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General News



Farm walk NOCC17

NOCC18 New Year Report

The largest organic farming event in the UK, now in its eleventh year and run by OF&G, will be held at Mark Lea's wonderful farm in Shropshire on 3 July 2018.

The event will focus on seed breeding, the market and properties of milling wheats for bread baking, managing weeds and how to help sustain your soils, your yields and your profitability.

The 2018 theme is Diversity: from the farmer's field to the kitchen table.

OF&G are working closely with Mark, Harper Adams University and the Organic Research Centre, along with the support of the UK's foremost organic grain cooperative, Organic Arable. As a consequence we are proud to announce a diverse range of crop varieties being grown for delegates to walk around and discuss in detail on 3 July.

We have the seven crop varieties being trialled across Europe under the Liveseed project.

Liveseed is described as

'...a new 4-year EU-funded project which aims to boost organic seed and plant breeding efforts, and increasing the availability of cultivars adapted to organic growing conditions.'

Heritage varieties will also feature at the event in July as well as cross populations and a number of peas and bean varieties with the support of Brockwell Bake, Hodmedods and Walnes Seeds.

This year we will be showing crop varieties in field strips. The aim being to replicate as much as possible practical farm conditions with Mark using his own field-scale equipment to drill and manage the crops. This offers the chance to really see how they perform in the field and provide practical insights to take home.

Our caterer this year will be Kimberley

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Bell and her team from the Small Food Bakery in Nottingham.

Booking for this ever popular event is essential. We cater for all delegates from complimentary breakfast on arrival, two course lunch and cake with tea in the afternoon and all places must be booked in advance.

Full details will be released soon. In the meantime you can register your interest with us here at OF&G.



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Oxford Real Farming Conference



The ninth annual Oxford Real Farming Conference attracted around 900 people to Oxford Town Hall over two days early in the new year, 4 & 5 January 2018

OF&G chief executive, Roger Kerr, and our business development manager Steven Jacobs, attended this increasingly popular event.

The headline event was Defra Secretary Michael Gove's Q&A session with Zac Goldsmith MP and the ORFC audience.

Mr Goldsmith opened by observing that the ORFC was significantly larger than the OFC and "looked more like a movement", to which Mr Gove commented "that having a nine year old bigger than an eighty year old is quite something".

Mr Gove spoke in detail on a range of subjects but on public goods specifically he said, "Public money should reward people who look after their soil rather than those who concentrate on trying in any given year to maximise yield knowing that over time the health and fertility of our soils will be damaged.

Public support should go towards people who as well as farming in a sustainable fashion are making sure land is there for the habitats that wildlife needs to flourish.

Because ultimately if we're going to

have £3 billion spent then that £3 billion should be an investment for the future rather than an incentive to carry on just as people have been doing ever since the Second World War and particularly since the seventies and eighties farming in an intensive way that doesn't take account of all of the benefits that we rightly expect nature to generate for us."

OF&G will (alongside other associated groups) keep working to ensure organic food and farming receives the best outcome possible as the Government work through the policy development.

The session with Michael Gove and Zac Goldsmith was recorded and is available to view on YouTube -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bQ8CgWpoHd4>

Other sessions included organic farmer and OF&G licensee Mark Lea (NOCC18 host) on a seed breeding panel along with John Miles of KWS, Andrew Trump of Organic Arable (OF&G licensee) and Ambrogio Costanzo and Charlotte Bickler both from ORC.

James Odgers of Stream Farm, another OF&G licensee, took a role in

running one of the workshop groups in a fascinating session called Delivering Diversity in Farm Scales: Challenges and Opportunities. The session chair was Sustain's Vicki Hird and speakers alongside James included Alison Rickett (Fresh Start Land Enterprise), Ashley Wheeler (Trill Farm Garden) David Corrie-Close (The Horned Beef Company), Hannah Claxton (Eves Hill VegCo), Graeme Willis (CPRE), and Rebecca Laughton (LWA).

James has expertise in setting up micro businesses and Stream Farm supports a number of share farming businesses.

Take away lines from this session were "We have one brand - Stream Farm. Organic, high quality, good food. So brand integrity is critical. Our nightmare is a spider in a bottle of water.

"Our competition is convenience. We are in competition for a person's time to bother to come to us as opposed to visiting their local retailer so integrity is fundamental."

Audio of many of the sessions at the 2018 event are available via Soundcloud, search for ORFC18.

OF&G has recently published a new policy paper, **An Organic Systems Approach to the Provision of Public Goods**, which is part of a series of policy documents that we are providing. It looks at how we can achieve public benefits for public goods through the adoption of a systematic approach to their delivery.

