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National Organic Combinable Crops July '17



Crop Trials at NOCC17

#NOCC17

The 10th annual UK organic crops event was one of the largest, and one of the hottest with temperatures pushing 30 degrees in Hampshire on that day.

Farmers and growers were given a rallying call to come together to share on farm research across the country at this year's National Organic Combinable Crops (NOCC) conference.

Delegates at the largest on-farm event in the organic sector's calendar were told that immediate action was needed to develop crops which could better handle climate change whilst continuing to produce the good quality food that customers wanted.

Over 200 delegates from across the supply chain gathered at the

Fullerton Farms Partnership in Andover, Hampshire to hear that the organic food and farming sector needed to take the future of the sector into its own hands.

During a panel session chaired by Farming Today and Countryfile presenter Charlotte Smith, Professor Martin Wolfe, Principal Scientific Adviser at the Organic Research Centre, said it was vital for crop development to be focused on varieties which are more sustainable.

But he warned that creating crop varieties which were less dependent on artificial inputs and could cope with a rapidly changing climate would take time, and unless that work began now this would become a serious challenge for UK arable farming.

Roger Baird of SOPA and organic farmer Stephen Briggs said a collaborative and DIY approach to crop development was needed, with producers urged to take

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on more 'citizen science' by running their own trials and sharing the results with others.

Delegates ranging from some of the most innovative organic and non-organic producers to millers and bakers also heard from academics and scientists who discussed everything from robots to soil science.

For the full story and links to images and videos from the day please go to the news page on the OF&G website.

Next year NOCC will be the guests of Mark Lea in Shropshire.



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Defra round table

OF&G attended a new Organic Roundtable hosted by Defra at the end of June. The meeting was attended with a number of key organic organisations under the English Organic Forum. At the meeting representatives of Defra explained that the purpose and function of the Roundtable is to provide the opportunity for better engagement with Government and Ministers and to facilitate a more

coordinated input into Government. Defra asked that the organic sector aim to pull together a 5 year action plan seeking to identify how the sector can improve its productivity and competitiveness. They have already completed a similar exercise with the ornamental horticulture sector looking at all areas of society where ornamental horticulture can have an affect. In the meeting they requested that the UK organic sector

undertake a similar exercise which while being owned by the sector will be helped by Defra to open doors within government and in getting other parties engaged.

The aim is to have a plan drawn up by February 2018 so that it can feed into the new agricultural bill. OF&G will remain fully engaged in the process and we'll keep you updated as things progress.

Grain Prices: Courtesy of Simon Tubbs, Saxon Organic:

01284 764915

Domestic market activity has slowed whilst we await harvest, with old crop supplies now exhausted, and the majority of farms wanting to get crops in the barn prior to considering any sales. Consumers will be looking to buy nearby cereals, but it is a little difficult to put prices on new crop as we go to press. We would suggest a value of £255 ex farm for feed wheat/barley for October collection as an indication, but please contact us for an update. Beans will also be in good demand as we anticipate a reduced supply this year.

The market currently has good stocks of imported grain to cover the lean summer months, and the availability (or otherwise) of imported material can often drive price direction. We have noticed that imported maize values are now much closer to prevailing wheat prices, which should however lend support to increased wheat usage levels at the feed mills – hopefully a bullish feature for autumn. We also feel that many mills have not yet bought cereals, so there should be some good demand evident.

To conclude, it's all to play for, and the 2017 crop is not yet made but prospects and premiums look better as demand exceeds supply. We're sending out freepost sample bags at the moment – if you would like some please let us know.

Good luck with your harvest.

Organic Livestock Trends: OLMC

As we reported in the May newsletter the organic beef trade as a whole is enjoying a strong position this year compared with 2016. This firm trade for organic finished cattle continues. The supply of well finished cattle is tight and there doesn't seem to be a flush of grass fed cattle on the horizon. With the current demand being strong any increase in numbers would likely be absorbed. This would indicate that prices are likely to remain good for a while yet and is proving to give added confidence to producers.

The organic cull cow trade remains strong. Numbers are tight which is helping fuel the price, this might well be further ignited with renewed interest from other abattoirs to kill organic cull cows in the future..

