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General News



Brexit 'state of play'

In the House of Commons on Tuesday 29 January MPs voted for a symbolic motion signalling their opposition to a no-deal Brexit, but against actually taking on the powers to stop it. Theresa May won a majority to renegotiate her divorce deal to overcome the parliamentary resistance to the 'backstop' arrangements around the Irish border in the event that the EU and the UK cannot agree a future trade deal something which the EU has said repeatedly it is not prepared to do. Following the vote, however, we can be fairly sure the PM will be returning to Brussels, Dublin and goodness knows where else in the days ahead and the EU surely knows it has more talking to do.

Downing Street has set out three possible ways to "change" the backstop — either via a time limit, an exit clause or by swapping it for a trade deal as proposed in the so-called Malthouse Amendment. No. 10 officials insist they are not wedded to any one approach; the EU insists they are all non-starters.

Some predict the EU will simply "sit on its hands" and wait for May to fold. Whereas others say the likely outcome of the next fortnight's diplomacy is a legally binding document affixed to the Withdrawal Agreement which makes clear the backstop is a temporary measure. Whether this is sufficient to command a parliamentary majority is still anyone's guess.

Which leads us to the next big parliamentary showdown, now scheduled for just over a fortnight's time. The PM yesterday promised the next series of big votes on 14 February. That Valentine's Day deadline is now shaping up to be a genuine crunch point, when parliament should make some, you know, actual decisions. At the time of writing we have 58 days before we leave the EU.

In this febrile atmosphere OF&G are in almost continual contact with Defra around securing the best possible contingencies in the face of a 'no-deal'. There is talk of a new paper-based replacement for TRACES NT which will hopefully be trialled over the coming few weeks and OF&G with other CBs

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continue to lobby Defra and the EU Commission (via IFOAM EU) to secure a unilateral equivalency arrangement between the UK and the EU were we to be faced with a 'no-deal'. Defra are under huge pressure (as are all Government departments) in planning in the event of a 'no-deal', but we are assured that the organic sector is seen as a 'bellwether' for the whole of UK food and farming sector and thus is very much in Ministers' minds. We will continue to ensure it stays there in the coming weeks.



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Oxford Real Farming Conference report

1,000 people gathered together in Oxford to talk and share their food and farming knowledge. OF&G's chief executive, Roger Kerr attended along with business development manager Steven Jacobs.

The key plenary session was a Q&A with Michael Gove entitled "The future of farming: Brexit and Beyond", chaired by Kerry McCarthy MP, Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Agroecology. The session saw frank questioning from attendees and upfront responses from the Defra Secretary of State. Much of the initial questioning revolved around the reluctance of the SoS to allow a direct reference to supporting 'Agroecology including organic' in the body of the New Agricultural Bill given his very public support for 'public money for public goods'.

Colin Tudge, ORFC co-founder said: "While Mr Gove says all the right things and is enthusiastically knowledgeable on a wide variety of issues that are important to the ORFC, he remains difficult to pin down on vital details, such as why agroecology and organic

farming continue to be omitted from the Agriculture Bill despite widespread support for its inclusion and his personal support for the environmental protections whole-farm systems bring."

During the ensuing questions from the floor Steven Jacobs questioned the minister on his support for new plant breeding techniques and highlighted that "the unintended consequences of, for instance, CRISPR-Cas have already been seen... not only is the science suspect but if we ended up in a position of a degenerative food and farming economy going along routes of more corporately owned seed for instance this would surely be detrimental?"

The Secretary of State in his reply acknowledged that there are ethical and economic questions that we do need to ask. He went on to agree that 'whether or not there are a limited



group of agritech giants who end up controlling more and more of the origin of our food supply, that is a challenge'.

Mr Gove concluded his response to Steven saying; "I think that gene editing has the opportunity and the potential to help us significantly but I think the most important thing to do is to be guided by the science and I would welcome the opportunity to invite you and others who have scientific and other concerns to come in to Defra so that we can have an informed roundtable and conversation about these issues.'

Steven will be attending a NBT roundtable at the NFU's London office with Michael Gove on 11 February and it is hoped that a follow-up meeting will be arranged.

Other event highlights from the OFRC were sessions on :

Local abattoirs: why they are closing and how we can save them: Led by Bob Kennard, this looked at the detrimental impacts on the environment, animal welfare and the local rural economy and this how puts the production of fully traceable local meat at risk.

An appetite for diversity: Led by Kimberley Bell, this session looked at an essential part of the work of sustaining an agroecological system that falls at the feet of secondary food producers and retailers. A good retailer can tell you that people often do not act on their intentions alone. If we want to change consumer behaviour then scientists, farmers, cooks, bakers, and retailers need to work together to influence a more powerful driver: Appetite.