Currently, the political discussion on UK food and farming is largely centred on what return the tax paying public get for pounds invested in farm support. It is clear that the external costs of food and farming are placing an increasing burden on society and these costs arise from a failure to recognise and value the provision of social, economic and environmental public goods adequately.

The paper sets out an integrated definition of public goods, taking into account the need to measure and reward their delivery. We argue for the development of both Government policy and business practice that supports the increase in uptake of organic farming as it represents a coherent land use that ensures multi-functional environmental benefits, and has other benefits besides. We urge Government to recognise the particular ability of organic production to deliver public goods in a simultaneous and systematic way within a highly regulated and verifiable framework.

In preserving public goods organic farming systems have to date however had to bear the costs of that, as seen in the premium currently paid by the final consumer of organic food. If the multifaceted public benefits derived from organic farming are acknowledged and consequently organic production rewarded by society as a whole for the value it provides through those public goods, and not left to the consumer to fund, then potentially this would have an additional benefit of potentially making organic food more accessible to all.

For the full paper go to: ofgorganic.org/news-events/blog/



Grain Prices: Courtesy of Simon Tubbs, Saxon Organic:

01284 764915

Markets have been a little flat thus far in 2018, with most buyers citing good raw material cover until May. Organic premiums do however remain strong over a particularly weak/dull conventional grain market, and those with quality Organic barleys and oats still unsold have done particularly well recently. Price on application for these, but samples are required.

Feed grain values have slipped since the highs seen back in November, but this was mainly due to a general lack of domestic availability, and subsequent supplies of imported wheat have arrived in some quantity as an alternative. We were offering a generous premium for homegrown, but it was difficult to source adequate supply at the time which was frustrating. We feel that the market could slip in the last half of the season, so please let us know of any available parcels; we can then market them for you in an orderly fashion rather than having to try to find a buyer in a hurry.

New crop marketing should also start to be considered, and we will shortly be asking for your cropping details once spring drilling is completed if it should ever dry up. It really is to your advantage to let the market have some idea of cropping, and should not be regarded as commercially sensitive information!

Guide price indications, ex farm, central England

Feed wheat £282, Milling £315
Feed barley £284, Malting £320
Feed oats £260, Milling £315
Beans £375

Organic Livestock Trends: OLMC

The finished cattle trade has slipped back a little from the pre Christmas levels. Generally meat sales are slow across all sectors which is not surprising and typical of most January sales. The recent change in weather could also stimulate sales.

The demand at the end of 2017 was good with many abattoirs slaughtering an increase in numbers. It would seem that there is still some of this stock in cold store to come through the system. The general outlook is one of prices stabilising probably at slightly lower levels than we saw last year but with seasonal ups and downs throughout the year.

Organic cull cows have been in good demand and the price remains fair. A slight weakening in the market as we hit 2018, this is expected to strengthen marginally especially if we see the cow numbers tighten up.

Average R4L Organic UTM in spec @450/kg deadweight

Average R4L Organic OTM Cow in spec @ 295p/kg deadweight

A gradual improvement in all lamb prices has helped the organic trade along marginally. More interest from abattoirs in the past couple of weeks has helped stimulate the trade. It would seem that numbers might well get tight by the time we get to end of February. This could well fuel a rise in the market through to the Spring.

Average R3L Organic OSL in spec @415p/kg deadweight

For further information on the marketing of finished stock please call Tim Leigh on 01763 250313 or mobile 07850 366404. We would also encourage you to visit our web site www.olmc.co.uk.

With regard to the marketing of store cattle experience tells us that generally February, March and April are very busy months and judging by early demand, this year will be as busy as ever.

Spring born cattle (last year) will now be 320/400kg liveweight depending on date of birth and breed which could mean they are ideal to turnout. Often graziers like to get their store cattle bought in before turnout time in order to get the cattle acclimatised and also so they can stagger turnout in line with grass growth rather than not buying them until April or May when grass could well get ahead of the cattle. Larger cattle say 480 kg liveweight plus are also required for finishers to house for Summer finishing when the smaller cattle have been turned out.

Demand for organic store cattle always outstrips supply and we are again looking for new suppliers. There could also be a demand for breeding stock at good prices this Spring and again we are looking for new suppliers to meet this demand. As always the more notice you can give us for cattle that you are planning to sell the better.

For further information contact Peter Jones on 01829 730580 or mobile 07720 892922 or again visit our web site www.olmc.co.uk.

BIOFACH2018

into organic

OF&G will again be visiting the largest organic trade show in Europe. We will be at the BioFach in Nuremberg from 14 to 16 February.

<https://www.biofach.de/en>

It is a really useful event for knowledge sharing, networking and maybe, if there is time, to consume some of the world's finest food and drink. If any of you are going to be coming along you may like to contact OF&G Business Development manager Steven Jacobs.

