements and sales are reported to have dipped a little.

**Average R4L Organic UTM in spec @ 740p/kg deadweight**

### Cull cow

While the number of organic cull cows coming on to the market hasn't increased significantly, we have seen a weakening in cull prices across the board. This is reflected in the conventional trade also.

Better warmer weather encouraging consumers to light their BBQ's will hopefully increase processing and prime meat sales as we go further into the summer.

**Average R4L Organic OTM Cow in spec @ 560p/kg deadweight**

### Lamb

The organic lamb price continues to rise as we see a strong abattoir demand for hoggets. The New season organic is some weeks away so reliance on what hoggets are still available will continue to fan this blazing trade.

**Average R3L organic NSL in spec @ 900p/kg**

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## Classified Ads

**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>4 x Organic Stores</b>	4 Organic stores. A.Angus x steer 14mths. Lakenvelder x Steer 12mths. Rouge Flamande x Steer 10mths. A.Angus x heifer 10mths. TB tested 17/04/26	Matt Preston	07771 906670	Dorset
<b>14 Store cattle - 9 steers, 5 Heifers</b>	North Devon and North Devon Cross. 12 months old. TB4. Red tractor and OF&G assured. electric fence trained currently wearing Monil no fence collars and trained to these successfully. weight average 350kg at last weight	Hazel Church	07843 663698	Bedfordshire
<b>Certified pedigree devon heifers and steers</b>	27 Organic Devon heifers and steers mostly hieifers. Tb tested ready to go 6 to 9 months old £750 will do a deal on the lot	Tom Floyd	07515 465914	Devon
<b>Pedigree Hereford bull</b>	Rosemore 1 Cumbria. Pedigree registered Hereford bull for sale, 17 months old. Polled. BVD vaccinated. SAC high health herd, BVD and Johnes accredited. Halter broken, quiet and very easily handled.	Tim Roberts	07432 190368	Herefordshire
<b>Organic Store Cattle</b>	We have a group of 80+ store cattle dairy onto Herefords & AA and a few Limi. Looking to sell around half the small sized animal. TB testing next week, tough stock that have been outwintered.	Martyn	07811 255636	Cornwall

CATTLE FOR SALE CONTINUED				
<b>Stabiliser bulls</b>	Stabiliser bulls for sale	Alan Robert Derryman	07976 624611	Devon
<b>Organic bulling heifers for sale</b>	Pure stabiliser / Stabiliser x South Devon. Various ages 14 - 24 months. Homebred from registered Stabiliser breeding group stock. Surplus to requirements. Prices vary. Please contact for more details	James Mutton	07787 184226	Cornwall
<b>2 Highland Bulls for sale</b>	2 highland bulls for sale. Nice, quiet chaps. Birth notified and will be registered pedigree upon sale. 24-28 months old. TB tested until 22nd May.	Hattie Crow	07809 659877	Shropshire

CATTLE WANTED				
<b>Organic Pedigree Speckle Park Heifers wanted</b>	Seeking organic, pedigree Speckle Park heifers for 2026 breeding season.	Frances Guy	01985 840731	Wiltshire
<b>Belted Galloway heifers wanted</b>	Looking to buy 3 or 4 organic Belted Galloway bulling heifers, ready to go the bull this summer. Might also consider yearling heifer(s). Need to be registered and either Johnes level 1 or willing to test before sale.	James Stoyles	07375 025229	East Ayrshire
<b>Horned Hereford heifers and breeding cows wanted</b>	Horned Hereford heifers and breeding cows wanted, west Somerset	Alexander Fraser	01398 331247	Somerset
<b>cattle wanted</b>	South Devon Heifers wanted , preferably 20/24 months old .	Tim Cunningham	01822 820443	Devon
<b>A herd of organic Beef Shorthorns wanted</b>	A medium-sized herd of spring calving organic of known health status beef shorthorns. Please call if you have such a herd to sell or know of someone who will do by the winter.	Victoria Nye & James Kimber	07778 397979	Wiltshire
<b>Aberdeen Angus Heifers</b>	Want 5 AA or AAX bulling heifers	William Brown	07866 421919	Scotland
<b>Bulling heifers</b>	Looking for 4/5 organic bulling heifers	David	07815 154025	Cornwall