Genome editing and its seductive power: Challenging the techno narrative: In this session Dr. Ricarda Steinbrecher a biologist, molecular geneticist and co-director of EcoNexus, who has worked on GMOs, highlighted some of the risks and impacts on agriculture, environment and health since 1995, including more recently synthetic biology and the new genome editing techniques. She is involved in UN-led processes, in particular the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, and has been appointed to international expert groups on the risk assessment of GMOs, as well as synthetic biology. OF&G are currently liaising with Ricarda ahead of the New Breeding Techniques roundtable (NBT) in February.

Reclaiming research for real food and farming: resetting the agenda for the public good - an area that needs significant development in the coming years. Historically, publicly-funded food and farming research has been driven by corporate need, as highlighted in the Food Ethics Council eMagazine 'For whom? Questioning the food and farming research agenda'. The Food Ethics Council asked international experts to explore where the power lies in setting our food and farming research agenda. They believe the status quo research agenda is not delivering the public good required for a food system that serves the needs of people, planet and animals. <https://www.foodethicscouncil.org/research-agenda.html>



Food Manifesto Wales - www.foodmanifesto.wales or www.manifestobwyd.cymru.



This is a new initiative and if anyone reading this is involved in food and farming in and around Wales and would like to know more please look at the website and let the organisers know what you're up to and how you may be able to help. Contact steven@ofgorganic.org at OF&G.

These are just some of the sessions that inspired us. If you want to look for more details and information on other sessions you can go to <http://orfc.org.uk/>

And you can watch videos from this year's conference via the ORFC channel on Youtube - https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=ORFC+2019

Biofach: 13 - 16 February 2019 / Nuremberg, Germany

Roger Kerr and Steven Jacobs will be travelling by train to Nuremberg in the middle of February to attend Biofach, the largest organic trade show in Europe.

Alongside the trade show is a conference programme including presentations of some of the very latest agroecological research and market reports from

different countries including China, the US and Germany.

Roger and Steven will be there for much of the exhibition so if you are planning to attend and would like to meet up then please let us know.

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NOCC19 - 3 July - Raywell, East Yorkshire

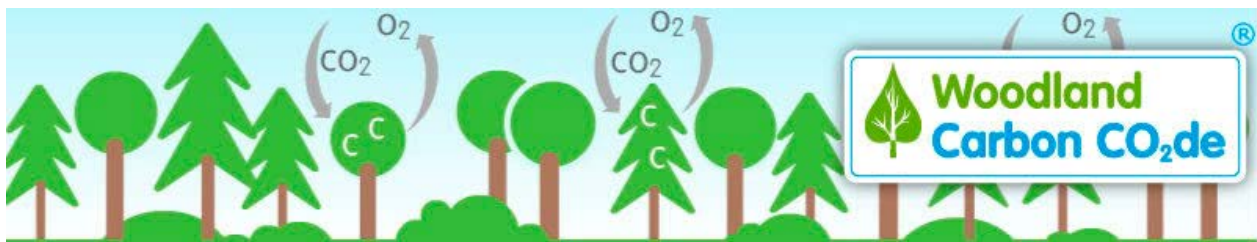
We are very pleased to announce that the largest organic farming event in the UK will be held later this year on one of the first farms to become organic in the UK. The Thompson family have been farming organically since 1949 and this year's event will therefore offer a unique insight into the longevity of organic farming systems.

The farm is a mixed operation with arable, including wheat, barley and beans, and potatoes alongside a livestock enterprise that includes organic pigs.

Richard and Sue Thompson have very kindly agreed to host this hugely popular annual gathering of the organic food and farming community and allow us to join them in celebrating their farm's 70th organic year.

We will again be hosting UK Grain Lab with a team of excellent chefs and bakers in tandem with some brilliant talks alongside practical demonstrations on the farm, giving visitors the opportunity to see some of the very best innovations in organic food and farming.

For any enquiries regarding the OF&G National Organic Combinable Crops event please contact Steven Jacobs at the OF&G office.



Woodland Carbon Guarantee in England

Guaranteed income for delivery of verified Woodland Carbon Units in England over the next 30 years.

The autumn budget statement announced that the government will set up a Woodland Carbon Guarantee scheme which will support the planting of around 10 million trees in England by spending £50m over 30 years to purchase Woodland Carbon Units.

This is a great opportunity for landowners considering creating woodland in England over the next few years. Successful applicants will benefit from a guaranteed income upon delivery of verified Woodland Carbon Units over the next 3 decades. Accessing the guarantee will require that the woodland is validated and verified to the Woodland Carbon Code.