Average R4L Organic UTM in spec @ 480p/kg deadweight

Average R4L Organic OTM Cow in spec @320p/kg deadweight

The hogget trade fizzled out and the new season trade took on the reasonably strong demand for organic lamb. The trade has remained this way, with a few dips in the past month or so, the main flush of lambs likely to come at the end of July into August. Often this weakens the trade due to markets and abattoirs being awash with lambs but with demand for home trade and export being reasonable due to the weak pound, they might not

fall as low as past years. However, we would still encourage you to plan your marketing as early as possible which, in itself, strengthens the opportunity for securing a more stable market.

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

Average R3L organic NSL in spec @ 465p/kg deadweight

In the May newsletter for organic store cattle we spoke of a growing shortage of cattle with producers looking to restock their numbers. This shortage continues and has kept prices up from the Spring and now into the Summer months. We can see that this trend is likely to continue into the Autumn although there are bound to be some seasonal variations. We have also seen an increase in demand from organic finishers for Friesian Holstein steers and organic cows that can be fed.

Early September to mid November is likely to be a very busy time for us and the more notice we are given of stock availability the better. We will be contacting all our normal suppliers in the next six weeks so we can formally plan our campaign of procurement and sales for this Autumn. It is very important that we are able to market your stock to the best outlets so we can maximum your returns. Prices remain pretty much as they were at £1.80 to £3.00 per kg lw depending on regional variations.

For further information contact either Peter Jones or Vicky Hawkins on 01829 730580



Website & Social Media

Many of you will be familiar with OF&G online through our website and also through our social media channels - but for those who are not then here are links to them all.

<http://ofgorganic.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/organicfarmers>

<https://twitter.com/ofgorganic>

<https://www.instagram.com/ofgorganic>

We hope you find the content useful, enjoyable possibly, at times even illuminating. Our development manager Steven Jacobs would like to know your thoughts and you can reach Steven at steven@ofgorganic.org.

Technical News

General

Sampling

Many of our farmers will have noticed that when the inspector completes your annual inspection they are now taking a sample and sending this off to be tested. As part of the organic regulation we are required to take and test a minimum of around 80 samples from farms and processors during the year and these samples should be based on an assessment of risk. We are continuing to take samples where we have been notified of issues but are now also taking more samples from annual inspections. The inspector may take a sample of feed or soil or a sample of a finished product, this will then be sent to our contracted laboratory. Not all of the samples taken will be tested for prohibited substances, however, where we do test the sample your certification officer will inform you of the outcome.

If you have any questions please contact either your certification officer or Steve Clarkson, Certification and Compliance Manager.

Defra Organic Team

Whilst it is unlikely to affect the majority of licensees directly we felt it prudent to update you on changes to the organic team within Defra. Kathleen Kelliher, who has specific responsibility for organics only, has taken the role of head of the organic team.

There have also been some changes to the team with the addition of two new people who will have responsibility for day to day activities

with Control Bodies such as requests for poultry approvals or residue investigations.

We look forward to continuing the long and happy relationship we have with the Defra organic team.

EU Regulation Review Update

The representatives of three EU Institutions – the Commission, the Maltese Presidency of the Council and the Parliament's negotiating team – reached a provisional agreement on a text for a new organic regulation during a trilogue on 28 June. This agreement still needs the approval of the 28 National Agriculture Ministers (now expected in October) and of both the Parliament's Agriculture Committee (expected in October) and of the whole Parliament (expected at the end of the year/beginning of 2018).

Even though the last compromise text took several of the organic movement's concerns into account, it continues to present a number of potential implementation problems. These issues will need to be solved by the involved parties before the final official approval.

Defra and interested parties (including OF&G) will be going through the latest text over the summer and early Autumn identifying where there are issues with the text as it is written and also identifying inconsistencies and contradictions. It promises to be a long and laborious process but seems to be the only way to get to the bottom of the outstanding issues we face. At the moment it is anticipated, assuming it is passed by the necessary institutions, that this will most likely now come into

force in 2020. Having said that it has taken nearly four years to get this far so who knows.

Producers

Managing pets and orphan lambs / calves on organic farms

We have a growing number of licensees who keep a small number of animals as non-organic. These can range from horses kept as pets, small flocks of sheep kept for young family members or even livestock that have been orphaned.

Whilst these animals are technically non-organic and must not be marketed as organic there are certain aspects of the organic standards that must be adhered to.

