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General News



NOCC18 Booking now open

Booking is now open for the 2018 National Organic Combinable Crops conference the largest and longest-running organic on-farm event in the UK which will be held on **3 July 2018**.

Now in its 11th year, this one-day event near Telford, Shropshire, will offer organic and non-organic farmers the chance to learn about the latest innovations in the sector, and discover how they might take advantage of the opportunities that lie ahead.

Hosted by third-generation mixed farmer Mark Lea — in partnership with the Organic Research Centre (ORC), Walnes Seeds, Organic Arable, Hodmedods and Harper Adams University — visitors will learn about the farm and its operations during an in-depth farm walk.

As well as examining extensive crop trials they will also get a glimpse of the

farm's resident flock of New Zealand Romney sheep, its 80-head herd of pedigree Hereford cattle, and its green waste business, which composts 5000 tonnes of waste every year.

Visitors will also hear from a range of experts, including NIAB's head of farming systems research, Elizabeth Stockdale, and Canadian independent plant and soil educator Joel Williams.

Mark Measures of the Institute of Organic Training and Advice will also be sharing the latest research and practical approaches to improving soil health and biology as he completes a global tour as part of his Churchill scholarship.

Meanwhile visitors will also get to learn about Liveseed, a project involving the ORC, Organic Arable and seven farmers across the UK — including our host farm — to test a new model for organic variety trials.

The Liveseed project involves each of the growers producing three of

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seven winter wheat varieties - ORC Wakelyns Population, Basset, Crispin, Evolution, Montana, Siskin and Spyder — in different combinations to enable comparisons between them. This 'balanced incomplete block' puts varieties onto farms to be tested at a commercial scale, where performance is most relevant and can be done at little cost.

This year, the NOCC conference lunch



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will be prepared by renowned baker Kimberly Bell from the Small Food Bakery. Kimberley and her team will be including many of the key crops demonstrated in the field in their menu.

Host farmer Mark Lea says: "We like to see how we can do things differently and welcoming NOCC to the farm gives us that chance to experiment with new varieties, which is very exciting.

"We first hosted NOCC a few years ago and we found then that it gives us the motivation to experiment, while the chance to talk to other growers and experts about their ideas is incredibly useful," he adds. "We're looking forward to opening our gates to visitors again this year."

Roger Kerr, OF&G chief executive, says: "NOCC has become the highlight in the organic farming calendar and we are very pleased this year to be hosted by Mark on his superb organic family farm.

"We are gathering together some of the best and most experienced professionals in food and farming to help our delegates look in detail at the things that matter most to them: the soil, the seeds, agronomic practices and how these impact on the final food products we are all dependent upon.

"With such a range of experts speaking on a wide variety of subjects, there really is something for everyone at NOCC," he adds. "We've no doubt that tickets will be more in-demand than ever before, so we recommend people register now to avoid disappointment."

For booking forms and for trade opportunities at the event please contact the OF&G offices at info@ofgorganic.org or call on 01939 291800

Command Paper

In light of the single mention of organic in the recently published Defra Command Paper on the future for food, farming and the environment the English Organic Forum has written to Environment Secretary of State Michael Gove highlighting that the UK is lagging behind its major European competitors in the development of organic food and farming.

The letter sets out why stronger support for organic farming would be a significant opportunity to deliver both economic and environmental benefits, consistent with government policy aspirations.

Consumer demand for organic food and farming has seen record breaking growth in the UK and globally with the European organic market currently worth over £30 billion, while globally the organic market has reached £70billion retail sales value. In the UK the organic market achieved £2.2billion retail sales value, with around 6% growth in 2017. But many EU countries have seen 20% market growth rates in recent years, with market shares approaching 10% of food sales. Clearly we have some catching up to do just to satisfy growing consumer demand."

Organic farming accounts for 6.7% of farmland under production in the EU (UK 3%). Italy, Sweden and Austria are between 15-20%. President Macron has declared a target of 22% of French farmland to be organic by 2022 and the German government coalition agreement includes a target of 20% of German agriculture to be organic by 2030.

The English Organic Forum believes that there is a significant opportunity for the UK to catch up and achieve a share of at least 10% of UK food

and farming, given appropriate support. Indeed, meeting more of the current and potential future demand for organic food from domestic production, rather than imports, would deliver economic and environmental benefits.

Roger Kerr, OF&G chief executive said, "We are surprised that organic wasn't more widely identified in the consultation documents. Organic production is backed up by a legal regulation with annual inspections, certification and verification. With this robust approach Defra can have confidence in organic food and farming delivering both economic benefits and public goods for all."

Ministers have recently confirmed that organic farming and food makes a significant contribution to environmental objectives and consumer choice. Building on this, a positive organic policy would provide space for new environmentally benign and innovative rural strategies that would build on the entrepreneurial vigour shown by many farmers and land managers. Organic can be a test-bed for a resilient food system that operates within a thriving countryside, enhancing biodiversity and using animal welfare-friendly production methods with proven potential to benefit all farmers and consumers.