The AHDB Soil Biology and Soil Health is looking for growers and farmers to be part of 6-10 working groups to collaborate over the next couple of years on this crucial subject. They are now particularly looking for partners from horticulture and organic systems.

For more information and to sign up, please follow the link below:

<https://ahdb.org.uk/projects/greatsoils.aspx>

Deadline is 8 February 2018



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General

NEW: NOP Accreditation

With the uncertainties around our future trading arrangements still to be resolved, OF&G in partnership with a European certifier is working toward offering USDA NOP accreditation to UK organic businesses. This has been driven by a need from some key organisations within the sector to guarantee continuity should the necessary equivalency agreements not be forthcoming. What this development does however provide is for other interested parties to consider this as an option. If you would like to understand more about what is involved and what would be required to proceed please contact Steve Clarkson.

Producers

Approvals/Statutory Instrument

As the first technical newsletter of 2018 we thought it timely to remind all producers of what you need to do if you wish to undertake certain operations such as tail dock your lambs, disbudding your calves or if you wish to bring in non-organic day old chicks or point-of-lay pullets etc...

As we have noted in previous newsletters we held talks with Defra in order to find a way forward that impacted on farmers as little as possible. That has meant some operations can be approved by OF&G and others will need to be approved by Defra.

If you carry out any of the following operations:

- tail docking of lambs
- disbudding of calves
- dehorning of cattle
- the use of vegetative propagating material

you will need to apply to OF&G for approval to carry out any of these processes on an annual basis. You must supply a justification for carrying out the operation with your approval request. Your Certification Officer (CO) will review the information and issue you with an approval note. When removing the tails of lambs, disbudding calves or dehorning cattle, whatever method you employ, you must ensure that adequate anaesthesia and/or analgesia is used.

It also means that some things will require PRIOR approval from Defra.

If you use any of the following:

- non-organic day old chicks (either for pullet production or table birds)
- part-organic pullets for egg production
- brought in non-organic animals up to 40%
- non-organic feed and/or livestock due to catastrophic circumstances
- synthetic vitamins A, D or E in the diet of ruminants

you will need to complete the relevant approval forms (these can be found in your Certification & Standards Manual or downloaded from the OF&G website) and forward these to your CO who will then liaise with Defra who will approve (or not) the request.

Once we have the approval from Defra we will inform you in the normal way. Please be aware that this needs to be actioned and approved prior to you bringing in the non-organic chicks or pullets etc... meaning that you will need to ensure as much information is supplied to your CO as possible giving adequate time for the approval process to be completed.

In recent discussions with Defra they have noted that a number of approvals are being requested after the event. Defra have asked that we make everyone aware that in these circumstances it is highly likely that the approval will not be granted. This would result in organic livestock/products being downgraded to non-organic with potential financial implications for producers. In order to avoid any such problem approval requests must be submitted in good time.

Antibiotic use on farms

When speaking to livestock farmers looking to start the conversion process to organic one of the first questions asked is "when do I need to stop using antibiotics?" It seems to be one of those myths that organic farmers are not allowed to use antibiotics. This couldn't be further from the truth and whilst the standards require that you reduce your reliance on veterinary treatments through the use of management techniques etc... if your livestock become ill you must use whatever means to resolve the problem, even if that means you lose

organic status for animals. However, antibiotic use on farms (be it organic or not) has been in the news recently as a factor in the increase in antibiotic resistant micro-organisms. As a result of this and discussions with other organisations we are looking at the use of antibiotics on farm. We have been doing this for some time now on organic dairy farms through the use of the mastitis questionnaire and anecdotally have seen a reduction in the use of antibiotics. In order to collate extra data on the types of antibiotics being used we have added some questions to the AQ RD156 Livestock Management and Feeding Questionnaire. We would be grateful if you could take the time to answer these questions accurately. The inspector will then collate and check this information at your annual inspection.

If you have any questions please contact your Certification Officer.

Processors

TRACES - reminder and update

On 19 October 2017 the TRACES Electronic Certificate of Inspection (e-COI) system was fully introduced for all products being imported into the European Union. If you are bringing organic products into the EU from a Third Country you will now need to be registered on TRACES NT and complete an e-COI using this system. If you are not registered it is likely that the port authorities will not permit your products to enter the UK.

You can register your company at <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/tracesnt/login> by completing the relevant sections. Once you have registered OF&G will need to formally validate your registration in order for you to be able to create the e-COI for imports, so can you inform us when you have done this.

At present the system is experiencing some issues with the electronic signature. This means that until this is solved the COI (certificate of inspection) must be raised in TRACES, printed, stamped and signed by the exporters control body. It must then be presented with the consignment at Port Health to be stamped and signed.