The Woodland Carbon Guarantee is due to open in summer 2019 and this spring the Forestry Commission will be asking for stakeholder input to help them create and implement the most effective scheme to really stimulate the woodland carbon market in the UK. If you have already applied for a woodland creation grant or intend to plant new woodland, please note the following eligibility rules will apply;

- **New applications after 29/10/18 and those in progress for Countryside Stewardship, the Woodland Carbon Fund or the HS2 Woodland Fund will be eligible to apply for the Carbon Guarantee;**
- **Where an agreement offer has been signed prior to 29/10/18 (the date of the Autumn budget statement) the site will not be eligible to apply for the Carbon Guarantee;**
- **The guarantee will not be available where planting has commenced or the project had registered with the Woodland Carbon Code before 29/10/18.**

Eligibility to apply for the Woodland Carbon Guarantee does not imply or confirm that Woodland Carbon Code additionality requirements will be met. OF&G certify the Woodland Carbon Code Scheme. If you are interested in this scheme please contact OF&G to discuss.

Nic Lampkin departs ORC

On 31 January 2019, Nic Lampkin stepped down as Chief Executive Officer of the Organic Research Centre. During his term, ORC was successfully re-established as the UK's leading independent research organisation in the field of organic farming and agroecology.

Nic has worked tirelessly for the good of the organisation and of the organic movement, leading the establishment of and chairing the English Organic Forum, securing significant increases in organic payments under the English and Welsh rural development programmes from 2015, and more recently leading the development of an industry-led Organic Action Plan for England under the auspices of the Defra/EOF Organic Roundtable.

OF&G are immensely grateful for all of Nic's hard work over the years and we hope he remains an active participant in the development of the organic sector in the years to come.

Dr Bruce Pearce (ORC Director of Research and Innovation) has been appointed Acting Chief Executive. Bruce will lead ORC while a new CEO is recruited.

OF&G and ELMS

One of the key elements of the new Agriculture Bill is the introduction of a new way of paying farmers 'public money for public goods' – the Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMS). OF&G is involved in the development of this new approach. Defra is supporting the implementation of ELMS Tests and Trials around the country; 49 have been confirmed so far, and more proposals for Tests and Trials are still welcomed by

Defra. OF&G is working with the Soil Association and the Organic Research Centre on an innovative idea to trial the benefits of organic farmers working together at landscape-scale to deliver better environmental outcomes (i.e. public goods). OF&G is also a partner in a consortium led by the Royal Agricultural University to tender for a Defra research contract that aims to work out alternative payment methods for ELMS.

The Agriculture Bill – where is it going next?

The Bill is almost finished in the House of Commons and will be moving on to the House of Lords. Many amendments were tabled but none were taken up. From OF&G's point of view, the hard work with many allies (Soil Association, Land Workers Alliance, Sustain and others) to agree and get MPs to table amendments was an important chance to get the issue across of agroecology including organic farming. There was great support, notably from Kerry McCarthy MP who with others pushed for our amendments. During the Bill's time in the House of Lords there will be many

more chances to re-table amendments and also propose new ones. Sustain is coordinating unified lobbying of members to try to get crucial amendments into the very first clause of the Bill. There is widespread support for making sure that agroecology including organic farming is on what is referred to as the 'face of the bill'. But this is only one of many other important amendments concerning trade, employment rights, fairness in the supply chain, pesticide reduction – amongst others. All of this will play out as the Brexit story continues to unfold.

Staff News



We are delighted to announce that our producer certification officer **Barbara Pennington** has given birth to a girl - mother and baby doing well! We all send huge congratulations.

Jon Pryce

We'd like to welcome Jon as the newest member of our processor certification team. Jon has over 20 years experience within the processing sector, and comes to OF&G from a company who undertake contract packing for a wide range of food and non-food products. I'm sure many of you will be talking to Jon soon as he picks up the intricacies of organic certification. We will give you a more indepth update in the coming months, once he has covered most of his training.



OF&G Licensees in the News

John Pawsey farms mainly arable crops, with sheep, in Suffolk. He is a member of the NFU crops board and is chair of the NFU organic forum.

John is featured in the most recent edition of the NFU's British Farmer & Grower magazine. On page 36 of the February 2019 issue under the title 'Biology lessons' John gives detail of some of the elements of 'IPM in action' within his farm business - he

has not used insecticides on his farm for 20 years and says he is seeing a huge benefit in terms of building numbers of beneficial insects that act as natural predators to insect pests.

Also in that same issue of the BF&G is a double page spread (pages 34 and 35) on OF&G licensed organic farm business James Foskett Farms. 'Current turnover of the business is an impressive £6 million. Development of

the organic sector and growth in the potato enterprise are on the cards. And any problems securing European or local labour, post-Brexit, could be addressed by mechanisation.'

The recipient of multiple awards for nature conservation Henry Edmunds has been farming organically under OF&G licence for many years.

