



ofgorganic.org



Newsletter

January 2020 Issue 127

General News

Confirmation of your OF&G organic certification status during the Transition Period and beyond

With the Withdrawal Agreement Bill gaining royal assent in the UK we would like to assure you that during the transition period the UK will adopt all EU regulations, and all existing trade arrangements with the EU will remain in place. Consequently your OF&G certification will remain valid across the EU as is currently the case. There have been suggestions that this isn't case so we wanted to positively confirm that it is.

At the end of the transition period there are two possible scenarios for the UK. One; the UK and EU secure a trade agreement based on mutual recognition (including organic) which will mean that in terms of recognition of OF&G certification the current position will continue.

Alternatively, the EU and UK don't agree a trade agreement based on

mutual recognition. In that event OF&G alongside the other UK organic CBs will need to have gained individual recognition by the EU Commission that we can certify to the EU standard in a third country (UK). In this case OF&G certification will be deemed equivalent to the EU regulation and recognised as such by EU member states.

While there will be a transition period, the UK will become a third country from 1 February allowing us (and others) to begin this application process and giving us nine months to achieve recognition.

Either way we would like to assure you that your OF&G certification will continue to allow you to trade with the EU in the medium and long term regardless of the outcome of trade talks.

Contents

- 2. Oxford Real Farming Conference
 - 3 Save the Date - 7 July NOCC
 - 4. OF&G & OF&G Licensees in the news
 - 5. Market Information - Grain & Livestock
 - 6. Forthcoming Events
 - 7. Combine OF&G Audits with BRC START!
 - 7. Approved Inputs update
 - 8. Classifieds
- Plus inserts:
- Classifieds continued
 - Technical News

The Oxford Real Farming Conference - 8/9 January

The Oxford Real Farming Conference began eleven years ago with fifty people gathered together and now attracts over 1,000 delegates from across food and farming and from around the world. <https://orfc.org.uk>

The 2020 event was opened by Taiko Shumei drummers; a rousing start to a conference that went down very well with the audience.

Following the Japanese drummers Colin Tudge, co-founder of the ORFC

and of the Real Farming Trust, gave the opening talk - here is an extract.

Colin said: "I just want to introduce what the conference is about, to the principles on which it was founded, and which have to continue into the

future. And the first thing to say about the Oxford Real Farming Conference is that it is and must be radical.

And radical doesn't mean wildly anarchic, it doesn't mean bolshy, it certainly doesn't mean terrorist as it is



OF&G CIC
Old Estate Yard
Shrewsbury Road | Albrighton
Shrewsbury | Shropshire
SY4 3AG

01939 291 800

@ofgorganic

info@ofgorganic.org

/organicfarmers

www ofgorganic.org

construed to be. It does mean getting down to the roots of things. Asking what really matters. And how we can really achieve what really matters. And we have to talk not only about farming itself but also the economics and the politics, the legal and scientific underpinning and most of all perhaps the moral and the metaphysical underpinning, what actually are we trying to achieve, what is it good to do.

The reason it is radical is because we have to question the status quo. And not only to question the status quo but also to ask what do we need to do instead.

Perhaps the most important thing of all and that has been said to me often is that OK you get lots of good ideas at this conference which is terrific but the main thing, if you're out there trying to practice agroecology in a basically hostile world, is to demonstrate to yourself that you are not actually on your own.

And the point about this conference, I think the real point of the thousand people that will be here and the other 600 trying to get in, the point about this is that it demonstrates that there really is a very, very big movement, a very well-informed people who are moving in a quite different direction and are moving in the kind of direction we really need."

The ORFC is an inspiring conference with excellent and thought-provoking workshops.

OF&G is active within many groups who are represented at the conference.

- We certify the Pasture For Life mark on behalf of the Pasture Fed Livestock Association who host a series of workshops in Oxford.
- We work closely with groups including the Land Workers' Alliance who also host many sessions at the ORFC.
- We are supporters of the Nature Friendly Farming Network who host meetings at the ORFC.
- And we are members of an affiliation who meet at the ORFC and are steered by the Food Ethics Council and who are advocating for a more balanced approach to research funding within the country's top organisation, the United Kingdom Research and Innovation: <https://www.ukri.org/>

We believe that the UKRI, which is supported by the Government and funded from the Treasury, has a clear bias away from agroecological and whole system approaches to food production. We will continue to press our argument and push to get our points across.

OF&G were also part of a small group at ORFC20 who had a face-to-face meeting with the Defra Secretary of State, Theresa Villiers.

We are most grateful to the Real Farming Trust for helping to bring our small group, OF&G, Compassion in World Farming, the Daylesford Foundation, the Land Workers' Alliance and the Soil Association together to meet with the minister. And although Ms. Villiers was not always able to give some of the commitments many of us would have wanted she did agree to discuss serious issues and she also agreed that we and Defra would meet again later in the year.

The Oxford Real Farming Conference is very well organised and well attended and the programme was packed full of great talks and debates. Many of those sessions were recorded and will be available to watch or to listen to.

For more details look at the ORFC website and across social media using #ORFC20

The Oxford Farming Conference or the 'other conference' as it has become known, is considerably more established if somewhat smaller in attendance to the ORFC. But it too had excellent talks and debates, some of which are also available to view -

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDQwEmpiZcgp8FgahF_aF5w

Henry Dimbleby has the speech he gave at the OFC available in text and on video via the National Food Strategy website -

<https://www.nationalfoodstrategy.org/henry-dimbleby-speech-to-the-oxford-farming-conference-2020/>

He describes how farming helped to save billions from starvation, but that 'as is so often the case, the solution to one problem creates others'.