DAIRY CATTLE FOR SALE				
<b>Organic in calf and bulling Holstien Friesian Heifers</b>	Organic in Calf and bulling heifers for sale. All home bred from our BVD,Lepto and IBR free closed herd. In calf to mainly Genus sexed bulls via GMS mating program. TB tested and ready to go, based in Shropshire.	Chris Jerman	07792 030931	Powys
<b>Organic Dairy Herd Sale</b>	100 Dairy cows 8000l av producing PWAB milk young herd,TB tested and ready to go.	Alun Bennett	07866 667943	Powys

DAIRY CATTLE WANTED				
<b>Organic Holstien Friesian Cows</b>	Wanted - around 8,000L organic cows to replace losses from TB blood test, must have high herd health status and must be Johnes free.	Will Hiscock	07826 929187	Dorset
<b>Ayrshire Heifers</b>	Wanted 84 Organic Pedigree Ayrshire heifers 18-20 months. Preferably from a holding free from TB for the last three years and outside of the high risk area.	James Henry Gay	07772 471908	Gloucestershire
<b>Organic Jersey X maiden heifers required</b>	Looking for up to 25 maiden heifers from a block calving system. Any age from 4 months to 24 months. Must be high health and preferably tag and tested for BVD.	Tim Bowden	07970 498772	Dorset
<b>Organic Jersey X maiden heifers required</b>	Looking for up to 25 Jersey x maiden heifers from 6 to 20 months old. Must be from a high health status herd and preferably tag and tested for BVD	Tim Bowden	07970 498772	Dorset
<b>Organic dairy cattle required</b>	Large and small groups of dairy cattle and young stock required	Peter Jones	07720 892922	Cheshire

MACHINERY FOR SALE				
<b>Used 8m wide System Cameleon seed drill and camera guided inter row hoe.</b>	Used 8 meter wide System Cameleon seed drill and camera guided inter row hoe. Steering axle and wide & narrow wheels. Located near Bedford. Viewing welcome. Vat to be added to sale price. Buyer to arrange collection. Sold as seen.	Richard Harrison	07939 557251	Bedfordshire

**FEEDSTUFFS AND FORAGE FOR SALE**

<b>Silage for sale</b>	11 ME and 17% protein silage 200T for sale. Analysis on request.	A L Sayers Ltd	07870 205721	Cornwall
<b>Organic Round bales</b>	50 organic round bales, 50/50 grass silage & herbal ley. 16 layers of wrap, good quality bales. Collection from Llangadog	Mr Williams	07811 177671	Carmarthenshire

**FEEDSTUFFS AND FORAGE WANTED**

<b>Organic Straw</b>	I am looking for 2 possibly 3 large bales of organic straw to feed to a batch of young goat kids as forage and rumen health. Barley or Oat straw would be good but am open to what ever is available. As close to Cumbria as possible but will travel further	Frank Hunter	07789 725264	Cumbria
<b>Organic grass to mow and bale North Devon area</b>	Wanted certified grass to cut and bale North Devon area but willing to travel within reason this season coming.	Tom Floyd	07515 465914	Devon
<b>Forage wanted</b>	Looking for 1000t forage to feed dairy cattle. Grass, whole crop or maize in the Bath area.	Jonathan Hill	07854 191244	Wiltshire

**MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE**

<b>Organic Poultry Manure</b>	Organic straw based poultry litter for Export. North Devon, near Barnstaple. Must be able to collect.	Martin Burge	07970 963203	Devon
<b>Poultry Manure</b>	Approximately 200 tonnes of poultry manure available from late August/early September 2026. CA10 3QG.	Sam Wood	07789 907727	Cumbria
<b>Boston New Potatoes</b>	Rocket Boston New Potatoes. Excellent sample, taste as good as ever! Grown on the silt land. 25kg bags. Please call for the price	George Danby	07788 413355	Boston Lincs

**MISCELLANEOUS WANTED**

<b>Organic gardener &amp; grower seeks work</b>	Experienced organic gardener and grower seeks work in the UK	Paul Smith	07930 805670	Oxfordshire
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**LAND AND GRAZING TO LET**

<b>To let: 33 acres of summer grazing land available for 40 sheep</b>	To let: 33 acres of land available in southwest Wales for around 40 sheep until mid-August. Certified organic. Call for further details.	Rosie Slater	07754 575084	Carmarthenshire
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**OTHER LIVESTOCK WANTED**