Recently he had a visit from @ChrisGPackham <https://twitter.com/ofgorganic/status/1087637043331690501>

Technical News

Producers

Grass and Forage Seed Approvals

The Organic Grass and Forage Seed Working Group met in July 2018 to review the use of organic seeds in 2017/18 and discuss the percentage of organic seed required in a mixture. After much discussion the group recommended to Defra that the percentage should remain at 70% organic inclusion for the remainder of 2018 and 2019. However, this should be reviewed in early 2019. If you are purchasing a grass/forage mixture this should contain at least 70% organic content. You must obtain approval for this seed prior to your next annual inspection. If you are wishing to use a mixture that contains less than 70% organic content you will need to request approval prior to its use; when requesting the approval you will need to provide agronomic justification as to why each of the available organic varieties is not suitable.

In order to obtain approval you must complete and return a copy of Record Sheet 4a. You will find RS 4a in your Certification Manual, on the OF&G website (under Useful Info/Downloads) or direct from your Certification Officer.

Mixtures must not contain the same variety in both organic and non-organic types.

Copper as a fungicide

The organic regulation allows the use of certain copper products to be applied to crops as fungicide within a strict set of rules. For potato growers copper products are the only effective way of treating a crop where blight is an issue. In order to use a copper based product as a fungicide it must first be authorised for that purpose by the Chemical Regulations Division (CRD) of the Health and Safety Executive. In 2018 the manufacturer of Cuprokyt, together with the AHDB, applied for an Emergency Authorisation for Minor Use (EAMU) for use on potatoes. However, that authorisation expired at the end of September and there are currently no copper products available for use as fungicide in the UK (including organic).

It seems the weather in 2018 was sufficiently dry that blight was not a big problem and very few approvals were given for the use of Cuprokyt

on organic crops. This has meant that the manufacturers of copper based fungicides are unwilling to apply for further authorisations for their products and as a result should blight be a major problem this year organic farmers will not have a fungicide that they can use.

We have heard some farmers noting that trace elements containing copper within the mixture will help the situation. However, in order to use a trace element you must first be able to show a need for that in the soil/plant before any application can be made.

Whilst there is not likely to be any 'quick fix' for this issue OF&G will be contacting the relevant organisations and people to discuss this and try and find a positive way forward.

If you have any concerns you should contact your certification officer.

Forage stocks

Now the Christmas and New Year period is well and truly over it's a good time to look again at your forage stocks to ensure you have enough organic and/or in-conversion forage to see your livestock through to your expected turnout. If, after assessing your forage stocks, you think you might still have problems you should speak to your certification officer about the options available to you, if you haven't already done so.

Processors

Additional Import Rules

The additional rules for importing certain products from the Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Russia have been updated and will now include products from Moldova. The new rules are applicable for products entering the EU (UK) from 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019 and will include products within the following CN-codes:

- A.** Chapter 10 – Cereals;
- B.** Chapter 11 – Products of the milling industry; malt; starches; inulin; wheat gluten;
- C.** Chapter 12 – Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit; industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder (including 12.06 - Sunflower seeds);
- D.** Chapter 23 – Residues and waste from the food industries, prepared animal fodder (including 23.06 -

Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from the extraction of vegetable fats or oils, other than those of heading 2304 or 2305);

The following information will need to be available at point of entry:

- A. Certificate of inspection
- B. Documents of custom declaration
- C. Transport documents
- D. Operators and product traceability: verification of names, addresses and valid certificate for each operator involved, from farmer(s) to exporter and all operators in between, including traders.

At least one representative sample must be taken from each consignment. These samples must be tested for the presence of pesticides; where a pesticide not permitted for use in organic systems is found, an investigation must be undertaken to establish if the product can be marketed as organic.

The above requirements will also now be required for products imported from China where the products enter the EU (UK) between 1/1/2019 and 31/12/2019.

This must also include Goji berries (*Lycium barbarum* and *Lycium chinense*) and products processed from them.

OF&G are producing a Technical Leaflet with full details of the revised requirements. For further information please contact your certification officer.

Fake Certificate

We have been informed via our membership of the European Organic Certifiers Council (EOCC) of a fraudulent certificate supposedly issued by LACON GmbH.

The certificate, in the name of 'Erma Zadan Export B.V, Naaldwijk 2670 (AB), Netherlands' has, according to LACON GmbH not been issued by them as only SKAL are able to issue organic certificates in the Netherlands.

If you would like any further information please contact your certification officer.