He cites the imbalance of financial returns in the food system, he details the growth of obesity and the drop in numbers of farmland birds.

Henry talks about the tone of the food and farming and climate debate being often 'unpleasant'. And that there is a clear need for understanding and for action on all sides, production and consumption.

He describes the need to recognise that previous approaches of reductionism have 'run into the hard wall of complexity'. Henry describes the work of the physicist Barabási who 'argues that we need to start thinking about nature's networks in a different way. Until now, scientists have tried to understand nature by disassembling it – breaking matter down into elements and then further into electrons spinning around protons and neutrons, which are themselves disassembled again into quarks for example; or thinking of nutrition only in terms of vitamins and minerals, proteins and fats, carbohydrates and fibre.'

Mr Dimbleby continues with a detailed analysis of what might be required to effect true food system transformation. He concludes with these sentences -

'I believe, for example, that we need to start framing the carbon problem as one of both production and consumption. The current production-only climate change targets make no sense. What is the point of doing the enormous amount of work required to create a net-zero farming economy here, if we then just import that carbon from other countries?'

'The same goes for animal welfare, biodiversity, and environmental pollution. We cannot only consider the externalities of food we produce here but must apply the same standards to food imports. It would be wrong to create a gold-standard for farming in this country and then incentivise those harms overseas in the form of lower standard food imports. It is a red line that as a society we must defend vigorously.'

OF&G National Organic Combinable Crops

Tuesday 7 July 2020

The largest on-farm organic conference in the UK, NOCC20, will take place in Shimpling, Suffolk.

John Pawsey will host the 13th organic cereals event at Shimpling Park Farm in Suffolk on 7 July.

This one day event has three parts.

- The conference element with delegates seated in a barn, converted for the day into a lecture theatre, where they can see and hear presentations by key stakeholders.
- The second element is the farm walk. Around 200 people attend OF&G NOCC each year and we take everyone round the farm to look at key aspects usually including soils, crops and other interesting areas of the host farm. Last year the walk took in talks on potatoes and pigs as part of the York Grounds farm tour.
- The third element that ties everything together is the food. NOCC catering focuses on organic ingredients with many available from the UK and that are relevant to our audience, combinable crops and associate foods from the organic rotation.

As an event NOCC has not only become a firm fixture in the farming calendar but also for the wider food business community. Grain traders and seed merchants with bakers and chefs, millers and retailers are all part of the largest organic farm event in the UK.

Booking in advance is essential. Delegate places can be booked via our google doc - see box below.

Trade enquiries are very welcome, and some sponsorship spots are still available. Please contact Steven Jacobs at the OF&G offices on 01939 291800 ext 240.



Here John talks about going organic.

Shimpling is an arable farm just outside Bury St Edmunds which has been in our family for over 100 years. Part of the farm is a former airfield built in 1943 on land bought by my maternal great grandfather in 1904, so there's a lot of history here.

In 1999, I converted the farm to organic production because I was concerned about overworked soils and diminishing biodiversity.

How was the process of getting certified?

Exciting and educational! The process takes you through the whole ethos of organic farming. Don't be scared of certification – it's part of the learning curve. If you're doing it for the right reasons, it's common sense, and why wouldn't you want to do it?

What are the challenges of becoming organic?

Fertility and weed control are the major challenges.

We've made lots of changes in the last five years to make our system more robust, every aspect of it, from fertility to rotations to marketing. We have a more robust farming system as a result and it's obviously working because I can sell it. We are converting more farmers to organic than ever before and they have more confidence in what we are doing.

I feel very positive for the future – I think the market is growing and I think we are going to be ahead of the curve.

How has being certified organic benefited you?

First and foremost, it has significantly improved the health of the soil – meaning we will leave it in good condition for future generations and have a positive effect on biodiversity.

Secondly, it gives me a price premium. As well as benefiting the land, we quickly found that farming organically meant we were better off financially.

The other thing that's been fantastic is the connection with the market. With conventional farming I had no idea what was happening to our grains. I had no idea if it was going to end up in this country, feeding pigs or people. But we now know where every grain goes and what product it goes into, so that connection to the market for me is a real bonus.

The above is taken from the OF&G series of Case Studies on our website -

<https://ofgorganic.org/case-studies/being-certified-organic-has-benefitted-our-land-and-our-finances>

John's crop rotation is detailed along with the gross margin of his farm business in the OF&G arable technical guide which is available to download - TL128 Organic Arable Farming

<https://assets.ofgorganic.org/tl-128-organic-arable-farming.ipi4sm.pdf>

The 2019 event report, Bred for organic, is available at

<https://ofgorganic.org/news/bred-for-organic>

Delegate tickets can be booked online at :

NOCC20 booking form

<https://forms.gle/FxE1ngzr8e3JetVr5>

Payment can be made by phoning the office with card details or by cheque. If you have any queries please contact Angela on 01939 291800 ext 222

OF&G Licensees & OF&G in the News

A number of stories about livestock and climate crisis have appeared in recent weeks.

OF&G published our own take on the issues in the debate.