<b>Organic Pigs</b>	Organic weaners/stores for finishing. Any breed considered, age or size, need to be certified organic. Ideally in the southeast of England but can travel further.	Matt Britton	07854 109331	Kent
<b>Organic weaners</b>	Looking for regular supply of organic weaner pigs	Tim	07432 190368	Herefordshire
<b>In pig pedigree Oxford Sandy and Black Gilts</b>	I am looking for 2 in pig Oxford Sandy and Black gilts	Fiona Dunne	07786 423232	Cambridgeshire

**SHEEP WANTED**

<b>Wanted Texel x mule ewe hoggs</b>	Must be well grown	John	07789 352330	Northumberland
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## General

### Defra publication - SPS Agreement

Defra has published new guidance to help businesses prepare for the upcoming SPS agreement and understand the potential actions they may need to take.

The main guidance page outlines the agreement, its scope, expected timelines, and practical steps businesses can take now: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sps-agreement-preparing-your-business>

**If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact your Certification Officer**

Specific guidance for the organic sector is also available: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sps-agreement-preparing-your-business/organics-sectors-preparing-your-business>

We encourage operators to review the guidance and share it within their wider networks to support early awareness and preparation.

## Producers

### Pullet Rearing standards/derogations

In the February edition of the Technical newsletter we reminded operators that Defra had extended the provision allowing pullets that have been managed to the organic feed and veterinary standards (so called 'part-organic' pullets) to be brought onto an organic farm. The original regulation expired at the end of December 2025 and Defra had extended this to 31 December 2026.

As it stands from 1 January 2027 all pullets brought onto an organic unit at over 3 days of age must be fully organic pullets from a rearer that is registered with an organic control body such as OF&G.

We are aware that there are currently no specific organic pullet rearing standards in place in GB and it is unlikely there will be any in place by the end of 2026. We have been discussing this with Defra together with the implementation of the EU organic rules in line with the SPS agreement and have provided details on the number of organic egg and table bird producers in GB that might be affected by this.

As and when more details become available we will inform operators.

### Feeding Adult Monogastric Animals

As detailed in the December 2025 Newsletter and again in the April 2026 Newsletter the rules allowing the use of a percentage of specific protein feeds was due to be extended beyond the original expiry of 31 December 2025. However, in line with requirements in Northern Ireland the use of 5% non-organic protein in diets is now restricted to 'young animals', these being pigs of less than 35kg liveweight and birds of less than 30 weeks of age. An animal outside of these requirements must be fed fully organic feeds.

Defra provided some leniency to allow the removal of the 5% non-organic protein from diets without adversely affecting the health and welfare of the animals concerned. This period of transition gave a maximum of 14 weeks for producers with birds older than 30 weeks and pigs heavier than 35kg liveweight to move to fully organic diets, with all producers required to be fully compliant with these rules by 9th April 2026. Given the time period we should no longer be seeing 5% non-organic protein being used in the diets of animals that are not deemed to be 'young animals'.

## Processors

### Definition of Processing in line with TCA

As set out under the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA), products cannot be imported into the UK and subsequently exported to the EU unless they have undergone further processing. The key consideration is whether the product can be classified as 'processed.'

EU and UK legislation defines processing as an action that substantially alters the original product, including activities such as heating, smoking, curing, drying, extraction, extrusion, or a combination of these processes. In contrast, activities such as slicing, freezing, cleaning, milling, trimming, or packaging are generally regarded as "preserving" rather

than processing and, on their own, would not qualify.

We are reminding you of the TCA requirements due to the EU tightening its interpretation of what is considered "further processed." As a result, the requirements have become more stringent. Following discussions with other Control Bodies, it has become apparent that products we previously classified as processed are not regarded as further processed by EU Control Bodies. Therefore, we will need to ensure that products have undergone sufficient further processing before we can endorse Certificates of Inspection.