Market Information

Grain Prices: Courtesy of Andrew Trump, Organic Arable:

The organic feed wheat market is seeing downward price pressure as sterling values strengthen and organic maize is available at cheaper values which is affecting other grains too. There is limited buying interest with most end users reporting good cover and there remain parcels of organic feed wheat unsold on farm. There is some demand for feed barley both on farm and from feed mills and it remains short as malting barley premiums have meant sellers only resort to the feed market once all malting avenues have been exhausted. As the winter comes to a close demand usually falls as cows are turned out and so selling opportunities should be taken as they come available. There also tends to be some additional grain coming onto the market as livestock farmers release grain held back to feed at home. Feed wheat and barley is currently trading at around £280 - £290 ex farm with oats remaining at a discount to reflect their lower energy. The demand for both milling oats and malting barley remains good with little additional volume coming onto the market at present. The opportunities to export are dwindling as Brexit draws near and the resultant lack of clarity around EU/UK organic equivalence and this will have an impact on the value of grain as it will potentially only be the domestic market that is available to UK growers.

Bean values have been supported despite the currency because of the Chinese soya price rise as indicated last month. Beans are selling at around £385 - £390.

Winter crops are generally looking well and ground works for spring drilling is progressing with frequent requests for seed delivery to ensure spring seed is available on farm in good time ahead of drilling. A lack of rain is a concern as last spring showed that once it started

raining it stayed wet for a long period meaning a lot of crops went in very late.

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Organic Livestock Trends: OLMC

The organic cattle trade remains very slow, abattoir kill numbers have been very low since before Christmas with trade never really recovering. As we head to the end of the first month of 2019 as always, January blues sets in for the meat trade. Whether it's New Year resolutions, paying off credit cards or shortage of cash, consumer demand is suppressed. Also current supply numbers are in excess of requirement, which will not help to lift the trade. The backlog of cattle waiting to go to slaughter is currently causing difficulties for those who are already short of forage and bedding due to last year's weather challenges.

The trade for organic cull cows remains lower than it has for many months even with kill numbers being reduced. With our Winter being so mild and dry so far, perhaps some typical English winter weather with a long cold snap will boost sales and help to empty the cold stores. Prior to Christmas there was an oversupply of stock. Abattoirs report an awful lot of processing beef in stock, thus they are not keen to add to their troubles of taking more cows.

Average R4L Organic UTM in spec @ 408p/kg deadweight

Average R4L Organic OTM Cow in spec @ 250p/kg deadweight

The uncertainty as to the arrangements for Brexit has caused the lamb market particularly to fluctuate weekly of late. Announcements and spin on which direction things are going is causing daily unrest especially with carcass export orders. At the moment it would only be appropriate to indicate where the prices have been fluctuating around.

Average R3L organic OSL in spec @ 420/440p/kg deadweight

For further information on the marketing of finished stock please call Tim Leigh on 01763 250313 or mobile 07850 366404.

During the Autumn period the organic store cattle trade has been rather subdued, mainly due to lack of forage after the long hot Summer. However, as we go forward into Spring all the indications are that the demand and returns for cattle will improve. Despite this sluggish market we have virtually sold out of organic store cattle and more supplies are required, particularly of the larger more forward cattle. In addition, demand for the smaller cattle will increase in the next few weeks and months as turnout time approaches.

The price levels in the next six months will not only be affected by the weather and grass availability but also the finished price. The balance between supply and demand of finished cattle has been weighted against producers for some time now but it will inevitably fall in favour of the finisher at some stage. The timing is the unpredictable factor.

I am often asked if the Brexit negotiations and uncertainty is having an impact on cattle prices and my feeling is that it is not. Whilst it is true that markets do not like uncertainty I believe it has had little effect on beef cattle so far. With the UK being net importers of beef I can only see cattle prices going on an upward trend in the next twelve months. There is also no doubt that subsidy payments going forward will be weighted in favour of the environment which will have obvious advantages for organic farmers over the coming years.

Please continue to book your store cattle in with us, the more notice we get the better and we are always available for a 'no obligation chat' at anytime.

Please call Peter Jones mobile 07720 892922 or the office 01829 730580 or David Bostock mobile 07734 808050

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Market Information cont....

Organic Dairy Report:

Courtesy of Sara Ogborne, OMSCo:

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The headaches that Brexit presents loom large and reflect on the industry's vision.

The lack of clarity regarding certification and equivalence is particularly frustrating, costly and time consuming. OMSCo are now planning around the potential for a complete ban on exporting UK organic food to the EU due to the lack of recognition of equivalence of UK organic standards, whilst simultaneously hoping for a far less damning outcome.

Alongside planning various backstops for each eventuality, we are also now planning for spring flush, at a time when we cannot be sure of anything from market access to production availability. The UK conventional industry also has its problems, as a considerable amount of milk is exported to Ireland as concentrate during the spring period, and without exports spring spot milk prices are likely to suffer badly. This is an unprecedented time of challenge and uncertainty for milk producers who not only have to deal with the weather and feed supplies but also the whims of politicians.'