If whilst they are on the organic / converting farm you need to administer any veterinary medicines, you must keep records of treatments as this is a statutory requirement.

When feeding any supplementary feeds, other than forages, to these animals it can often be easier to feed the same organic feeds that you are giving to your organic animals to avoid any potential for non-compliance. If, however, you do need to feed a non-organic feed you must ensure that these do not contain any ingredients that are produced from or by a genetically modified organism (GMO).

To check if a compound feed contains ingredients from GMO origin you must obtain a copy of the feeds label. If you are unsure how or where to check on the label or would like to discuss this please contact your certification officer.

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Processors

Boiler Water

One of the questions you will be asked during a food processing audit relates to Boiler Water additives. These are compounds used in boilers to reduce corrosion or scaling in the hot water system. We are aware of the potential for product contamination by these additives when live steam containing them comes into contact with product.

We consider that this area is covered by Section 11.7.13 (i) of the OF&G standards which includes the following text.

The following substances are not permitted:

(i) Substances that could taint or contaminate the product if used on contact surfaces;

Our auditor will ask whether live steam may come into contact with product. This would include for example where steam is used directly to heat water used as an ingredient, steam pipes or equipment use to carry product or used directly to heat or condition product. It may be added during mixing, grinding, etc.

Areas where steam use is not a risk include indirect steam jackets used for heating, providing the jackets etc are intact. Use of steam to heat packaged products, in areas such as retorting are also not considered a risk.

If direct steam does come into contact with product we ask for assessment of the risk of contamination from the additives. Some steam generation systems do not require additives, so in this case a simple statement that the steam generation does not use any additives will be satisfactory.

In some cases steam additives are considered food safe and non-contaminating. In this case a copy of the specification for the additives used confirming this would be approved.

In some cases there is no chance of carry over of additives from the boiler to the point of use. If this is the case a simple statement to this effect may be satisfactory, but analysis of product or steam condensate to confirm no carry over of additives may be required.

If you have a direct steam injection with carry over of the additives, we will ask for analysis to confirm that the product is unaffected by the additives.

We are aware that the OF&G standard

reference is not specific and will consider an update and clarification of it at the next review.

Traces (Electronic Certificate of Inspection)

On 19 April the Trade Control and Expert System (**TRACES**) came into effect. **TRACES** is an efficient tool to ensure:

- **Traceability** (monitoring movements);
- **Information exchange** (enabling trade partners and competent authorities to easily obtain information on the movements of their consignments, and speeding up administrative procedures), and
- **Risk management** (reacting rapidly to health threats by tracing the movements of consignments and facilitating the risk management of rejected consignments).

To register please go to:
<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/sanco/traces/registration/open.do>

DEFRA notified all control bodies, including OF&G, that registration on the TRACES site can take place from April 2017. **PLEASE NOTE:** you must register and be using the system by October 2017.

Updated approved inputs

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

SUPPLIER	TELEPHONE	CATEGORY
EnviroSystems (UK) Ltd/Greenlands Nutrition	01772 860085	Silage Additive, Slurry Treatment, Bedding Materials
Novozymes France	0033 130 156419	Insect Control
Heaton (Export & Marketing) Limited	01422 822308	Insect Control, Animal Feed Additives, Animal Feed Supplements
ANUPCO Ltd	01473 822121	Animal Feed Supplements
Material Change Limited	01327 706231	Compost
Micron Bio-Systems Ltd	01278 427272	Silage Additive, Slurry Treatment, Animal Feed Additives
Kilco (International) Ltd	01576 205480	Animal Health Products, Disinfectant/Cleaning Agent
Weeding Technologies Limited	0203 909 0050	Weed Control
Scotmin Nutrition	01292 280909	Vitamins, Minerals & Trace Elements, Animal Feed Supplements
DryMatter Ltd	01565 777403	Bedding Materials
Thinkbio Pty Ltd	0061 427003881	Plant Health Products

Awarded approved inputs

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SUPPLIER	TELEPHONE	CATEGORY
Kilwaughter Minerals Ltd	028 2826 2155	Soil Conditioners
F&G Seaweed Processing	028 7938 7024	Soil Conditioners

STOP PRESS - Green Brexit

Recently in Mr Gove's first major speech following his appointment as Secretary of State he was seen to rail against "corporate greed and devil-take-the-hindmost individualism", "extractive and exploitative political systems" and the "selfish agenda" of vested interests.