This article appeared in several publications including the Agronomist and Arable Farmer -

Organic control body calls for 'land sharing' approach to halt economic and ecological collapse

The largest certifier of UK organic land, OF&G (Organic Farmers & Growers) is calling on the Government and agricultural industry to support policies that protect the land and rural communities across the country.

Farm businesses face increasing financial pressure as gross margins are constricted by market economics. Threats to biological diversity and extreme weather events are taking their toll, leading to crucial debate around the best way to manage the countryside, tackle climate change and produce sustainable food supplies.

OF&G believes government policy must focus on 'land sharing' rather than 'land sparing' as a solution to our future agricultural production needs.

"The land sparing approach also doesn't address the continued soil degradation seen in intensive farming systems nor the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions attributed to ammonium nitrate production."

Like other business models, Roger Kerr (OF&G CEO) says the industry needs to consider its financial principles in terms of the whole balance sheet, including wider natural assets and liabilities, rather than traditional, financial profit and loss.

"Land sharing comprises integrating agricultural production with more environmentally friendly techniques, bringing nature into the field rather than displacing it somewhere else. Agro-ecological and organic farming techniques and interrelated activities across the food supply network seek to simultaneously deliver multiple environmental benefits.

"Stacking a diverse range of benefits in this way is proven to be far more resilient in the face of both climatic and economic shocks than intensive mono-cropping that remains reliant on energy intensive and costly inputs."

The full article can be read here:

<http://www.aafarmer.co.uk/crops/organic-control-body-calls-for-land-sharing-approach-to-halt-economic-and-ecological-collapse.html>

CLA President and OF&G licensee, Mark Bridgeman and also NFU vice-president Stuart Roberts were quoted in this Farmers Guardian article -

Climate misinformation risks alienating farmers who are central to solution

A combination of miscalculated livestock emissions and ill-informed assumptions that cutting out red meat from people's diets will stop global warming risk alienating the section of society which has the biggest role to play in mitigating climate change.

Farmers, who manage 85 percent of the UK's land area, are key to the climate change solution, Oxford Real Farming Conference heard, but misinformation being spread - particularly around methane - could be particularly harmful.

ffinlo Costain, chief executive of climate and food security think tank Farmwel, said that far from being unsustainable, grass based cattle and sheep systems can be climate neutral by 2030, and they can help to restore biodiversity and soil health.

"Although livestock produce methane almost constantly, the focus on their emissions is misleading - it is the warming impact of those emissions that actually matters," he said.

"Until now, climate science has accounted for all greenhouse gases in the same way, using a 'global warming potential over 100 years' metric (GWP100), which characterises emissions rather than their warming potential.

"This has fed the myth that ruminant methane is a critical contributor to the global warming problem."

Mr Costain said that while methane was powerful, it was also a 'short-lived' greenhouse gas and should be considered differently from carbon dioxide, a long-lived gas.

"While carbon dioxide (CO2) and nitrous oxide (N2O) are active in our

atmosphere for many generations, methane is broken down in about a decade," he added.

This means the methane emissions of a herd of 100 cows today have effectively replaced the emissions that were first produced when that herd was established by a previous generation of farmers.

A new metric, 'GWP*' developed by researchers for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), based at the University of Oxford, shows total UK agricultural emissions fell from 45.6 million tonnes of CO2 equivalent (MtCO2e) in 2016 to just 9.5 MtCO2e*.

He added: "Metrics matter - and under the old metric, the inaccurate representation of agricultural methane has allowed attention to be diverted from fossil fuels."

Speaking after the session, NFU vice-president Stuart Roberts said: "It is really encouraging to see scientists shedding light on the significant differences between long and short lived greenhouse gases and it's really important for us as food producers, as well as the general public, to understand the different impacts they have on the climate."

Jonathan Foot, AHDB head of environment, said: "An increasing body of evidence suggests methane emissions, like those from livestock, should be looked at differently due to its shorter lifespan.

"However, we must acknowledge that no matter what calculation is used, the industry must strive to deliver production efficiencies whilst lowering emissions. That way we can continue to farm sustainably, bringing environmental benefits and top quality meat."

CLA president Mark Bridgeman said it demonstrated the continued demonisation of meat production was 'distorting the debate on combating climate change'.

Full article -

<https://www.fginsight.com/news/news/climate-misinformation-risks-alienating-farmers-who-are-central-to-solution-100393>

And for further reference ffinlo Costain produces a new podcast series called Farm Gate. In the 8 January 2020 episode ffinlo discusses this work in some detail with his guests Professor Myles Allen, Dr John Lynch (University of Oxford), and Roland Bonney (farmer, & co-founder of FAI Farms). The podcast is available from your favourite streaming service. Here are two we know to be quite popular, Apple and Overcast:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/ruminant-methane-global-warming-gwp/id1490590788?i=1000461901050>
<https://overcast.fm/+V8xrD2Jwl>

Publication of the Agriculture Bill 16 January

OF&G chief executive, Roger Kerr is quoted in the 22 January issue of The Grocer alongside other industry leaders and commentators.

Here is an excerpt:

While the bill does refer to welfare standards “it is imperative to ensure that farm businesses delivering the highest environmental outcomes, like organic production, are not penalised and will continue to thrive”, agrees Organic Farmers & Growers CEO Roger Kerr.

