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General News

Organic sector applauds Government Action Plan to build a more resilient food system

OF&G has welcomed the Government's commitment to organic production and to strengthen supply chains to meet increasing consumer demand via a new Organic Action Plan for England, published 14th October.

The plan sets an ambition to grow the share of English agricultural land farmed organically from around 3.4% today towards 10%.

Recognising organic systems deliver environmental benefits, the plan prioritises growing domestic organic farming and supply chains to lower reliance on imported organic food. Organic farming helps to reduce the use of inputs like synthetic nitrogen fertilisers and pesticides.



In response to rising consumer demand for organic produce, another focus of the plan supports organic farmers and growers and the sector as a whole to tackle supply chain barriers, so helping secure markets for British organic food and drink.

English Organic Forum representatives have enthusiastically greeted the plan, describing it as an important step towards a clear national policy framework for the sector.

Adrian Steele, Co-chair of the EOF and Soil Association Farming Advisor, said: “"An Organic Action Plan for England is a win for the UK's food and farming system. It recognises that more organic land can help the government to deliver its wider environmental goals, from healthier soils and cleaner water to more biodiversity and less reliance on artificial inputs like pesticides.

"With growing consumer demand for organic often being met by imports, we have long called for a more joined-up approach that breaks down supply chain barriers and helps farmers meet that demand.

"England has an innovative and entrepreneurial food and farming sector, and we welcome this plan which we hope will create the right conditions for organic farmers, growers and businesses to invest and thrive."

EOF states the plan responds to the vulnerability of food systems exposed by recent global events, whilst strengthening domestic production, processing and distribution capacity, as well as improving access to organic food through public procurement and retail supply chains.

Christopher Stopes, Co-chair of the EOF and OF&G Policy Advisor, said: “Many in the organic sector

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have worked tirelessly to see the OAPE come to fruition – its publication is a huge triumph. In the face of growing pressures from climate volatility, rising costs and supply-chain disruption, organic farming can help strengthen resilience. By building fertility in the soil and supporting healthier, more diverse farming systems, organic has long been recognised for its strict standards, full transparency and for contributing to government's environmental policy objectives. This is a major opportunity for organic farmers and food businesses to bring the plan to life over the coming years."

The organic market in the UK continues to grow, reaching £3.9bn last year, a 4.2% year-on-year increase. Yet this progress is not reflected in organic farmland in England, which remains static at around 3%[1]. This sharply contrasts with devolved nations that have implemented clear strategies that support the organic sector. EOF hopes this expansion can be replicated in England in the coming years.

A coalition of organisations from across the organic movement, EOF includes representatives from the arable, horticulture and livestock sectors, alongside retailers and public procurement bodies. EOF stakeholders remain committed to engaging with Defra to support future growth in the sector while helping to strengthen environmental resilience and long-term food security.

[1] Soil Association Organic Market Report 2026. **https://www.soilassociation.org/for-business/soil-association-certification/business-support/organic-market-report/**

Download the Organic Action Plan for England here: **https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6ace1246c84c8ff1bc8b8019/Organic_Action_Plan_for_England.pdf**

Scientists should stop avoiding food system controversies - review the composition of the Food & Farming Partnership Board (F&FPB)

The **8.9ha** Newsletter, produced by ffinlo Costain recently highlighted a paper published in the respected journal **Perspectives in Nature - Food** with the title: Engagement in food system-related controversies can strengthen science–policy–society interfaces that makes the case that "scientists working on food systems have been getting their relationship with controversy backwards. Rather than retreating into claims of objectivity and neutrality when disputes flare up over agriculture, diet, health and the environment, the authors argue, researchers should engage directly with the disagreements — using structured, transdisciplinary dialogue to convert conflict into what they call actionable knowledge".

The coverage in 8.9Ha goes on to report that "food systems sit at the intersection of agriculture, health and the environment, which means disputes over them are rarely simple factual disagreements. The authors distinguish controversies — prolonged public disputes between actors with genuinely divergent positions — from the more everyday friction of scholarly debate and democratic politics (a distinction they borrow from the concept of "agonism"). Controversies escalate, the paper argues, when actors with competing stakes become entrenched: faced with contrary evidence, groups often dismiss it as anomalous or simply ignore it rather than update their position.