Mr Gove also indicated that he was not a fan of the current EU farm subsidy system that puts "resources in the hands of the already wealthy" landowners but did praise the EU's green protections as a "force for good". The UK, he said, should be the global "home of the highest environmental standards" and green action "central to our national mission", for both the intrinsic beauty of nature and the prosperity of the economy.

On the face of it a very high profile member of the Government asserting such things can only be seen as a positive development by the UK organic sector and these thoughts are certainly aligned with those of George Eustice in a meeting we had with him in January. That is not to say we still do not have much to do to influence Government policy to the benefit of the sector.

If you want to understand OF&G's view on the current position and future direction of the sector please read our Discussion Paper

<http://ofgorganic.org/organic-policy-uk-post-brexite-options/> - we'd love to hear your thoughts.

Licensees in the News

Simon Bainbridge is featured in a special Yorkshire Show issue of the Northern Farmer magazine talking about rotational grazing and calving periods.

Mr Bainbridge is one of a team of four farmers who are assisting the AHDB to review key performance indicators for beef herds.

"The bull is left with the cow for

seven weeks and the heifers for six weeks, with any females that are not incalf removed from the breeding programme"

"This year the entire herd calved over 51 days. This system requires intensive labour input, but it is worthwhile because when it is over I can give my full attention to other tasks."

The OF&G mug is back!



OF&G have commissioned some new mugs which will be available soon. If you fancy owning one we will be running a draw on our usual social media sites in the near future - so keep looking!

We also have OF&G badges to give away for runners up.

Staff Profile

Jenny Bibb



Some of you will already know Jenny from her time as an organic inspector and prior to that as a certification officer for OF&G from 2004-8. She first attended Rodbaston college where she studied for a National Diploma in Agriculture, after which she furthered her education at Harper Adams University by gaining a BSc Honors degree in Agriculture. Following this she decided it was time to move a little further afield and spent time milking herds of cattle in Australia and New Zealand. Upon returning to the UK she spent a couple of years relief milking as well as travelling around farms taking blood samples and assessing flocks under the Welsh Ewe Genotyping Scheme (WEGS). She started inspecting Organic and Red Tractor farms for SAI-Global in 2010 before inspecting the same schemes for Acoura when they took over the OF&G organic contract.

In June 2016 Jenny came back to work for OF&G on a part-time basis assessing inspection reports, but in July 2017, when a position became available, we were able to offer her a full time role, again as a producer certification officer.

In her spare time Jenny has taken a liking to road cycling and can be seen around the roads of the Midlands doing her very best Wiggins impression, as well as walking the hills of Derbyshire or the mountains of mid Wales.

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 Sheep Flock Dispersal Sale	On farm sale on 16th September 2017 of breeding flock including Lleyn x Texel shearlings, Texel ewes, rams and gimmers. Store lambs. Lleyn ewes. Blue Texel ewes and gimmers. Approx 400 in total. Retirement sale.	John Murfin	07500 866170	Leyburn, N Yorks
North of England mule ewe lambs	Swaledale ewe lambs for sale. Please phone for further details.	Ray Calvert	01748 886412	Richmond, N Yorks
ORGANIC LLEYN SHEARLINGS	140 Farm Assured, Organic, Registered, Heptovac Lleyn shearlings for sale.	Arthur Williams	07728 713271	Bibury, Glos
Lleyn x Texel	Lleyn x Texel organic shearling ewes for sale. 25 well grown ewes bred and reared on the Marlborough Downs. Full Heptovac P Plus system. Sensibly priced. Ring Harry for more details.	Harry Williams	07831 124968	Marlborough, Wiltshire
North Country Mules	North Country Mule Shearling Ewes for sale. Up to 150 available. Well grown on the Marlborough Downs. Full Heptovac P Plus system. Will sell as a whole or in smaller lots. Sensibly priced. Ring for details.	Harry Williams	07831 124968	Marlborough, Wiltshire
Texel Ewes with lambs at foot	17 registered organic and farm assured Hogs and young ewes with lambs at foot. All correct above and below. More possibly available at later date. North East Yorkshire. Please call for details.	Kathleen or Len Tabner	07980 305899	Saltburn-by-the-Sea, N Yorks
Organic Ewe Lambs	Organic Ewe Lambs Mules x Texel and Mule x Suffolk. Selected at Birth, available now.	Bob or Liz Priest	07887 886354	Holsworthy, Devon
Organic North of England Mule Gimmer lambs	500 Organic North of England Mule Gimmer Lambs (born 2017) for sale. Topping and Running Lambs. Ready end of August. For more details phone Mark Jenkinson	Mark Jenkinson	07970 325502	Penrith, Cumbria