The “elephant in the room”, however, is Brexit. Specifically, future trade deals and whether “UK farmers will have to compete with low-standard, low-welfare imports produced in ways that would be illegal in this country”, says Vicki Hird, sustainable farming campaign coordinator for the Sustain alliance.

Full article:

<https://www.thegrocer.co.uk/brexit/what-does-the-food-industry-make-of-the-governments-new-agriculture-bill/601207.article>

Market Information

Grain Prices: Courtesy of Andrew Trump, Organic Arable

Winter planting has been decimated due to the wet weather with most farmers reporting little winter drilled cereals planted and some not planting an acre. That said, some lucky enough to have been able to drill have managed to get a reasonable proportion of their winter grain in the ground. However, it is very much winter drilled this season with grain going in right through until the new year and still continuing. The late drilling is likely to reduce yields. The situation has also created significant demand for spring cereal seed as we warned in the last newsletter.

Selling current crops are a challenge with buyers few and far between. Some buyers indicating they have a lot of cover in place through until late spring and it is new business that will drive their purchasing and that the mild conditions have not resulted in additional feed sales. There remain volumes of wheat and barley unsold on farm. Values have fallen as a result and £250 ex for feed wheat is a reasonable value although some farmers won't support this value and believe values will rise. Challenges remain in the malting barley market where continued uncertainties over our relationship with the EU have dramatically affected the ability to

place malting barley. Strategically some buyers are looking for supplies on the continent and the strong values of recent seasons have led to increased production abroad with Germany reporting a 26000 tonne increase in harvest from 2018. In the UK we grew about 11000 ha of barley so their additional supply is a significant proportion of our annual production. With spring seed barley being still available (whilst others get tight) it is likely the barley area will increase this year which will put increased pressure on the malting barley market. If growing spring barley consider offering a proportion of your crop into the feed market as it is likely the supply of continental malting barley will remain good and with ongoing uncertainty as to our trading position with the EU it is understandable that buyers favour German or French supplies ahead of UK as the risks of interruptions of trade are low.

Milling Oats continue to fair well and have retained their value better than other crops with values of £270 - £280 achievable.

Those who sold forward have fared best this season and our supply relationships on feed grains and milling oats have done well for those growers who committed to them. If you'd like to know more about working with us to secure your grain sales please get in touch.

Please contact Kathy on 01638 744144 for seed availability and pricing and to place your orders.

Organic Livestock Trends: OLMC

Now that the election is over we can look forward to a period of political stability and we are optimistic that this will spill over into the commercial world. Despite what seems to be unending arguments appearing in the press, media and social media on why the population should not eat red meat, cattle prices are edging upwards. The anecdotal evidence is that the vegan propaganda machine is to a degree making consumers question the provenance of the meat that they are eating and we are cautiously optimistic that this is increasing demand for organic meat, as reported by some retailers. Although we are still in January and spring still some time away, producers are starting to make enquiries for cattle to turn out. The good stocks of silage and in some cases empty sheds means that smaller cattle are already in demand unlike this time last year when forage supplies were perilously low. The good growing conditions last year have meant that cattle are generally well grown on for their age which again, unlike the previous year will mean that grazing cattle should perform well this summer. Bigger cattle 450 – 500 kgs continue to be in demand from our regular outlets for this type of finishing cattle.

We can't emphasise enough the importance of ensuring that steers are properly castrated and great care needs to be taken to ensure

that “clean” heifers do not end up in calf. From a welfare point of view it is hugely detrimental to find young heifers in calf and very expensive to rectify. Just remember that it is the seller who is liable if clean heifers are found to be in calf. In the same way it is important to keep your Farm Assurance up to date, again it is a costly mistake to rectify.

We have managed to find a reasonable number of organic store lambs this autumn but we are a long way short of numbers required by our customers. Ian Turner is always available for advice on the marketing of store lambs and next autumn we are looking to source greater numbers.

As usual if you would like to discuss marketing of your cattle and sheep please don't hesitate to contact us and also if you are looking for store cattle and lambs please don't hesitate to give us a call.

Peter Jones Office: 01829 730 580
Mobile: 07720 892 922

Iain Turner Office: 01829 730 580.

David Bostock Office: 01829 730 580
Mobile: 07734 808 050 - for all dairy cattle.

In addition details of store cattle and store lambs available can be seen on our website:

www.peterjoneslivestock.co.uk

We are pleased to report that the demand for organic beef leading up to Christmas was better than expected and has now mostly cleared the backlog. Looking forward there is some indication that sales will improve during February and March which in turn would aid a well needed boost in price.

It is possible that we shall see a short fall in the number of cull cows coming forward as producers have already culled animals due to feed supplies

running shorter and adverse weather conditions. Prices may well improve as some processors are keen to get manufacturing meat back into the system.

Average R4L Organic UTM in spec @ 392p/kg deadweight

Average R4L Organic OTM Cow in spec @ 270p/kg deadweight

We are also pleased to report that the organic lamb trade has started to move forward with supplies shortening and demand growing. Cleanliness of lambs is paramount when sending to slaughter with particular care being taken on belly clipping, a requirement being made by most abattoirs. For further information contact Tim Leigh - Office 01763 250313 or mobile 07850 366404.

Average R3L Organic OSL in spec @ 470p/kg deadweight

Events

OF&G are members of **BASE-UK** who represent farmers interested in conservation agriculture.