It is not permissible for the Port Health Authority to sign off the consignment without the printed copy of the EC Certificate of Inspection.

This process will remain in place until the electronic signature is in place.

Freight forwarders and 1st Consignees - Please note that anybody involved within the importing process such as freight forwarders, warehouses etc will need to register on TRACES as an Operator then select 'Responsible for the load'. The validation must then be carried out by the Port Health Authorities.

Fraudulent Certificates

Since the beginning of January Defra have notified us of a number of fraud cases involving organic products being traded within the EU.

A complex case of fraud has been investigated in Sicily, where fruit and vegetables produced using non-organic inputs were being labelled as organic. The fruit and vegetables in question were destined to be marketed in Italy, France, Germany and the UK. The investigations have identified a number of farms involved, these and the sanctions can be found in the table below:

The Italian association 'ASSOBIO' have informed Defra of an attempted fraud case involving products being marketed by a South African operator. The certificate supplied to the Italian body was in the name of Paforon Trading and Project (PTY) Ltd as AFISCO Certified Organic. If you receive or have received a certificate in this name please contact your Certification Officer.

Labels

Please ensure that all new and amended organic artworks are submitted to OF&G for approval prior to printing, along with confirmation of the EU leaf logo dimensions in mm. The minimum regulatory size is 9mm x 13.5mm with an increased ratio of 1:1.5.

Proofs can be submitted in pdf format via email to labels@ofgorganic.org

Please ensure that your registration number is included in the subject line of the email for identification.

Once the artwork proofs have been approved by a processing Certification Officer, a stamped 'approved copy' of the artwork will be forwarded to

you as evidence of the approval by OF&G. These should be kept on file for viewing during inspections.

Standard turnaround time for artwork is 48 hours. If you require this sooner then please notify us.

Please note that if stamped approval has not been given by OF&G prior to printing, and the artwork does not comply with the organic labelling regulations, it cannot be used and new artwork will be required.

Inspection Paperwork

Please note that any information requested by the inspector on the RD9 Inspection Summary Report MUST be sent directly to OF&G via the email address info@ofgorganic.org to ensure that it is booked in on our system and dealt with in a timely manner.

Please do not send any information direct to the inspector as this is not always guaranteed to be forwarded to OF&G and could delay the certification process.

FARM	LEGAL ADDRESS	VAT NUMBER	CONTROL BODY (CODE NUMBER) -	MEASURES APPLIED	NOTES
Azienda Agricola Gravagna Vincenzo	via A. Diaz n. 2 a Pozzallo (RG)	616170882	Bioagricert (IT-BIO-007)	Precautionary suppression of organic references of all the products	
Azienda Agricola Gravagna Marco	via A. Diaz n. 4 a Pozzallo (RG)	1198120881	Bioagricert (IT-BIO-007)	Precautionary suppression of organic references of all the products.	
Azienda Agricola Gravagna Mariachiara	Scicli (RG) in c.da Giarrantini sn	1346870882	Bioagricert (IT-BIO-007)	Precautionary suppression of organic references of all the products.	
Società Agricola Gravagna s.s.	Scicli (RG) in c.da Giarrantini	1648380887	-	-	Not active. This company had been created in order to merge the 3 companies of the family Gravagna.
Bioiblea Società Cooperativa Agricola	Pozzallo (RG), via Vittorio Veneto n. 104	583430889	CCPB (IT-BIO-009)	-	Ceased activity
Società Agricola Naturbio di Fidone Giuseppe & Fidone Salvatore s.s.	Ispica in c.da Chiusi Marabino sn	1396290882	QCertificazioni (IT-BIO-014)	Activity suspended for 6 months. Land must start again the conversion period (24/36 months). Precautionary suppression of organic references of all the products.	
Azienda Agricola Fidone Salvatore	Ispica (RG) in via G. Verdi n. 4	1148470881	Suolo e Salute (IT-BIO-004) -	-	Ceased activity on 23/03/2017. All the parcels were transfer to operator Società Agricola BIO VE.PA.
Società Agricola BIO VE.PA. s.s.	via Vanella 92 n. 10, Modica (RG)	1509460885	Suolo e Salute (IT-BIO-004) -	Precautionary suppression of organic references of all the products.	Inspection carried out by Suolo e Salute in date 22/11/2017.
Azienda Agricola Mazzotta Marco	Siracusa, via Basento 16/A	1443080898	Bioagricert (IT-BIO-007)	Precautionary suppression of organic references of all the products – the operator is suspended	

OF&G in the News

Organic Market Positive - The 2018 Ranger magazine new year review

OF&G Certification and Compliance manager, Stephen Clarkson features twice in the January 2018 issue of The Ranger, the publication from the British Free Range Egg Producers Association (BFREPA).