CATTLE FOR SALE				
Organic Charolais X Yearlings	15 organic Charolais cross yearlings, 6 - 10 months old. TB tested. Winkleigh, Devon. Call Simon for more details.	Simon Berry	01805 603225	Winkleigh, Devon
Wagyu cross for sale	Certified Wagyu cross bulls strrs and hfrs from farm on the Isle of Wight. TB tested and clear.	Michael	07454 258191	Ventnor, Isle of Wight
Incalf heifers	6 pedigree in calf heifers. 5 white 1 roan (also 1 blue coloured crossbred available). 4 are pure, 1 is 87.5% and 1 is 75% all with papers. All run with easy calving pedigree bull Dunsyre Cavalier. SAC health scheme member. Risk level 1 Johnes and BVD accredited. Asking £1500	Martin Reynolds	07966 371558	Barry, Vale of Glamorgan
ORGANIC ABERDEEN ANGUS YEARLINGS	19 organic aberdeen angus x MRi yearlings for sale. Comprising of 12 heifers and 7 bulls (all born June/July 2016). Also cow and AA bull calf (3 months old) for sale. All stock been out - wintered, never had cake, very quiet and looking very well. £ offers.	Martyn Glover	01392 461302	Exeter, Devon
Organic store cattle	A selection of 30 male/female British Blue X organic store cattle ranging from April 15 - Nov 15 age group. Please contact for further information.	Margaret Mellor	07971 813217	Uttoxeter, Staffs

LAND AND GRAZING FOR SALE				
Somerset Hay or silage ready	Silage or Hay. We have 25 acres sown last summer with italian ryegrass & clover mix as a first ley after spelt. Excellent quality and ready to cut as silage, or as hay in early June. Please contact if you are interested, we can bale if required.	Roger Saul	01458 844080	Glastonbury, Somerset
Organic grazing available	200 acres of organic grazing available in well fenced fields. Option to graze or take a cut of silage or hay if preferred. Please phone to discuss further.	Mr Michael Roberts	07774 208040	Hailsham, E Sussex
Organic Farm to rent - Cornwall	FARMS TO LET. TRERIEVE FARM, Downderry, Torpoint. The County Farms Service intends to relet the Trerieve from 1st April 2018. Trerieve - 184 acres (74 hectares) equipped organic stock farm offered on an FBT of up to 10 years. Particulars are available electronically free of charge by emailing countyfarms@cornwall.gov.uk	Rebecca Jenkin	01872 323704	Torpoint, Cornwall
Mowing grass	5.79ha of mowing grass available in three separate lots and potential for grazing later in season. There is potential for further late summer grazing on 10.99 ha.	Emma Tolley	07974 786209	Worcester, Worcs
Up to 80 acres of organic pasture available	Up to 80 acres of organic pasture available for summer grazing for sheep/cattle at Llystyn Farm, Brechfa, 12 miles NE of Carmarthen. Can be checked daily if required. Shed handling available.	Cliff Carnell	01267 202463 or 07717 252709	Brechfa, Carmarthenshire

FEEDSTUFFS AND FORAGE FOR SALE

Organic Big Bale Hay	2017 Organic Big Bale Hay, making in early June, nice and green.	Paul Phillips	07971 184580	Wincanton, Somerset
Haylage	We have 120 large bales made last June in good condition for sale	Roger Saul	01458 844080	Glastonbury, Somerset
Round bale silage	100 round bales of well made silage. Made 2016	Rob Herrod	01984 667479	Taunton, Somerset
100 bales of quality organic hay for sale	4x6ft bales. West Sussex. Please contact John on 01903 813270 or 07711 215556	John	01903 813270	Styning, Sussex
Round bale hay (2016)	Organic round bale meadow hay for sale, made June 2016. Good bales no rain.	Patricia Holloway	01380 813212	Devizes, Wiltshire
Round Bale Hay	Round bale hay for sale	Robert Herrod	01984 667479	Taunton, Somerset
Meadow Hay	5 acres of fine meadow hay for sale in south Gloucestershire. We intend to cut this during the next week so will know full extent of bales etc on contact	Tom Frost	01454 281325	Thornbury, Bristol
Large round bales - silage and haylage	Approx 150 big round bales of silage and 20 haylage from 2016. Well wrapped. Certified organic by the Soil Association.	Svante Larsson	07802 882662	Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire
Organic Round Bale Hay	Approx 30 round bales of good 2016 hay.	John Murfin	07500 866170	Leyburn, North Yorkshire
Round Bale Silage	100 Organic round bales silage for sale, 1st cut, made June 2016. Good solid bales no rain.	Rob	01984 667479	Taunton, Devon