In February BASE-UK holds its Annual General Meeting and this year organic farmer, former NOCC host and OF&G chairman Richard Thompson has been invited to speak.

More information on the event is available via the BASE-UK website although by the time you read this bookings may have closed.

<https://base-uk.co.uk/agm-conference-2020/>

Organic Livestock Marketing Cooperative will be convening four talks in the South West in February 2020.

These will be covering current and future opportunities for Organic Store cattle, Store lambs, Finished cattle and Sheep for farmers and how they can achieve producing the best stock to meet the requirements for the finisher, the abattoir and retailer.

Meeting dates:

18 February - The Wilsey Down, Camelford, PL32 9SH at 11am

19 February - The Cedars, Barnstaple, EX31 2HE at 11am

20 February - The Lamb Inn, Crediton, EX17 4LW at 11am

21 February - The Anchor Inn, Nr Taunton, TA4 1AW at 11am

For more detail and to reserve a place please contact OLMC directly - Jacqui Barrow - 01829 730 580

j.barrow@peterjoneslivestock.co.uk

More events are published on the OF&G website from time to time. If you know of an event you think will be of interest, please let us know at the OF&G offices.

<https://ofgorganic.org/news-and-events>

Steven Jacobs will be speaking at the **Energy and Rural Business Show** at the East of England Arena on 4 March 2020.

Organics – Production system and global market.

<http://www.energyandruralbusiness.co.uk/rural-business-how-to-workshops-wednesday-4th-march-nm3y>

The NFU agri-environment schemes advisor, Alisha Anstee produces a regular report on meetings and details on this subject.

Agri-Environment Update - January

<https://www.nfuonline.com/cross-sector/environment/agri-environment-schemes/agri-environment-news/agri-environment-update-january/>



Combine your OF&G audit with food safety standard, BRC START!

The recent introduction of the (British Retail Consortium) BRC START! programme offers small-to-medium sized businesses an opportunity to access larger markets and progress towards gaining fuller BRC food safety compliance if need be over time.

Control Union is approved to audit and certify **BRC START!** and in collaboration with OF&G, we can offer combined food safety and organic audits, providing operators both time and cost efficiencies.

Maintaining high food safety standards is crucial to most food producers and processors. But historically, smaller businesses have found it difficult to gain recognition for being exemplars of food safety compliance.

Now available at basic and intermediate levels, **BRC START!** sets out food safety requirements for the manufacture of processed foods and preparation of primary branded products. It can also be applied to certifying food or ingredients used by food services, manufacturers and caterers.

For more information on **BRC START!** contact Control Union on +44 (0)20 7488 2210 or certificationsUK@controlunion.com



Recently awarded approved inputs

A full list of approved inputs appears on our website <https://ofgorganic.org/useful-info/approved-suppliers>

SUPPLIER	WEBSITE / EMAIL	CATEGORY
Unium Bioscience Ltd	https://www.uniumbioscience.com	Fertilisers

Updated approved inputs

A full list of approved inputs appears on our website <https://ofgorganic.org/useful-info/approved-suppliers>

SUPPLIER	WEBSITE / EMAIL	CATEGORY
PelGar International	www.pelgar.co.uk	Pest Control
Natural Supplies Ltd	https://www.naturalsupplies.co.uk/	Ingredients
Quality Liquid Feeds Ltd	https://qlf.co.uk/	Animal Feed Additives
Volac International Ltd.	https://www.volac.com/	Silage additive
Crop IQ Technology Ltd	http://www.cropiqtech.com/#	Plant Health Products
Natural Grower Limited	https://naturalgrower.co.uk/	Fertilisers
Gromax Industries Ltd	http://www.gromax.co.uk/	Weed Control
Pensia Ltd	01706 343661	Fertilisers, Animal Feed Supplement
Arden Wood Shavings Ltd	https://www.ardenwoodshavings.co.uk/	Bedding Material
B & W Feeds (Mobile) Ltd	https://www.bwfeeds.com/	Vitamins, minerals and trace elements, Animal Feed Additives
Realistic Agri Ltd	https://www.realisticagri.com/	Processing Aids
Ecoworm Limited	https://ecoworm.co.uk/	Fertilisers
Strathmore Renewables Ltd	01833 660302	Animal Health Product
Agrimin Limited	https://www.agrimin.co.uk/	Vitamins, minerals and trace elements
Celtic Sea Minerals	http://celticseaminerals.com/wordpress/	Vitamins, minerals and trace elements, Fertilisers
Aphaeas Agriculture Ltd	https://aphaeas-agri.com/	Soil Conditioners
W. Neudorff GmbH KG	https://www.neudorff.de/	Pest Control, Fertilisers
Bio Ag Limited	http://www.independentsoils.co.uk/	Soil Conditioners
Soil Fertility Services Limited	http://www.independentsoils.co.uk/	Plant Health Products, Soil Conditioner, Animal Feed Additives, Slurry Treatment

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.