LEAP: launch of a new loan fund

The Loans for Enlightened Agriculture Programme (LEAP) is a new £1.34 million funding initiative developed by the Real Farming Trust to support agroecological food and farming enterprises.

LEAP offers a mix of affordable loans and grants side by side with a comprehensive mentoring programme and a hands-on approach in partnership with the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, the Centre for Innovation in Voluntary Action, the A Team Foundation, the Power to Change Foundation and the Halleria Trust.

For more information, visit www.feanetwork.org, email leap@feanetwork.org or follow [@LEAPprogramme](https://twitter.com/LEAPprogramme) on Twitter



OF&G in the news

OF&G partnered with some of the other organisations working with UK organics including the Organic Research Centre, the Organic Trade Board and the Soil Association to organise and hold the UK Organic Congress. We reported on the two-day event in the November OF&G newsletter. Our press release that came out immediately after the conference was picked up across the news media. Here is a typical example where OF&G chief executive, Roger Kerr is quoted alongside Nic Lampkin of the ORC and the shadow Defra secretary - Sue Hayman MP.

UK Organic Congress: Development of new UK agricultural policy critical

<https://www.freshplaza.com/article/9046608/uk-organic-congress-development-of-new-uk-agriculturalpolicy-critical/>

British consumers are increasingly moving towards organic food but the industry must work together to capitalise on the full growth potential of organic in the UK, delegates of the UK Organic Congress were told.

Co-organised by several leading organic organisations including the Organic Research Centre (ORC), OF&G (Organic Farmers & Growers), the Soil Association and the Organic Trade Board (OTB), the event held in Rugby on 15 and 16 November, conveyed an overriding sense of opportunity, although the development of our future UK agricultural policy was said to be a 'seminal moment'.

Nic Lampkin, CEO of the ORC opened the event. "The UK led the global movement for organic but we're now well behind our counterparts. As a sector, we've been through a difficult period since the recession but we're now moving in an upward direction, with the domestic market estimated to be worth £2.2 billion and growing."

He challenged the sector to create a transition to move things forward. "20% of land is organic in some countries and 10% of the food market, this should be the vision for the UK."

Sue Hayman, Shadow Secretary of State for Food, Environment and Rural Affairs, gave the opening address and said the development of the new Agriculture Bill brings great opportunity for organic.

"The Agriculture Bill provides a huge opportunity to integrate environmental and food benefits. We know they're compatible, and we must make sure policy supports this," said Ms Hayman.

She said there are clear benefits to organic methods of farming and questioned why, when organic delivers in so many areas of national policy including food and public health, environmental protection and climate change mitigation, government has failed to recognise the merits of organic, unlike other countries.

Roger Kerr, CEO of OF&G, concluded the closing plenary by calling for more efforts for greater unity in the UK, and for the positive achievements of organic farming to be emphasised without denigrating others.

Items for sale - continued from insert sheet

FEEDSTUFFS & FORAGE FOR SALE				
Organic Big Bale Hay and Silage	Organic big bale hay and big bale silage for sale.	Peter Isaac	01454 312233 / 07702 022589	Bristol, Glos
Big bale silage/haylage & wheat straw	550 big bales of very good quality silage/haylage, cut in June. 60 bales of cut wheat straw that would be excellent for eating.	Julian Finkill	07818 026190	Ripon, North Yorks
Organic Big Bale Hay & Silage	2017 Big Bale 4 string Hay, Good Quality 2017 June, Pit silage, approx 750 tonnes, analysis available.	Paul Phillips	07971 184580	Templecombe, Somerset
Organic Small Bale Meadow Hay	150 small bales of organic meadow hay June 2018 cut, barn stored. Lovely soft hay. £6.00 a bale.	Claire Taylor	07802 432539	Honiton, Devon
Top quality Haylage	Up to 150 bales of Top quality Haylage, Bale size 3x3x5. Red Clover and ryegrass ley, made in July 2018	Jon Lewis	07970 947582	Ludlow, Shrops
MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE				
Organic Smallholding for sale	Organic Smallholding, County Clare, Ireland. Renovated Stone cottage on 11 acres, polytunnels, lots of fruit trees, grassland. Price: 240,000 Euros. For further details contact Pete.	Pete	00353 65 6835924	Tulla, County Clare
Business Opportunity TO LET	A unique 2.48 acre long established Soil Association registered market garden, with spacious flat 1.2 miles from Malpas West CHESHIRE. The tenant is required to reside in the 3 bedroom first floor flat. Would suit a couple wanting to start or relocate an organic horticultural enterprise. Please contact for further details.	Sue Steer	07729 927777 / 01477 532188	Malpas, Cheshire
OTHER LIVESTOCK FOR SALE				
Organic Calves	Having nearly reached the number of calves I can rear on summer grazing I will be able to sell the surplus beef calves born to the dairy herd preferably under 42 days old. I have 10 due to be born in Jan 2019 and 5 in Feb etc.. I calve all year round so usually have a few every month. Please contact for further details.	Matt Preston	07771 906670	Dorchester, Dorset