DAIRY CATTLE FOR SALE

65 organic spring born dairy heifer calves	Variety of cross-bred, well reared sturdy calves from a fertile herd. Vaccinations: Huskvac & BVD. Johnes tested. Call Tim on 07740 782247 or 01743 718312, appointment to view available	Tim	07740 782247	Shrewsbury, Shropshire
Organic cows and young stock	Due to herd dispersal organic cows and young stock available. Block calving - high solid, proven genetics, grazing type. Please contact Lorraine.	Lorraine Gulliard	01752 830282	Plymouth, Devon
Dairy youngstock for sale	3 in-calf heifers, 4 bulling heifers and 4 yearling heifers, all British Friesian type located at north Cornwall, fully organic.	Ian Buse	01208 862680 or 07790 257139	Wadebridge, Cornwall
Dairy stock	Various Dairy animals under TB restrictions Ayrshires & Holsteins, incalf heifers, milking and dry cows. Ring for details	Richard & Tracey Martin	01805 623213	Great Torrington, Devon
Pedigree British Friesian Young Bulls.	I have for sale 2 fully Organic Pedigree British Friesian Young Bulls. Peartree Georgeson is out of the no 8 cow in the U.K. Ranked on PLI. Full Genomic report available. 4 mths old £500. Peartree Stoneley is from no 55 cow in U.K. on PLI. 3 mths old £400. Both Bulls are by Kirkby Premier.	Rob Perry	07979 598844	Whitchurch, Shropshire
Sale of Organic Ayrshire milk cows	Retirement sale of small herd of organic Ayrshire milk cows and in-calf heifers, sexed semen, genus pedigree sired/sire. Delivery available, Derbyshire. Please phone for details.	William Deaville	01773 550269 (eve)	Belper, Derbyshire

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Poultry Manure	Limited quantity of organic poultry manure available in BD23 area. Please ring 07968 096839 for details.	Barbara	07968 096839	Skipton, Yorkshire
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MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

KONSKILDE SUCKER-BLOWER	Konskilde Sucker- Blower. PTO driven and in good working order. Complete with 50 foot of straight pipes, 3 bends, 1 flexible, distributor head, hoover end and joining clamps. £850+VAT.	Carl Gray	07771 985908	Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire
FULWOOD 4000 LTR DX TANK FOR SALE	Fulwood DX single phase bulk milk tank for sale. 4000 litre capacity, inc compressors and hot water tank and washing system. Regularly maintained under contract and only for sale due to retirement from dairy farming. £3000 ono + VAT	Martyn Glover	01392 461302 or 07860 835754	Exeter, Devon

OTHER LIVESTOCK FOR SALE

Fully organic goslings	Day-old ORGANIC GOSLINGS from long-established fully organic breeding flock selected over many years for production of meaty Christmas geese. Burrington, Devon	John Burns	01769 520 506	Burrington, Devon
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Items Wanted