FORAGE AND FEEDSTUFFS FOR SALE				
Hay	Rye grass with red and white clover. 110 * 4 string bales, made in June 2019.	John Hatton	07803 721236	Chelmsford, Essex
Oats near Monmouth	About 20t organic feed oats (buyer collects and weighs) near Monmouth	Teona Dorrien-Smith	01600 780501	Monmouth
Organic Oats	30t of organic feed oats for sale. Stored in Northumberland. Can be collected or delivered nationwide. Contact Ross	Ross Wilson	07881 643631	Alnwick
Organic Meadow Hay	Quantity of organic meadow hay for sale, in 7foot 120cm x 70cm quadrant bales. All made good June and July 2019 and well stored in barns on pallets. Price dependant on quantity. Good loading facilities and access. First come first served.	Jamie Cullimore	07717 534933	Gloucester
Organic Meadow Hay	65 Quadrant bales and 25 round bales hay made July 2019. Barn stored, can be loaded.	Richard Becker	01686 411343	Llanidloes
Organic Oats South West UK	3 half tonne dumpy bags of organic oats for sale Summer 2019. Clean and good sample tanker in dry conditions (not dried). Concert variety. Potentially can deliver.	Wayne Copp	07818 011591	Ilfracombe
Organic hay - meadow and new ley.	Organic hay in round bales. 2019 harvest. Early cut. Good quality.	Wayne Copp	07818 011591	Ilfracombe
50 bales haylage	June 2019, best quality. Ideal all stock and horses.	Tony Bennett	07851 005374	Tiverton
Organic silage	200 bales organic grass/clover silage. Some RC some WC.	Charlie morrish	07971 230728	Barnstaple
Big Bale Organic Hay	Big Bale Organic Hay, Made June 2019, Good Quality Hay, Class 2100 four string bales.	Paul Phillips	07971 184580	Wincanton
Organic Lucerne Haylage	Ideal for Dairy/Fattening/Stores/Lambs. High, Medium and Low quality haylage available depending on requirements. Price range from £60/t to £85/t. 6 string square bales. 8 Layers of wrap. Weed Free. Stored on hardstanding.	Tom Bate	07919 408723	Petersfield
Hay for sale	200 large round bales June made clean meadow hay. collection only. can load you.	Richard Coney	01884 855471/07858 802228	Tiverton
Organic haylage for sale	200-300 bales of organic haylage for sale. Please telephone rather than email for details.	Mr Morgans	01597 870210	Llanidloes
Organic round bale haylage / silage	50+ organic round bales of haylage/silage for sale. 1st and 2nd cut. Free loading this end. Price by negotiation.	Stanley Simpson	07868 754498	Antrim
ORGANIC ROUND BALE HAYLAGE/SILAGE	600 bales of Organic round bales of Silage/Haylage for sale, well made and baled with McHale Fusion baler, approx bale weight 650-700kgs. Free loading this end and delivery can be arranged.	Martyn Glover	07860 835754	Exeter
Organic Haylage for sale	300 bales of organic haylage for sale in the North Devon area.	Mike	07812 666 752	Bideford
Organic small bale hay	Small baled hay for sale in North Shropshire	Rhydian Scurlock-Jones	07971 440772	Hodnet, Market Drayton
Top quality Organic meadow hay	A quantity of great quality meadow hay available, suitable for sheep, horses and cattle. 7 foot bales 6 string quadrants. All made good June and July 2019 and barn stored well on pallets. Loading not a problem and good access for lorries. Approx 300 available. Price depends on quantity. Transport can be arranged. Local delivery possible.	Jamie Cullimore	07717 534933	Gloucester
300T clamp silage for sale	300T clamp silage for sale. Second year in conversion first cut grass silage, 1/4 red clover, 3/4 white clover, high sugar clean leys (only 2 years old following wheat). Located near Shaftesbury, North Dorset, artic access, £20T. DM 30.8 CP 10.2 D value 69.4 ME 11.1	Keith Drake	07881 980286	Shaftesbury
Organic Red Clover/Grass	120 bales first cut. - heavy round bales	Keith	07771 714351	Chipping Campden
Organic Small Bale Hay	Lovely meadow hay cut June 2019, barn stored. Aproximately 300 bales for sale.	Claire	07802 432539	Honiton
500t clamp silage for sale N. Shrops	Second cut mainly red clover, high DM and fully organic. Analysis available on request.	Steve Walley	07866 375388	Whitchurch