Steve comments on the decision by the European Commission to further extend the derogation to allow 5% non-organic content in feed.

"The decision will give some comfort to producers who had been concerned about how they were going to budget for the next year.

"The new permission to the end of this year means that the Commission now has time to put together a bridging regulation that will take them through to the the new EU-wide organic rules which are set to be implemented in 2021."

The article goes on to comment;

While there was a broad welcome for the Commission's decision, Stephen Clarkson raised the question of how the UK's withdrawal from the EU - expected March 2019 - would impact on the rules affecting British Producers. "While this feels like progress in some respects, what all of this means in

terms of Brexit is an entirely different matter.

We know that the EU Withdrawal Bill means that EU organic regulation will be brought into UK law; what we don't know is whether that will be the existing regulation, or the one that is being adopted by the rest of Europe in 2021."

Steve says in the article how we are in discussion with Government and industry and will continue to put the case for reliable and widely accepted organic standards across Europe ensuring that organic producers can continue to trade across borders.

At ofgorganic.org we covered news of the derogation in November - Pig and Poultry feed derogation extended - <http://ofgorganic.org/pig-poultry-feed-derogation-extended/>

Stephen Clarkson was also invited once again to review 2017 from the perspective of the organic sector and to look twelve months ahead.

Steve is quoted as saying that the market for organic eggs is looking positive. He says in the article that many of those already in the sector were feeling confident enough to

expand, and there were opportunities for farm businesses to join the sector.

He goes on to say,

Consumer demand for organic eggs is also steady: Many shoppers see free-range as the bare minimum they are prepared to buy, so moving to organic free-range is a natural progression for many.

That shift-up will continue as long as we have the product there for people to buy, but this comes back to needing certainty across the sector. If producers don't feel confident about their future and they step away from production, we won't be able to meet that demand.

In the future, we still need standards that producers are confident about and have time to implement. For example, currently we don't have an EU-wide pullet-rearing standard, and without that people have been reluctant to invest.

At OF&G we know that, until producers know what the rules are, they won't put the infrastructure in place. Therefore it's important that we get that clarity soon, so businesses can start preparing for the future and we can maintain the trust of the shopper.

Organic farming to shape soil health policy

Organic farmers welcome plans to place soil health at the centre of agricultural policy

The news publication The Scottish Farmer carried the OF&G view of farming minister George Eustice's comments at the joint OF&G and Soil Association organised event in Reading in November 2017 for the IFOAM EU Farmers Group.

(IFOAM EU is the European umbrella organisation for organic food and farming - <http://www.ifoam-eu.org/>)

Excerpt from the Scottish Farmer article November 2017 -

Speaking to EU organic farm leaders, farm minister, George Eustice, said that government proposals around the long-term sustainability of UK agriculture have to focus on improving soil health.

To help create more fertile soils, he said the government wanted to invest in research to learn how 'traditional' organic farming practices can merge with 'modern' farming systems to create a more sustainable approach to soils.

"As we contemplate future agricultural policy, we ought to strive to achieve a fusion between [organic's] traditional farm husbandry with some of the best modern technology we have," he told the IFOAM EU conference in Reading via video link.

OF&G chief executive, Roger Kerr, said it was encouraging to hear that the government is looking to the organic sector for solutions.

But he challenged the suggestion that organic farming only uses traditional systems and does not embrace new technologies and modern techniques, and said organic is in fact at the cutting-edge of ecological innovation.

"As we enter a new era for UK agricultural policy, it's heartening to see that the government has listened to our calls for a long-term approach which focuses on the importance of our soils," he said.

For more on this story -

http://www.thescottishfarmer.co.uk/news/15683313.Organic_farming_to_shape_soil_health_policy/

Licensees in the News

Gazegill Organics

Award winning organic food and farming business and OF&G licensee Lower Gazegill farm appeared on BBC Countryfile aired Sunday 7 January 2018.

"It's real low intensity farming. The animals are better for it. The soils are better for it" said Ian.

Emma said, "Without the nature we haven't got a farm."

There are some great moments where some excellent topics are handled well including succession farming, raw milk, rose veal, organic food, women in farming and more.

Presenter Anita Rani sums it all up with this,

"It's this echo back to the way this farm's been run for the past five hundred years plus Ian and Emma's new innovations that will hopefully ensure that this place will continue to run for the next five hundred years."