"Scientists, the authors note, tend to retreat from this terrain. Trained to prize objectivity, many food-system researchers focus narrowly on their own disciplinary findings and treat the wider system of vested interests shaping how that science gets used as somebody else's problem. The result, the paper argues, is that food-policy conclusions often end up shaped more by economic and political pressure than by integrated scientific understanding — precisely because scientists have left the room."

In this context, it is instructive to consider how the Food and Farming Partnership Board is developing a Poultry Sector Growth Plan that is failing to take note of the scientific controversy surrounding the different perspectives on the need for food system transformation.

The Poultry Sector Growth Plan appears to be hell-bent on increasing the production of intensive poultry, with significant risks of pollution, and compromised animal welfare. The composition of the F&FPB is linked to their apparent failure to accept that other points of views are valid and that there is controversy highlighted by the letter to Secretary of State Angela Eagle, and the petition organised by River Action.

According to this Nature Food paper, the F&FPB should engage in this controversy, invite others to the table and consider whether this increased intensification and scale of poultry production is either necessary or desirable.

The objective must be to enable multi-sectoral decision making that can move towards sustainable food system transformations. This requires a transdisciplinary approach, involving diverse actors, analysing the social and ecological complexity, and honestly examining priorities and attitudes. It depends on communicating the full range of knowledge available.

We need to enable a dialogue between all scientists, policy makers, NGOs and others, respecting and surfacing divergent viewpoints and so establish a safe space for discussion that goes beyond an emphasis on meeting the needs of vested interests, to establish consensus. We need to build on disagreements to generate actionable knowledge, utilising joint learning and collaborative planning and so help address power asymmetries. We need to improve the representation of diverse points of view on the F&FPB.

Organic farming outperforms other assurance schemes, major Defra-backed review by organic Research Centre

https://www.organicresearchcentre.com/news-events/news/defra_review_organic_farming/

A key reason why Defra and environmental organisations support increasing the area of organically managed land is the good evidence that organic meets environmental objectives. The environmental benefits of organic production, relative to conventional, non-organic production are well established.

A comprehensive review commissioned by Defra and conducted by the Organic Research Centre (ORC) in 2025 confirms the breadth and consistency of the evidence across a range of production systems. In addition, the better animal welfare outcomes from organic livestock production are also clear.

Benefits to the environment arising from organic agriculture include improvements to soil health and soil carbon levels, water quality and farmland biodiversity, all summarised in the Table from the ORC evidence review. This is included in the government's recently published Organic Action Plan for England.

The ORC systematic literature review also shows how organic farming reduces the application of synthetic nitrogen fertilisers and pesticides, inputs whose environmental costs are increasingly well understood.

Organic production looks at the whole farm system, therefore these benefits happen naturally, the outcome from the overall approach, rather than focusing on individual aspects of the farming system. At the farm level, organic production reduces exposure to increases in prices of synthetic inputs, improving farm resilience and ensuring high animal welfare whilst reducing antibiotic use.

The strict and coherent organic farming standards, and the annual farm inspection, means that these benefits are assured, so consumers can have confidence in the benefits through the organic certification that accompanies organic products.

Summary of key findings from a recent evidence review conducted by the Organic Research Centre for Defra

EIP Goal	Organic Evidence?	Evidence (based on peer-reviewed literature, spatial data, Critical Control Point (CCP) analysis and farm-scale data)
1. Restored nature	Strong evidence	Strong peer-reviewed evidence of biodiversity benefits; supported by farm-scale assessments
4. Chemical exposure	Strong evidence	Clear prohibition on most pesticides in standards
6. Sustainable resources (soil health)	Strong evidence	Strong peer-reviewed evidence supported by farm-scale assessments
7. Climate change (adaptation)	Strong evidence	Strong evidence of enhanced soil health and diversity in cropping systems; building resilience
3. Clean water	Moderate or some evidence	Moderately strong evidence from literature; standards relating to nutrient management indicate aspiration
10. Public engagement	Moderate or some evidence	Farm-scale data indicated high levels of public engagement; not explicit in standards
8. Environmental hazards	Moderate or some evidence	Flood and drought mitigation indirectly supported through soil health improvements; moderately strong benefit
9. Biosecurity	Moderate or some evidence	Moderate aspiration in standards
5. Waste minimisation	Moderate or some evidence	Moderate aspiration in standards
7. Climate change (mitigation)	Weak or no evidence	Some positive but overall weak evidence on greenhouse gas (GHG) mitigation, compounded by differences in functional units (land area vs product)
2. Clean air	Weak or no evidence	Limited evidence; not explicitly addressed

Poultry Growth plan - River Action petition needs support to get to 100,000 signatures.