Classified Advertisements

Jan 2020 Issue 127



ofgorganic.org

Items for sale

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

CATTLE FOR SALE				
10 Organic store cattle	3 Hereford x bullocks, 1 British Blue x bullock, 4 Angus x bullocks, 1 Hereford x heifer, 1 Angus x heifer. 10 - 12 mths old.	Andrew Sanderson	07732 034582	Preston, Lancs
Organic Belted Galloway youngstock	Group of well grown Belties; 4 heifers aged 15 - 21 months; 1 steer (dun) aged 19 months. Fabulous grazers for rough ground / out wintering; bred from Halstock (Dartmoor) cows & sired by Hatherland Dogstar. Registered with breed society. Prefer to sell as a group	Sue or Tony Mathews	01269 870720	Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire
Organic Stabiliser store cattle	5 Steers. 4 heifers. 16/18 months, average weight 450kg.	S Lewis	07887 687535	Llandrindod Wells, Powys
4 Organic Welsh Black Cattle	We have the following available: TB tested plus fluke and worms all clear. WBX Heifer 18 months. WB registered Heifer 17 months. WB registered Steer 17 months. WB registered Steer 12 months.	Tim Duffee	01570 493247	Llangybi, Ceredigion
Organic British Blue and Aberdeen Angus cross calves for sale	TB restricted dairy cross beef calves for sale. 60 head in total British Blue (genus Kojak) and Aberdeen Angus (genus Espresso), both male and female. Oct, Nov and Dec born. Most have just had a TB test. Dairy herd at present free of IBR, BVD and Johnes.	Hywel James	07855 931882	Cardigan, Pembro
Aberdeen Angus Bulls For Sale	One black Angus and one Red Angus bulls for sale. Too many of their heifers now in the herd to be able to keep.	Tom Turner	07792 267092	Milton Keynes, Bucks
AA X Calves	AA X Calves 0mths - 5mths. Out of our massively crossed 120 cow dairy herd, All year round calving. (20+ breeds in the herd) Sire is our own pedigree stock bull (Woodington).	Matt Preston	07771 906670	Dorchester, Dorset
Aberdeen Angus Bull.	Small bull ideal for heifers. Rare breed native bred non- imported bloodlines	J.L.Atherton & Son	01663 767877 / 07817 083995	Stockport, Cheshire
Organic Pedigree Dexter Herd Reduction	Herd Reduction. Organic, Pedigree, Pasture for Life. +10 cows with calf at foot. +10 cows in calf. and more. Please get in touch.	Mr J Odgers	01823 451191	Bridgwater, Somerset
young beef calves for sale	20 blonde, british blue and fresian young calves for sale on Kent/ Sussex border. Born Dec 19 out of dairy herd. Regular supply for anyone interested or one off sale	Ian Bowman	07847 300320	Tunbridge Wells, Kent
40 Hereford and Angus 8 to 11 month old Cattle	40 cattle out of mainly black and white cows. There are 34 Hereford and 6 Angus and are mixed sex. More available if wanted.	Philip Hopper	07917 633955	Bude, Cornwall
Beef Store Cattle	19 Hereford Steers, 7 Hereford Heifers, 1 British Blue Steer and 3 AA, 12-16 months of age, please call to discuss.	Paul Hickson	07802 672767	Oswestry, Shrops
SHEEP FOR SALE				
Organic Store Lambs	Organic Store lambs Predominately Charolais Crosses. All Female. Born April 2019. Upto 100 available, happy to split if need be. Weights range between 29 and 39kg per head	Madeleine Crawley	07711 687831	Arundel, West Sussex
Organic Lleyn Breeding Ewe lambs	Organic Lleyn Breeding Ewe lambs. Born April 2019. Well grown. Upto 50 available. Home bred here in West Sussex.	Madeleine Crawley	07711 687831	Arundel, West Sussex
organic lambs	25 small lambs born may 25 a piece	Mr Smith	07950 738791	Launceston, Cornwall
Suffolk Organic ewe lambs	Eight Suffolk ewe lambs born Feb/March from a small flock.	Susan & John Lugg	01598 710558	Barnstaple, Devon
MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE				
Chicken manure	Chicken manure to be collected every 3rd day . Dumfriesshire	Fiona Mellin	07762 779138	Scotland
Poultry Litter	Approximately 18 tonnes poultry litter. Leominster	P J Barrell	01544 318510	Hereford

MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Inter-row cultivator / hoe	Einbock 3M front / rear mounted inter-row cultivator, high clearance, suitable for a wide variety of crops, excellent condition, lots of tines, side plates etc. many configurations. Possible, delivery possible at extra charge.	Jamie Cole	07749 230208	Ashford, Kent
3m Kvik up for sale	3m mounted Kvik up for sale. New in 2007. Great machine for pulling weed roots onto the top to dry out or be frosted. A good tool to help control couch grass & docks (http://www.kvikagro.com/en_ku_info.html) Ideal for someone who is mechanically minded as the drive chain tends to rattle sprockets & bearing housings.	Anna Pearce	01289 382223	Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland

OTHER LIVESTOCK FOR SALE

Organic British Lop weaner pigs for sale	Organic British Lop weaner pigs for sale. East Midlands.	Karen Phillipson	01832 720288	Thrapston, Northants
Organic in pig registered British Lop sow for sale	Liskeard Lulu in pig to Cornishman boar. Should farrow mid February. Consistently rears 12+ piglets.	Karen Phillipson	01832 720288	Thrapston, Northants
Organic weaners/ store pigs	Weaners/growing pigs. Nice well grown pigs ready to go now. British lop X OSB or Berkshire. Certified with OF&G.	Andrew Fish	07784 427790	Kingsbridge, Devon
Pullets	50 hyline point of lay pullets, 17 weeks, reared from day old, pasture based system, £12.00 each can split and can deliver at cost	Liz Findlay	07855 731611	Aberystwyth, Ceredigion

DAIRY CATTLE FOR SALE

Organic Friesian Cows for sale	30 TB restricted dairy cows for sale. Mainly British Friesian, some with historic crossbreeding. Freshly calved Oct, Nov and Dec; ranging from 3rd to 8th lactation. The herd is averaging about 6800 litres, BF 4.7%, Pr 3.4% rolling SCC 157. At present we are free of IBR, BVD and Johnes.	Hywel James	07855 931882	Cardigan, Pembro
40 Organic Pedigree Holstein Friesian Cows/ Heifers for sale	Excellent grass based cows/heifers for sale in Cumbria. TB free but will be tested before movement.	Rob	07808 586950	Carlisle, Cumbria
Organic dairy heifers	2 Newly Calved friesian dairy heifers. Both sired by Catlane Chad. Very quiet and quick to milk. Yielding 25kg / day. Genuine good heifers from a TB 4.	Mick Blackwell	07739 794991	Skipton, North Yorkshire