Recently awarded approved inputs

A full list of approved inputs appears on our website <http://ofgorganic.org/approved-input/>

SUPPLIER	TELEPHONE	CATEGORY
Terragro Kft	07857 299589	Soil Conditioners

Updated approved inputs

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SUPPLIER	TELEPHONE	CATEGORY
Tithebarn Ltd	01606 595000	Animal Feed Supplement
Western Seeds Ltd	01834 861904	Fertilisers
Natural Feeds and Fertilisers Ltd	01970 820149	Animal Feed Supplement, Vitamins, minerals and trace elements, Fertilisers, Pest Control
GreenBest Ltd	01963 364788	Fertilisers
Quality Liquid Feeds Ltd	01952 727754	Animal Feed Additives
Realistic Agri Ltd	01952 433644	Processing Aids
Agrimin Ltd	01652 688046	Vitamins, minerals and trace elements
Gromax Industries Ltd	01473 657555	Weed Control
Herban UK Limited	0191 497 5577	Animal Feed Supplement
Ecoworm Limited	07405 818562	Fertilisers
Arden Wood Shavings Ltd	01675 443888	Bedding Materials
Calysta UK Ltd	01642 438150	Animal Feed Additives
Aphaeas Agriculture Ltd	01505 871955	Soil Conditioners
Greenworld Sales Ltd	01553 772590	Soil Conditioners
Celtic Sea Minerals	00353 214 378727	Vitamins, minerals and trace elements, Fertilisers

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Items for sale

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SHEEP FOR SALE				
In Lamb Ewes	North Country Mule ewes for sale. 2yr old. In lamb to Charolais x Texel rams. Scanned last week at 192%. Due early March.I have 140 of them, would like to sell as a whole but will consider selling in smaller lots.They are good strong healthy organic ewes. Please ring for any more details.	Harry	07831 124968	Marlborough, Wilts
CATTLE FOR SALE				
Store cattle	9 Traditional Hereford steers for sale. Organic, 14 - 16 months old. In excellent condition from the long-established Cow Hall pedigree herd in the Welsh borders.	Mark Measures	01588 640307	Craven Arms, Shrops
Hereford Bull	Traditional Hereford bull for sale. Elysia Edward, 8 years old. Very fit and producing excellent calves in our pedigree herd. Price based on cull value.	Mark Measures	01588 640307	Craven Arms Shrops
8 month old galloway steers	5 black Galloway steers at reasonable price well bred 8 month olds all tb tested. Phone for more details.	Stuart Smith	07523 032306	Launceston, Cornwall
2 x Pedigree Organic British Friesian Bulls	21 months old, out of cows with EX/VG lines. Outcross sires Dechmont Jasmo and Rivelino 409. Available early January, currently with maiden heifers. [B.Fr bulls regularly available]	David Moreton	07836 769853 / 07834 765730	Wotton-under-Edge, Glos
300 Hereford X Beef Calves	Approx 300 Hereford X Beef Calves available from large dairy farm in South Devon for sale from February 2019. TB restricted so buyer must have isolation unit. Opportunity to buy from known source and to fill unit quickly.	Adam Atkinson	07766 733224	Plymouth, Devon
30 British blue X Yearlings	30 British blue X dairy bulls and heifers. Still on grass and bales	Llewellyn	07917 458286	Launceston, Cornwall
DAIRY CATTLE FOR SALE				
40 March calving British Friesian cows	40 British Friesian organic cows grazing type. March calving incalf to BB and Angus	Llewellyn	07917 458286	Liskeard, Cornwall
Pedigree holstein friesian heifers for sale	10 jan,5 feb and 20 march calving heifers to friesian bull. 4 year tb area	Ian Bowman	01892 824778	Tunbridge Wells, Kent
25-30 incalf heifers for sale	25-30 incalf heifers for sale calving end feb/March. Jersey X & Kiwi X	Llewellyn	07917 458286	Launceston, Cornwall
Friesian heifers	23 spring calving fully Organic friesian heifers, due from mid February onwards. Certified with QWFC	D Williams	07900 564175	Pwllheli, Gwynedd
Organic dairy stock for sale	4 organic Friesian heifers for sale. 26 months old. Due to calve late Feb / March to AA reg sire. 19 organic dairy heifer calves for sale. 1 to 2 months old. British Friesian and Norwegian Red sires. Surplus to requirement. No issues with BVD or IBR, Johnes tested quarterly, clear at present.	Hywel James	07855 931882	Cardigan, Pembro
SEED FOR SALE				
Organic Tundra Bean Seed for Sale	1 tonne organic tundra bean for sale. Shrink wrapped on pallet. Surplus to requirement. £65.	Adam Twine	01367 700616	Swindon, Wiltshire
LAND & GRAZING FOR SALE				
Summer grazing near Monmouth	About 60 acres organic grazing for sheep or cattle, including 22 acres new grass/clover leys for mowing or grazing. Well fenced, sheltered and watered. Available 01.05 - 31.10.19.	Teona Dorrien-Smith	01600 780501	Monmouth, Gwent