River Action sent a letter to Defra Secretary of State Dame Angela Eagle on 3 September highlighting the urgent need to develop a "Regenerative Poultry Sector Growth Plan" that could deliver on food security and environmental outcomes, provided it is matched by demand-side measures that support a shift towards healthy and sustainable diets. Organic, agroecological and pasture-based poultry systems are significantly higher welfare than housed units and could form part of a more environmentally safe and healthy poultry sector.

The letter from River Action CEO James Wallace, was supported by 22 farming, environmental, animal welfare, consumer and health organisations (including Steve Clarkson, CEO of OF&G CIC). Together these represent many thousands of people, showing the strength of support for a different approach. As it is, the Poultry Sector Growth Plan, coordinated by the Food and Farming Partnership Board (F&FPB) is the product of "big chicken", since these are the people at the table.

River Action's petition to Dame Angela Eagle MP and coordinated by 38 degrees, has doubled the number of signatures from early September, with almost 97,000 now signing up to the urgent call to "Stop Big Chicken Choking our Rivers". They are asking for action to:

- Stop expanding Big Chicken - Only expand poultry production where there's a clear public need and it supports farming that produces nature-friendly food - not more pollution.
- Protect our rivers from pollution - Set clear limits on nutrient pollution so rivers can recover instead of destroying habitats and killing wildlife.
- Make Big Chicken manage its muck - Make the poultry industry take responsibility for the waste it produces instead of leaving rivers, communities and taxpayers to pay the price.
- Support farmers, not factory farming - Help farmers to work with nature by using manure as the valuable resource it should be, building healthier soils, cleaner rivers, thriving wildlife and resilient food production.

The F&FPB is inadequate to deal with the urgent need for transition, as evidenced by the focus on growth of the poultry sector, against all the evidence that more intensive chicken is the last thing we need. Defra must recognise that, as currently constituted, the F&FPB is incapable of dealing with the need for transformative change due to the dominance of vested interests, as evidenced by the way the Poultry Growth Strategy is taking shape.

We need a more coherent and forward looking response, and together show that there are alternative views on what constitutes a food and farming system that is productive, efficient, resilient and supports food security - it depends on the definition of these terms, they are not absolutes - and it cannot and should not depend on a further expansion of intensive poultry.

Call for more local abattoirs, letter to PM from Abattoir Sector Group

A recent letter from Christopher Price, CEO of the Rare Breeds Survival Trust and Chair of the Abattoir Sector Group (coordinated by the Sustainable Food Trust) was signed by OF&G along with many other organisations concerned about the challenge that confronts farmers needing to get their animals to market.

As the letter explains to the Prime Minister: "A viable network of local and regional abattoirs is fundamental to the livestock economy. Without it, farmers lose routes to market, local meat businesses become unviable, livestock travel further, opportunities for local procurement diminish and economic activity becomes increasingly concentrated in large national supply chains.

Local abattoirs should therefore be recognised as essential economic infrastructure for rural and regional growth. This matters particularly in the context of your commitment to growth in every postcode and your ambition to devolve greater responsibility and economic power to local communities across the UK."

The letter goes on to explain why local infrastructure is essential for local growth: "Local abattoirs underpin networks of farmers, butchers, farm shops, hospitality businesses, food manufacturers, markets and other small and medium-sized enterprises. By providing the essential services of private kill, cutting, packing and value adding that many large abattoirs do not provide, local abattoirs allow livestock produced in a region to be processed and sold locally, retaining more of its economic value.

For many smaller and mixed livestock farms, including those keeping native breeds and providing crucial conservation services, this route to market is fundamental to their viability."

The Abattoir Users Survey, carried out in 2025 by the Sustainable Food Trust with the Soil Association and Rare Breeds Survival Trust, "received 850 responses from farmers and land managers across the UK. Two-thirds had experienced difficulties accessing appropriate abattoir services during the previous five years and one-third had seen an abattoir they used close. If their current abattoir closed, 43% said they would no longer be able to sell meat locally and 29% said they might have to close their meat business altogether. Critically, 58% said their business would not be profitable without direct or local selling.