Items wanted

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 WANTED

Organic Lambs Required	Dalehead Foods are looking for organic finished lambs and organic store lambs, from Jan-June. If you would be interested in supplying or in being an organic finisher, please call us on 01834 869 043 or email lambsupplychain@dalehead.co.uk	Dalehead Foods	01834 869 043	UK
Store lambs wanted.	Organic store lambs required. Approx 25 - 35kg.	Nigel.	07977 485770	Plymouth, Devon
Organic Store Lambs Wanted	Organic store lambs wanted. Lowland or hill type for finishing. Anything considered.	Andrew Tyrrell	07870 513661	Swansea

FEEDSTUFF & FORAGE

Organic Feed Barley Wanted	Organic feed barley wanted	Rhys Parry	07896 330918	Chepstow, Monmouthshire
-----------------------------------	----------------------------	------------	--------------	-------------------------

LAND & GRAZING WANTED

ORGANIC FARMS WANTED	Are you looking for a second income? Organic Farms wanted to grow Organic Chicken. 10 acres required per farm with long term growing contracts.	Viran Abeyseena	07832 854012	UK
-----------------------------	---	-----------------	--------------	----

OTHER LIVESTOCK WANTED

Organic Turkey Growing space need	Wanted - Organic rearing for Christmas Turkeys. Flock size - C.4,500 birds. Ideally you would be able to brood and rear a flock of Turkeys for the Christmas market. If no brooding facility, then free ranging land and buildings would also be of interest. Ideally, but not restricted to, within 200 miles of Diss, Norfolk. Many thanks	Jon Gooderham	07967 837168	Diss, Norfolk
--	--	---------------	--------------	---------------

	 OF&G CIC Old Estate Yard Shrewsbury Road I Albrighton Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 3AG	 01939 291 800	 info@ofgorganic.org	 www.ofgorganic.org
	 @ofgorganic	 /organicfarmers		

General

If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact your certification officer.

Recent changes to to Regulation (EC) 889/2008

The European Commission have recently published changes to a number of the Annexes (list of products allowed in organic systems) within Commission Regulation No (EC) 889/2008. The annexes that have been amended relate to both farming and processing.

Annex I Fertilisers, Soil Conditioners and Nutrients (Section 7.14 and 7.16 of your certification manual)

Annex II Products for Plant Protection (Section 7.12 of your certification manual)

Annex VI Feed Additives used in Animal Nutrition (Section 8.4 of your certification manual)

Annex VIII Products and Substances used in the Production and Processing of Organic Food (Section 10 of your certification manual - sent to Organic Processors)

Attached to this technical newsletter are updated copies of these lists; you should add these copies to your certification manual, removing the existing pages.

Producers

Grass seed mixtures

At the end of 2019 the grass seed working group discussed the seed supply for grass and/or forage seed mixtures to be supplied in 2020. There was widespread concern regarding the availability of organic grass seed for the coming season mainly due to the problematic growing conditions in the last few years. It was felt that the seed suppliers would struggle to meet the current requirement of 70% organic inclusion in a grass and/or forage seed mixture. As a result the group agreed to write to Defra to request a temporary reduction in the organic percentage from 70% to 50% for grass mixtures only in 2020. Defra has since confirmed a reduction of the organic

inclusion rate to 50% for 2020. The reduction is only for grass and clover seed mixtures and does not include forage mixtures such as arable silage, which will need to contain a minimum of 70% organic content. If you have any questions you should speak to your certification officer before ordering any seed.

Copper as a fungicide

Following information supplied by CBs the AHDB has submitted an application to the Chemical Regulation Division of HSE for the Emergency Approval (EA) of Fungarun Progress, a Certis copper hydroxide product, for the coming potato season.

Certis have made it clear that, without support from growers using their

product this season, they will not support any future EAs for copper products on organic potatoes.

Where organic producers continue to have a problem with late blight, despite their efforts to use blight resistant varieties and crop management practices, and providing an EA is granted, the use of this product will require a written recommendation from a BASIS qualified agronomist following good agricultural practice with blight forecasting.

Therefore Certis have asked that producers, who may need it, contact their suppliers as soon as possible with their estimated requirements so that sufficient quantities are ordered at the end of January.

Processors

Issuing the Certificate of Inspection (COI)

Following discussions at the Committee on Agriculture meeting last week the European Commission have issued further information to Third Countries regarding the issuing of the COI. This states that The Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/25 amending and correcting Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 will enter into force on 3 February 2020. This Regulation clarifies that the COI must be issued at

the time the consignment leaves the third country of export or origin.

The Commission has received feedback noting that it can take up to three/four days for the relevant Control Bodies to receive the complete transport documentation which means not all information can appear on the COI at time of issue.

In order to find a workable solution the Commission has stated the following in relation to the completion of the COI:

1. The Third Country CB must issue and sign the COI before the consignment leaves the Third Country. They should include any information available at this time in boxes 13, 16 and 17.
2. Once the final documents and information is available boxes 13, 16 and 17 of the COI must be updated. This must be within 10 days of the COI being signed and before the consignment is endorsed in the UK.