Items wanted

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FEEDSTUFFS AND FORAGE WANTED				
Organic Silage, Haylage or Hay wanted for Feb 2019	Organic Silage, Haylage or Hay wanted for Feb preferably local to Cheshire but will consider further afield if necessary.	Katy	07872 664582	Sandbach, Cheshire
Wanted Organic Hay	Organic & Conventional Hay in square bales. Will collect.	David Thorley	07973 860211	Ashbourne, Derbys
Organic Fodder Beet	We are looking for Organic Fodder Beet - Cleaned	Helen Parker	01244 570864	Wrexham, Wrecsam
Silage Clamp	Clamped silage wanted can collect. Distance not a problem for quality. Paid per ton weighbridge on site. Or by the clamp.	Adrian Hosie	07971 590540	Sherborne, Dorset
Organic hay, haylage and straw	We are looking for organic hay, haylage and silage, and straw	Clyde & Helen	01244 570864	Wrexham, Wrecsam
Organic Fodder Beet for Feb 2019 and winter 2019/20	I am looking for organic fodder beet and I am based near Stroud in Gloucestershire. There are two organic dairy farmers in the valley that include fodder beet into their ration, I would be happy to calculate the joint demand were there to be any interest in growing some for us.	Kees Frederiks	07594 533648	Stroud, Glos
Wanted Organic Hay	We are looking to purchase organic hay, haylage and silage, red clover mix if available. Also, organic straw all types and bale sizes. We will collect.	David Thorley	07973 860211	Ashbourne, Derbys

CATTLE WANTED				
Organic store cattle wanted	OLMC (Organic Livestock Marketing Co-operative) have strong demand for organic stores throughout the UK. If you have any available please call Peter Jones.	Peter Jones	07720 892922	Tarporley, Cheshire

DAIRY CATTLE WANTED				
Jersey cows and heifers wanted.	We are starting a small dairy and are looking for both spring and autumn calving Jerseys to get us started.	Sebastian Powell	07561 739756	Chagford, Devon
Autumn calving cows and heifers	Peter Jones Livestock is looking throughout the UK for approx. 200 Autumn calving cows and heifers calving from July 2019 onwards.	David Bostock	07734 808050	Chester, Cheshire
XB Grazing type dairy cattle	Wanted up to 120 Friesian x Jersey or grazing type animals. In calf cows/heifers spring or late spring calving. Herd currently at an average live weight of 500kg looking for similar type animals. Animals must have tested BVD clear before movement going to an Annual TB tested farm.	Chris North	07811 565605	Newnham on Severn, Glos

JOBS WANTED				
Stockman / Herdperson required	Stockman / herdperson required at an organic beef unit west of Okehampton to commence March/April 2019. Needs to be computer literate, willing to turn their hand in all directions including tractor work, and accept a considerable responsibility. Position includes a family house. Salary negotiable. Apply with comprehensive cv to wolfhoundsfarm@outlook.com	Sandra Moore		Okehampton, Devon
Field veg /farm manager	We are looking to dramatically expand our organic production and livestock activities. Currently we grow mostly salads in 3/4 acre of polytunnels, turkeys and laying hens; and we sell through our own farm shop in Bristol as well as several other restaurants, etc. in Bristol and Glastonbury. Please contact for further details.	Richard Fox	01761 479391	Bath, Somerset
Wanted HGV Class 1 driver	We have a full or part time position for an HGV Class 1 driver for our hay and straw merchants business. We offer good rates of pay. We are a small family run business based in Doveridge, Nr Ashbourne, Derbyshire (and 2 miles from Uttoxeter).	Jean McCann	07976 921775	Ashbourne, Derbyshire
Organic Grain Representative	This is a new position within Organic Arable. We are a small team of which you will be an integral part. We are looking for an outgoing, ambitious individual able to work alone, on their own initiative to help build our grower base and support our existing farmers. More information about the role and an application pack is available at www.organicarable.info	Andrew Trump	07980 955490	Cambridge, Cambridgeshire