These figures represent more than an abattoir problem. They represent rural businesses, jobs, investment and economic activity at risk when essential infrastructure disappears. The Farming Profitability Review led by Baroness Minette Batters has likewise recognised the importance of maintaining appropriate slaughtering infrastructure."

OF&G CIC supports the call to bring together DEFRA, the Treasury and the departments responsible for growth and devolution, across all nations, with the industry, around a simple objective: to secure a sustainable network of local and regional abattoirs as part of Britain's essential food and economic infrastructure.

OF&G & Organics in the News

Ahead of the publication of the OAPE, our Chief Executive, Steve Clarkson has undertaken media one-to-ones and delivered a series of opinion pieces to key industry titles including **Farmers Guardian**, **Agronomist & Arable Farmer**, and **Natural Newsdesk**.

Elsewhere, Steve shared his insight with **Farmer's Weekly on organic forage** in the face of availability issues this autumn.

In September, the Western Morning News ran a feature on OF&G licensees Amelia and Jason Greenway, who took on the tenancy of Springwater Farm on the Killerton Estate, near Exeter. The couple are realising their vision for producing the highest quality meat from rare breed livestock, while also restoring the ecological health of their 364-hectare.

The Greenway's latest venture is a self-serve farm shop, selling their own highland beef as well as local or organic products such as honey, drinks, wild venison, hot chocolates, fresh bread, and vegetables.

At a time when farming faces mounting pressures, Springwater Farm shows what organic can deliver. For Amelia, it is the foundation of a resilient, nature-positive food business.

"Organic gives us the framework to farm in the way we believe is right, but it also gives our customers confidence in what we're doing."

Organic finalist in national BBC award

Finally, huge congratulations to OF&G licensee Andrew Gilhespy, founder of the Fresh Flour Company who is one of three finalists in the Best Food Producer Award category of the BBC Food & Farming Awards 2026.

Led by a farmer-first approach and organic principles, Andrew's range of pasta, flours, biscuits and crackers are hand made in small batches using freshly milled heritage grains.

Speaking about the award Andrew says: "The BBC shortlisting is a recognition of quality.

"We buy heritage and population wheats from named organic farms in the South West and we pay the farmer what they ask. Then we do the whole job ourselves — milling, making, packing, selling — so the value that would normally leak away to a merchant, a distant mill and a distributor stays between the farm and the mill. Our prices reflect what the product actually costs to make properly, and we say so, plainly, to every buyer. The BBC judges tasted the result of that arithmetic. So do our customers, and they come back.

"That's the point I'd make to any OF&G grower: organic grain is worth two to three times the commodity price, but only if there's a processor close enough, and small enough, to turn it into food and sell the story with it. Every part of the grain — flour, semolina, bran into the sourdough ferment — ends up in something someone eats. Nothing goes to feed at 50p a kilo.

"We're not the only way to do this, but we're proof it works — a worker-owned, not-for-profit processor forming direct partnerships with organic farms, and doing it well enough to reach a national final.

Good luck to Andrew when the winners are announced in Belfast this month. You can listen to the fantastic interview on **The Food Programme on BBC Sounds**

OF&G policy activity - what we have been doing

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

NAME	ACTIVITY	DATE	COMMENT
CS	Defra / EOF OAPE Teams meeting	18/8/26	Online
CS	Defra Farmer Collaboration Fund Webinar	25/8/26	Online
CS	Defra Stakeholder liaison Teams	3/9/26	Online
CS	Defra FCF Atemis portal webinar	9/9/26	Online
CS	Defra / EOF OAPE Teams meeting	10/9/26	Online
CS	Pesticide Action Network Board meeting	14/9/26	Online
CS	Sustain Farm Working Party meeting	15/9/26	Online
CS	Defra / RPA Combined Forum	16/9/26	In person
CS	Wildlife & Countryside Link Agriculture Working Group	17/9/26	Online
CS	Defra / EOF OAPE Teams meeting	23/9/26	Online
CS	Pesticide Action Network 40th celebration	24/9	In person
CS	Precision Bred Organisms NFU Industry Working Group	29/9/26	Online
CS	Defra / EOF Policy Group	1/10/26	Online
CS	IFOAM Organics Europe Congress - Cork	7-8/10/26	In person
CS	Soil Association Certification Trade Conference	15/10/26	In person
SC	Farm Assurance Round Table	29/09/26	In person
SC	Defra / EOF Policy Group	1/10/26	On line
SC	IFOAM Organics Europe Congress - Cork	7-8/10/26	In person
SC	Soil Association Certification Trade Conference	15/10/26	In person

Staff News

Many of you will have had the pleasure of speaking to **Simon Evans** over the years, he has been part of the OF&G family for a long time, being one of the longer serving members of staff and having just completed 20 years service. Employed in the Quality Systems team as administrator and then more recently as supervisor you will have seen Simon's name on documents sent out from the office.