The programme is available to view via the BBC iPlayer until 13 February - Lower Gazegill feature from 12.04 minutes in and from 44.30 minutes.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b09m4x61/countryfile-ribble-valley>

Ian and Emma are on twitter -

<https://twitter.com/EmmaatGazegill>

Staff News

Emma Jones & Angela Norman

It is hard to believe but towards the end of 2017 both our Senior Certification Officer, Emma Jones, and our Office Manager, Angela Norman celebrated 15 years of service at OF&G. Over their many years service both have become an integral part of the team at OF&G. Angela keeping the office running smoothly and making sure our publications have a professional yet practical feel and Emma with her knowledge of the organic standards helping new and old licensees get to grips with organic farming and certification. We are extremely lucky at OF&G to have such dedicated staff who have stayed with us for such a long period. I hope you will join us in congratulating both on a great achievement and looking forward to the next 15 years!!!

Tess Barclay

As we came back from the Christmas and New Year break we welcomed a new member of staff to OF&G. Tess Barclay has joined the producer certification team and over the next few months will be training in readiness to take over the day to day certification requirements of a number of our farmer licensees. Tess brings with her extensive experience of dealing with many challenging issues faced by farmers, but you may not hear from Tess for a while, as she builds her knowledge of the organic standards and familiarises herself with our systems and procedures. Once she's been with us for a few months and had a chance to settle in we'll let you know a little more about her.

Recently awarded approved inputs

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

SUPPLIER	TELEPHONE	CATEGORY
Ecoworm Limited	01366 659634	Fertilisers
Calysta UK Ltd	01642 438150	Animal Feed Additive
Aphaeas Agriculture Ltd	01505 871955	Soil Conditioners

Updated approved inputs

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

SUPPLIER	TELEPHONE	CATEGORY
PCS Poultry Services Ltd	01386 701812	Insect Control
Omex Agriculture Ltd	01526 396011	Fertilisers, Pest Control, Soil Conditioners, Plant Health Product
Biotechnica Services Ltd	01780 781368	Plant Health Product, Fertilisers
Quality Liquid Feeds Ltd	01952 727754	Animal Feed Additive
Herban UK Limited	0191 497 5577	Animal Feed Supplement
Gromax Industries Ltd	01473 657555	Weed Control
Arden Wood Shavings Ltd	01675 443888	Bedding Materials
Realistic Agri Ltd	01952 433644	Processing Aids
Crossgates Bioenergetics Ltd	01756 749444	Animal Feed Supplement
Greenworld Sales Ltd	01553 772590	Soil Conditioners, Compost
Institute of Cellular Pharmacology	00 356 21438458	Animal Feed Supplement

Items for sale

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

SHEEP FOR SALE				
Organic ewes for sale	20 x 2-3 year old black faced mule ewes.	Richard Powell	01691 671123	Oswestry, Shropshire
Organic lambs	13 x Organic Shropshire cross Ewe lambs for sale. Born April 2017	Farokh Khoroshi	01296 711107	Buckingham, Bucks
Organic Shropshire sheep for sale	4x Ewe lambs. 1x Ram lambs born in April. Ready for work by November. All from the same Pedegree registered Sire but three different registered Dams. Also 4x 18 month old Registered Pedegree Shropshire Ewes for sale. Can put to Ram if required. Reason For sale: Flock reduction in organic small holding.	Farokh Khoroshi	01296 711107	Buckingham, Bucks
Store Lambs for sale	80 Suffolk cross mixed lambs No uncut . mid april born. ave weight 30-35 kgs injected and wormed.	Trevor Wheeler	07799 681134 / 01588 640298	Craven Arms, Shropshire
Store lambs	70 store lambs	A Smith	07960 738791	Launceston, Cornwall
34 inlamb hogs for sale	34 texel x / beltex x inlamb hogs for sale, due 1st April onwards to an easy lambing Beltex Tup. Scanned 20 singles 14 twins. Smart strong hogs, Bolused and wormed. In the heptovac system.	John Moffat	07789 352330	Ponteland, Northumberland

CATTLE FOR SALE				
Store cattle	16 Lim and Limx 8 to 12 mths 6 steers 10 heifers	Lyndon	07985 604440	Llandrindod Wells, Powys
Devon cattle for sale	10 pedigree Devon bulling heifers, born March 2016. 10 in calf Devon heifers (some non pedigree), born March 2015. Pd'd in calf to start end February.	Charlie Morrish	07971 230728	Barnstaple, Devon
Calves for sale	18 calves for sale.2x Angus cross, 1x Hereford cross, 15x Simmental cross aged from 2 weeks to 8 weeks.	Ken Samuel	07853 870282	Deerhurst, Glos
Hereford X Stores for Sale	From 13-4 months old, steers and heifers, Hereford X stores for sale. Out of BF and MRI cows. Please call John on 07737 492235 or AJ on 07789 223603	John	07737 492 235	Helston, Cornwall
32 Aberdeen steers and heifers	Spring born, Tb 4 area. For further details please contact.	Nick Cole	07778 908012	Carlisle, Cumbria
Angus cross simmental	Angus cross suckled calves 13 heifers and 7 steers no dairy in them full organic	A Smith	07960 738791	Launceston, Cornwall