CATTLE & DAIRY CATTLE WANTED				
Organic Cast Cows Wanted - Nationwide	Organic Cast Cows - Any Breed Beef or Dairy, Aberdeen Angus Cast Cows - By a named sire. Premium Price Paid on Organic and Aberdeen Angus. Excellent Rates. Transport can be arranged.	Alan Jarvis	07733 103154	Preston, Lancs
Organic Young Bull	Ideally between 14-20 months old, native breed preferred. Can collect.	Lee Gray	07894 622256	Morpeth, Northumberland
Store cattle wanted.	Forward stores required. 20 months +. Native or continental breeds preferred. Dairy bred accepted 0+ and above. Can take non assured cattle.	Nigel	07977 485770	Plymouth, Devon
Quality finished fat cattle wanted	Traditional British breeds wanted. If you have any available, please give Richard a call	Richard	07711 829579	Moreton in Marsh, Glos
Organic Store Cattle Wanted	The Organic Livestock Co-operative Ltd (OLMC) continue to look for organic store cattle throughout the UK. We have outlets for all breeds, ages and categories of store cattle.	Peter Jones	07720 892922 / 01829 730580	Chester, Cheshire
30-40 organic in-calf dairy heifers (spring calving)	Looking for 30-40 in-calf dairy heifers due to calve in Feb 2018. High health herd status & outdoor grazing system/hardier breeds preferred. Please contact Tim on 07740 782247 or 01743 718312	Tim	07740 782247	Shrewsbury, Shropshire

OTHER LIVESTOCK WANTED				
Contract rearing of cattle	Contract organic suckler cow farmer needed to supply booming business. Farmer needed for buy back contract , to supply us with regularly finished animals (heifers and steers). We will supply you with the parent stock, which will then come with a guaranteed fixed price for finished animals. Looking for animals to be grown extensively and grass finished. Ideally within 1 hour drive of Shrewsbury. If you are interested please contact Sam for more details.	Sam Barker	01743 351939/ 07793 365517	Shrewsbury, Shropshire
Day Old Chicks required	Hi we are after a regular supply of day old table birds must be organic we will require delivery or meet as close to Essex as possible. Small batches required every month thanks.	William	07956 300103	Chelmsford, Essex

SHEEP WANTED				
Organic Wool Fleece	* Excellent prices paid * Collection direct from farm * All flock sizes considered * Especially searching for naturally coloured fleece * British Wool Marketing Board licensee * Soil Association Licensed Producer	Jonny King	01570 493347	Tregaron, Ceredigion
ORGANIC NORTH COUNTRY MULE SHEARLINGS	Looking for 150+ Organic shearing mules to join our well established flock in South Warwickshire. Excellent prices paid. Collection direct from farm. All flock sizes considered.	Max	07967 131838	Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks
Organic Tack Sheep Wanted	Looking for organic sheep to graze organic land in the Cotswolds. Farmer can look after them, or we can check them on a daily basis.	Julie	07779 596098	Cheltenham, Glos
Easy care gimmers	Wanted for this autumn 30 organic easy care gimmers / ewes	Peter Darwell	07765 460331	Dumfries

FEEDSTUFFS AND FORAGE WANTED				
Barley / Wheat	Beef finisher requires 200/300 tonnes of good quality wheat or barley	Padraic	+35387 6349421	Tuam, Galway
Organic Hay	Organic & Conventional Hay in square bales. Will collect.	David Thorley	07973 860211	Doveridge, Derby
Organic Feed Oats	Wanted organic feed oats, full or part load. Thanks	Adam	07715 594889	Faringdon, Oxon

JOBS - MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EACH JOB ON OUR WEBSITE				
Gap Year Placement	After a visit to my daughter in North Germany. I meet a farming family running an Organic Beef and chicken farm and shop. The son wishes to come to the UK for a gap year after his 3rd year farming studies. Info from Peter, or direct from family Bird at info@frohenbruch.de	Peter Coleing	01245 690421	Chelmsford, Essex
Young Swiss - Gap year placement	Our son Elias (16 y) just finished school and needs to fill a gap year before he begins with the mason's apprenticeship in summer 2018. We are looking for a family who runs an organic farm in the UK. The duration of his stay and the arrangement in general is negotiable. Starting in August 2017 for one or several months is what we aim for.	Thomas Schilt	+41 79 300 1452	schilt.tom@gmail.com
Assistant Herds Person	An opportunity has arisen at Daylesford Organic Farms Ltd for an Assistant Herds Person. Our milking herd consists of 120 British Freisians and 20 Gloucester females. angela.hadfield@daylesford.com	Angela Hadfield	01608 658445	Chipping Norton, Oxon
Vacancy - Farm Financial Manager	Working as part of the management team, this position is responsible for coordinating the finances of the farm, supervising the administration team and ensuring that all aspects of the farm are working in collaboration to ensure the success and growth of the business. merietflain@hotmail.com	Tali Eichner	07840 542365	Sharphorne, West Sussex