Sadly in late October last year Simon suffered a severe medical emergency and has been undergoing a slow recovery from this. This has very sadly meant that he has been unable to fulfill his role for OF&G and he has now left the business. We all wish Simon the very best in his continued recovery.

During Simon's absence, various members of the team have stepped up to take on his workload and ensure the high standard of work continues. Poppy Keith, who worked in Simon's Quality Systems team for the past two years, has now taken on the role of Quality Systems Supervisor.

Market Reports

Organic Livestock Trends: OLMC

ORGANIC STORE CATTLE REPORT

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The change in grass growth is nothing short of extraordinary . With what seems to be a series of wet days and nights, but with no major downpours, the grass has turned from a yellow brown burnt colour to green and very green with grass growth recovering very quickly. After last year's drought, the grass seemed to take weeks to recover, whereas this year recovery has been within days.

The cattle trade continues to be very buoyant with organic store cattle traded through OLMC being around 2% higher than 12 months ago, which would reflect national trends and conversely finished cattle 3-4 % lower than the corresponding period last year.

As I write, in the first weeks of September we are flooded out with cattle, the normal surge in numbers at this time of the year has occurred at the beginning of the month rather than the end of September. We can accurately predict that this surge will dry up as quickly as it started, so if you are wanting cattle now is the time to get stocked up.

The store lamb trade has started stronger than 12 months ago, although it's always hard to judge with size and quality of lambs varying from year to year. We are able to supply store lambs in groups from 100 to 500 and have lambs currently available.

Our organic dairy stock trading department has been busier than ever this summer with demand for in milk or point of calving cows and heifers being as strong as ever, reflecting the strong organic milk price.

If you are contemplating reducing numbers or a herd dispersal please get in touch. We can offer a very professional service and our presence in the organic dairy sector gives us a marked advantage over other operators.

OLMC FINISHED STOCK

Prime Cattle

The trade for organic prime cattle has been fairly static over the summer period. Demand has been consistent and the supplies of cattle coming forward has matched this demand. The challenges of drought and poor grass growth has impacted many, cattle have been slow finishing and many needing to supplement feed across the sector. This of course starts to use up conserved winter forage, making winter feeding look a difficult and potentially costly prospect.

Many farms will be benefitting from replenished grass growth during September, hoping that it might remain for a few more weeks to come.

The finished cattle numbers are certainly getting tighter in supply and there are indications that the prices will increase in the coming weeks.

Average R4L Organic UTM in spec @ 720p/kg deadweight

Cull cow

The demand for organic processing beef over the early summer period was consistent and the prices reflected a balanced supply demand situation. The trade for cows across the sector tailed off towards the end of the summer. As we approach the winter we would usually see an increase in demand for cows which will hopefully push the price on further.

Average R4L Organic OTM Cow in spec @ 520p/kg deadweight

Lamb

The abattoirs have seen a good showing of organic finished lambs mid to late summer. Where producers have managed to keep some grass in front of them they have moved on well. Understandably, weights might be a shade lighter than other years but nothing significant.

The trade has held well with a strong demand for lamb across all sectors, prices will usually rise towards Christmas and set themselves for the new year, where we should expect good seasonal prices.

Average R3L organic NSL in spec @ 770p/kg

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New Soil Health Hub from Agricology - Out Now

Want to understand and improve the health of your farm soils but don't know where to start? Or are you a seasoned soil expert looking to further your knowledge and explore the latest research?

Agricology's new **Soil Health Hub** brings together a curated collection of resources from their own archive and beyond, helping farmers and growers navigate this complex topic - from soil assessment and sampling through to practical approaches for improving soil health and solving common problems.

Explore videos, blogs, research papers, design tools and farmer case studies covering topics including soil structure and compaction, cover crops, living mulches, organic amendments, water management and more.