DAIRY CATTLE FOR SALE				
Heifer Calves For Sale	We will have about 100 heifer calves for sale. Available from mid Feb. NZ Friesian x Jersey and are by AI bulls. We are TB free and antibiotic free & have good Johnes protocol. £100 Call to pre-order	Heather Dale	07946 591636 / 07801 335118	Shrewsbury, Shropshire
In milk cows	8 July calving 6 August calving cows for sale in milk. Jersey X FR high milk solids. TB free	Matthew Senior	07855 323194	Yeovil, Somerset
20 Spring Calving Heifers	Calving Feb to April. They are also certified antibiotic free, We have a good Johnes protocol and the are tested for BVD no Pls. TB free.	Jeremy Dale	07946 591636	Shrewsbury, Shropshire
17 In calf heifers, May -July calving	Jersey x Friesian. Johnes tested herd and also certified as totally antibiotic free. BVD tested and no Pls. TB free. £950 each	Heather Dale	07801 335118	Shrewsbury, Shropshire
20 Spring Calving Crossbred Heifers	20 NZ Crossbred heifers calving Feb to April. TB free & from a herd that is 100% antibiotic free, organic & PFLA registered. A good Johnes protocol in place and they are BVD tested no Pls. £1250 each	Heather Dale	07801 335118/ 07946 591636	Shrewsbury, Shropshire
Organic Cows	Organic cows, young stock and beef calves available. Block calving, high solid, proven genetics, grazing type. Sadly, mostly TB restricted.	Lorraine Gulliford	01752 830282	Plymouth, Devon
Dairy Stock For Sale	Organic pedigree holstein friesian in milk cows/heifers, In calf heifers and bulling heifers available. TB4	Rob Carr	07808 586950	Carlisle, Cumbria

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE				
Organic Poultry Manure	I have 60 ton of Organic Poultry Manure for Collection only.	Jonathan Thompson	07714 988583	
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	

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FEEDSTUFFS AND FORAGE FOR SALE				
Organic Big Bale Silage & Haylage	Made July 2017, Triple wrapped , Good Quality	Paul Phillips	07971 184580	Wincanton, Somerset
Organic Feed Oats	We have 1 load of organic feed oats for sale. Can deliver nationally. Please contact Gemma or telephone to discuss prices.	Gemma	01529 421081	Sleaford, Lincs
Oat Screenings	1 lorry load of organic oat screenings from our seed processing available for delivery nationally. Get in touch for samples & price.	Gemma Clarke	07792 600310 / 01529 421081	Sleaford, Lincs
Round bale hay	About 80 round bales hay. £20 per bale. Made summer 2017. Very good. Please telephone for details.	Nick Case	07970 191720	Yeovil, Somerset
Organic Big Bale Hay	2017 Organic Big Bale Hay, Baled in June , Good Quality.	Paul Phillips	07971 184580	Wincanton, Somerset
Ryegrass clover haylage	Haylage from a c2 ryegrass and red/white clover mix. Bales are 4 string 70*90.	J Hatton	07803 721236	Chelmsford, Essex
Round Bale Silage	Approx 50 bales 3rd cut silage	Philip Wadsworth	07974 387663	Thirsk, North Yorks
Round Bale Silage	100 Organic round bales silage for sale, 1st cut, made June 2016. Good solid bales no rain.	Rob	01984 667479	Taunton, Somerset
Rye grass Clover Hay and Haylage	Haylage from a 80x90 baler made this year, some Organic and some is C2 (2nd year in conversion), can load or potentially deliver depending on location, they weigh about 400 kg. I have now had the haylage analysed for quality, if you are interested please enquire about the results.	John	07803 721236	Chelmsford, Essex
Organic silage for sale	100 round bales of organic silage for sale. Can choose from 1st or 2nd cut, red or white clover leys. Silage analysis available.	Charlie Morrish	07971 230728	Barnstaple, Devon
Organic big bale hay and silage	Clean and well made 2017. From £20 per bale. Please telephone for details.	Tony Bennett	07851 005374 / 01884 855519	Tiverton, Devon