# 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
Russell IPM Ltd	<a href="https://russellbio.net">https://russellbio.net</a>	Insect Control
Nichino Europe Co., Ltd	<a href="https://www.nichino-europe.com/">https://www.nichino-europe.com/</a>	Fertiliser, Seed Treatment
Aquaculture Ltd	<a href="https://aqua-culture.co.uk/">https://aqua-culture.co.uk/</a>	Fertiliser, Foliar Treatment, Soil Conditioners, Plant Health Products
Fargro Ltd.	<a href="https://www.fargro.co.uk/">https://www.fargro.co.uk/</a>	Fungicide, Bio-Insecticide, Plant Health Products, Pest Control, Fertilisers.
Edwards Agricultural Supplies	<a href="https://www.ukseaweedfertiliser.co.uk/">https://www.ukseaweedfertiliser.co.uk/</a>	Fertiliser, Manure Treatment
Mineral Guard Europe Sp z o.o.	<a href="https://mineral-guard.com/pl/">https://mineral-guard.com/pl/</a>	Additives
The Woodhorn Group/The Earth Cycle	<a href="http://www.woodhorngroup.co.uk/">http://www.woodhorngroup.co.uk/</a>	Composts
AminoA Ltd	<a href="https://www.aminoa.co.uk/">https://www.aminoa.co.uk/</a>	Fertiliser, Seed Treatment
GROWING-UP International Corp.	<a href="https://www.growing8.com/">https://www.growing8.com/</a>	Plant Health Products
De Sangosse SA	<a href="http://www.desangosse.com/">http://www.desangosse.com/</a>	Pest Control, Insect Control
Lallemand Animal Nutrition UK	<a href="https://www.lallemandanimalnutrition.com/en/europe">https://www.lallemandanimalnutrition.com/en/europe</a>	Silage Additive, Animal Feed Supplements, Slurry Treatment, Animal Feed Additives, Animal Feed Material.
Genus ABS	<a href="http://www.genusbreeding.co.uk/">http://www.genusbreeding.co.uk/</a>	Silage Additive.
Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	<a href="https://www.pro-grow.com/">https://www.pro-grow.com/</a>	Soil Conditioner
Gardening Naturally Ltd	<a href="http://www.gardening-naturally.com">www.gardening-naturally.com</a>	Fertiliser, Bedding Materials, Pest control
Chamcotec Ltd	<a href="http://www.chamcotec.com/">http://www.chamcotec.com/</a>	Disinfectant/Cleaning Agent
EnviroSystems (UK) Ltd/Greenlands Nutrition	<a href="https://www.envirosystems.co.uk/">https://www.envirosystems.co.uk/</a>	Silage Additive, Slurry Treatment, Manure Treatment, Bedding Materials.
Koppert UK Ltd	<a href="https://www.koppert.co.uk">https://www.koppert.co.uk</a>	Biofungicide
Danstar Ferment AG	<a href="https://www.lallemandplantcare.com">https://www.lallemandplantcare.com</a>	Bio-insecticide, Fertiliser
Feel Complete Group Ltd	<a href="https://feelcomplete.com/">https://feelcomplete.com/</a>	Ingredients
Thompson & Joseph Ltd	<a href="http://www.tandj.co.uk/">http://www.tandj.co.uk/</a>	Fertiliser
Evergreen Garden Care UK Ltd	<a href="https://www.lovethegarden.com/uk-en">https://www.lovethegarden.com/uk-en</a>	Insect Control, Plant Disease Control, Fertilisers, Biocides, Fungicide.
Kilco (International) Ltd	<a href="https://www.kilcoint.com/en/">https://www.kilcoint.com/en/</a>	Animal Health Product, Disinfectant / Cleaning Agent
Kilwaughter Minerals Ltd	<a href="http://www.kilwaughter.com/">http://www.kilwaughter.com/</a>	Soil Conditioner
Material Change Composting Limited		Composts, Soil Conditioner
Volac International Ltd.	<a href="https://www.volac.com/">https://www.volac.com/</a>	Animal Feed Additives, Slurry Treatments, Silage Additive
SAN Agrow Holding GmbH	<a href="http://www.san-agrow.com">http://www.san-agrow.com</a>	Pest Control
Pelagia (Bressay) Limited	<a href="https://pelagia.com/cm/">https://pelagia.com/cm/</a>	Soil Conditioner
Central Pharma Biotechnica	<a href="https://biotechnica.co.uk/">https://biotechnica.co.uk/</a>	Plant Health Products, Fertilisers
Biopreparáty, spol. s r.o.	<a href="https://www.biogama.eu/">https://www.biogama.eu/</a>	Bio-Fungicide


## Recently awarded approved inputs


SUPPLIER	WEBSITE / EMAIL	CATEGORY
Trinity Nutrition Limited	<a href="http://www.trinitynutrition.ie">www.trinitynutrition.ie</a>	Animal Feed Supplements




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