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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
Bioline Agrosciences Ltd	https://www.biolineagrosciences.com/	Pest Control
ECOspray Ltd	awais@ecospray.com	Pest Control, Animal Feed Additives
Acadian Seaplants Ltd	https://www.acadianseaplants.com/	Fertiliser
Otlo Agencies Ltd	www.otloagencies.com	Fertiliser
Inform Nutrition Ireland Limited	https://informnutrition.com	Animal Feed Supplements
Food Alive	https://naturesfoodalive.com	Ingredients
Natural Stockcare Ltd	info@naturalstockcare.co.uk	Slurry Treatment
Nutrimate Limited	andyhardie123@btinternet.com	Plant Health Products
DOSTOFARM GmbH	https://www.dostofarm.de/	Animal Feed Additives
Passion Ag Ltd	https://www.passionag.com/	Sileage Additive, Plant Health Product
Virus Shield Biosciences Limited	https://vsbiosciences.com/	Disinfectant / Cleaning Agent
PelGar International	https://www.pelgar.co.uk/	Pest Control
Omex Agriculture Ltd	http://www.omex.com/	Plant Health Products, Pest Control, Soil Conditioner, Fertiliser
The Crop Smith	sam.brown@thecropsmith.uk	Plant Health Products
Venture Foods (UK) Ltd	http://www.venturefoods.com/	Ingredients
Origin Fertilisers	https://www.originfertilisers.co.uk/	Fertiliser
Central Pharma Biotechnica	https://biotechnica.co.uk/	Plant Health Products, Fertiliser
Westland Horticulture Ltd	https://www.gardenhealth.com	Pest Control, Plant Health Products
Sea-Chem Ltd	https://sea-chem.co.uk/	Plant Health Products, Compost Additive, Fertilisers.

Recently awarded approved inputs

SUPPLIER	WEBSITE / EMAIL	CATEGORY
Terramara Group Ltd	https://terramara.co.uk/	BioStimulant
Fior Capital Limited	https://atlanticorganic.co.uk/	Fertiliser
BNS Worldwide Ltd	https://bionatsolutions.com/	Fertiliser, Bio-stimulant
Lenzo Enterprises Ltd	info@lenzo-enterprises.co.uk	Ingredients

2026 Shows/Events OF&G is attending

Real Wales Food & Farming Conference 18-19 November

OF&G is proud to sponsor the Wales Real Food and Farming Conference (WRFFC) which takes place at the National Botanical Gardens of Wales. This annual event celebrates sustainable food and farming, bringing together farmers, producers, policymakers, and community leaders to share knowledge, explore innovations, and strengthen local food systems.

The 2026 conference theme focuses on 'Growing Diversity and Diversification in Welsh Food and Farming', exploring the benefits, challenges, and strengths of diversity across farming methods, species, foods, communities, business models, and problem-solving approaches

To find out more and to book tickets visit: **CGFFfC – WRFFC – CGFFfC / WRFFC**

Classifieds notice

It has come to our attention that an advert placed on our website was not what it purported to be. Whilst we check and manually approve each advert that is placed, it is not always clear that the advert might be false. We do recommend that purchasers always ask for proof of organic status, such as a valid certificate with an accredited control body, before parting with any money. OF&G cannot take responsibility for any stock, items or services sold through the OF&G website or newsletter classifieds.

Technical Newsletter

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

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Producers

Vaccinations and Withdrawal Periods

The use of vaccines and statutory withdrawal and organic withdrawal periods were discussed at a recent CBTWG meeting. The outcome was that no organic withdrawal period is necessary when a nil or zero statutory withdrawal period is specified on the data sheet. However, if a statutory withdrawal period is stated then this must be observed and recorded, but the organic withdrawal period (this being double the statutory withdrawal period) would NOT be required.

The use of all vaccines must be recorded in the vet treatment records and the Animal Health Plan updated accordingly.

If you have any questions regarding the use of vaccines or necessary withdrawal periods, please contact your Certification Office

Processors

Fraudulent Organic Certificates

OF&G have been notified via the European Organic Certifiers Council (EOCC) of two organic certificates in circulation that have been identified by Control Union Certification as being falsified.

If you have purchased products from either of these companies please contact your Certification Officer.

Falsified CUC EU organic certificate **(Api Trading (Pty) Ltd.)**

Falsified CUC EU organic certificate **(GRADE OIL GROUP)**


CERTIFICATE


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