LAND AND GRAZING FOR SALE				
Organic grasskeep	Grasskeep available for approx. 70 organic sheep on certified organic land. Available for approx. 90 days this winter. Carmarthenshire area.	Mr Evans	01994 230250	Carmarthen
Organic Contract Farming Opportunity	We are a 680 acre organic grass farm at Cranleigh in Surrey with a substantial range of buildings and office space. We have been organic since 2002 and are currently looking at options for the future. During the past 15 years we have produced milk for Marks & Spencer as well as reared organic heifers and water buffalo. We are happy to consider proposals from established farmers or new entrants, for all or part of the farm. If this may be of interest please email Donna	Donna Wheeldon	01483 274553	Cranleigh, Near Guildford Surrey
Land for Grazing	Available for about 300 hogs and shearlings. Please telephone for further details.	Paul Boyle	01228 577174 / 07768 867264	Carlisle, Cumbria
Organic land to rent for sheep grazing	Over 20 acres of land at Llandenny (NP15 1DL) for organic sheep grazing available from 1st May 2018. Land is available on a grass keep basis i.e 364 days a year. Sheep owner is also to maintain the land by topping and road side hedges are to be cut every year and internal hedges to be cut every other year. Good access to land	Jill Castling	01291 690069 and 07795 418322	Usk, Monmouthshire
GRASS KEEP near Monmouth	Organic summer grazing available 1st May to 31st October 2018. Up to 60 acres (22 new grass/clover leys, 38 permanent pasture) plus 20 acres aftermath late summer. Well sheltered, fenced and watered.	Teona Dorrien-Smith	01600 780501	Monmouth, Monmouthshire

Items wanted

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CATTLE WANTED				
Organic Store Cattle	Meadow Quality Ltd have customers looking for organic cattle and sheep. On farm selection. For further details please contact.	Nick Cole	07778 908012	Nationwide
Store cattle	Family farm - requires store cattle 16 - 24 months PAYMENT ON FARM For further details please contact	Henry	07789 175192	Plymouth, Devon
Suckler Cows or Heifers	Cows in calf or with calf at foot wanted must be of good quality lim or lim crosses preferred but will consider other breeds.	Edward	01650 531662 / 07968 690457	Machynlleth, Powys
Organic store cattle wanted	The Organic Livestock Marketing Co-operative (OLMC) have customers throughout the UK looking for all categories of organic store cattle. If you have any available please call.	Peter Jones	07720 892922	Tarporley, Cheshire

DAIRY CATTLE WANTED				
Cows or heifers wanted	I am looking for 50 dairy animals. They must be at least 7 months pregnant or calved less than 2 months. I don't mind what breed or crossbreed but they must be dairy breeds	Paul Dillon	00353 86 810 9990	Rathkeale, Co Limerick

FEEDSTUFFS AND FORAGE				
Wanted - Organic Wheat, Barley & Oats	Major commodities trader Cefetra have established links with a wide range of processors (UK & Europe) that are constantly looking to purchase Organic grain. To fulfill our market requirements we would like to establish long term working relationships with organic farmers and therefore would like to speak with growers who have grain to sell on an ongoing basis. Please contact me for further details.	Nigel Watson	07712 325197	Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire
Organic Hay	Organic & Conventional Hay in square bales. Will collect.	David Thorley	07973 860211	Doveridge, Derbys
Swede/Fodder beet/Sugar beet	Wanted in Mid Wales	H Pugh	07747 000246 /01654 782228	Tywyn, Gwynedd
Organic Hay/ Silage, Straw or Cereals	Do you have surplus bales or feed grain for sale, particularly in the Cumbria area? Please contact Joanna, SOPA Membership Support.	Joanna Sinclair	0131 335 6635	Carlisle, Cumbria
Wanted Organic Straw or Hay	We are looking for big bale straw or hay.	Clyde/Helen Parker	01244 570864	Wrexham/Chester

OTHER LIVESTOCK				
Point of Lay Pullets	I require four batches of Organic pullets a year 6,000 - 12,000 birds per batch.	James Potter	01845 578376	Thirsk, North Yorkshire

SHEEP				
Wanted - organic store lambs	Organic stores lambs wanted at 35 kgs approx - Texel or Texel X - 75 mile radius of Congleton, Cheshire	Brian Clarkson	07969 622490	Congleton, Cheshire

JOBS				
Inspirational farmer-partner wanted for organic research farm	The Organic Research Centre, the UK's leading independent research charity in this field, wishes to appoint an inspirational share-farmer partner to manage its 80 ha Elm Farm in Berkshire from November 2018. This new partnership offers an exciting challenge for a farmer who would like to be at the coal-face of research on more ecological approaches to agricultural production. Biodiversity, soil health, agroforestry and livestock welfare are just some of the ground-breaking research that will take place on the farm. The results of which are shared with other like-minded farmers, policy makers and all those with an interest in the future development of agricultural policy. For those interested in applying to become a share-farmer at Elm Farm in Berkshire, the Organic Research Centre will be holding viewing days to see the farm and discuss ideas on Thursday 8th or Monday 19th February 2018. A full information pack is available on the charity's website at: www.organicresearchcentre.com . To register interest in attending, please contact Nic Lampkin: nic.l@organicresearchcentre.com	Morag Walker	07736 124097	Newbury, Berkshire