Sustainable Soils

OF&G were invited along to the second Sustainable Soils event in London on 13 March.

Among many great speakers were Dr Elizabeth Stockdale head of farming research at NIAB (incidentally Dr Stockdale will be contributing at NOCC18 on 3 July) and Vicki Hird of Sustain: Alliance for Better Food and Farming.

Vicki talked about the benefits of farmers working together to learn from each other but also that markets must help farmers protect

the land. She spoke about the need for any future agriculture and food policy to ensure fair conditions and fair pay to help enable farmers to produce good food and to look after their soils.

Dr Stockdale said there is a need for a national scale soil monitoring programme which would be in line with commitments in the 25 Year Environment Plan. Dr Stockdale will also be at NOCC18 in July.

MP Zac Goldsmith and farming minister George Eustice also spoke at the event. Mr Eustice quoted Sir Albert Howard when he said "Soil

shouldn't be mined but farmed, that soil is not just about chemistry but is also about biology, to take care of the hummus and the life of soil".

Mr Eustice added that soils are a central plank of the government's future farm policy, and to do that it is vital to move away from direct payments and to use that money to the delivery of public goods not just for habitat creation but to change the approach to soil husbandry in particular and farm husbandry in general.

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<https://sustainablesoils.org/vision/>

Grain Prices: Courtesy of Simon Tubbs, Saxon Organic:

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Markets remain fairly flat and featureless as most buyers now have adequate cover until the summer, but there will always be opportunity for top ups, particularly after the two cold weather events seen lately. It is therefore important that those still with grain or pulses to sell make their buyers aware of any stock, since any nearby selling opportunities do not last for long. Organic premiums against a feeble conventional cereal market remain very good.

New crop prices are not yet freely available, but buyers will no doubt be expecting a discount against the relatively high values of old crop. We think that perhaps the biggest factor to influence values could be if spring sowings are delayed much longer, as yield expectations will need to be trimmed. We would like to hear of your news/views on this.

Organic retail sales in the UK and the wider EU remain robust, and there are signs of more land converting to meet this added demand. Avenues of Organic supply from third countries are still limited, so it is potentially a very good time to step up homegrown production.

Current guide only valuations – April/May collections ex farm

Feed wheat £275, Milling £310

Feed barley £285, Malting £320

Milling oats £320, Beans £390

Organic Livestock Trends: OLMC

The organic cattle trade has seen quite a shift downward in the past few weeks. Abattoirs have reported poorer prime beef sales during January and February than they were expecting. Supply volumes of cattle have been high and many producers have had to wait to get them moved. Realistically, trade should improve once cattle numbers get shorter and sales of beef increase as in past years this might not be until early Summer.

The trade for organic cull cows remains good. The demand for manufacturing meat hasn't wavered in the last few months thus fuelling the strong trade for cows.

Average R4L Organic UTM in spec @ 425p /kg deadweight

Average R4L Organic OTM Cow in spec @ 310p/ kg deadweight

The trade for organic hoggets has moved on a pace with prices pushing over the 500p/kg deadweight in the last few weeks. The supply hasn't been able to meet demand and this has been reflected in the price paid by abattoirs as they push for product into retailers for the Easter break.

This firmer trade is expected to continue until it is substituted by volumes of new season lamb. New lamb supply could well be held back with the weather conditions prevailing against rapid growth at the moment.

Average R3L organic OSL in spec @ 530p/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 we would report that with the fields still being very wet there will be in most areas a delay in turning cattle out. The one thing we can be sure of is that the situation will change in the next three to four weeks and the ground will dry out with grass starting to grow. The demand for organic store cattle reflects the weather conditions with the bigger cattle that can finish indoors being in strong demand but the smaller cattle for turnout being less so. This situation will change rapidly as the weather improves.

It is worth thinking carefully about your strategy for turning out cattle. To maximise efficiency it is important that grass does not get too far ahead of the cattle so stocking rates need to be considered. It is generally thought that the bigger cattle need turning out first as they can stand the poorer weather conditions that can prevail early on. Smaller cattle should, if possible, be turned out onto more sheltered fields and again, if possible, onto shorter grass.

Please ring us if you have any store cattle for sale or wanted.

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

Dean Organic Fund, offering Interest Free Loans

The Organic Research Centre launched the new Dean Organic Fund at the Oxford Real Farming Conference in January. The fund offers interest-free loans, typically ranging from £5,000 to £25,000, to small-scale organic/ecological growers and food businesses.

The Dean Organic Trust was established in 1993 by Jennie Bone and following her death in 2016, the Dean Organic Trust's assets and a legacy from Jennie Bone's estate were transferred to the Organic Research Centre to create a significantly larger Dean Organic Fund.

Professor Nic Lampkin, from the Organic

Research Centre, said, "The Dean Organic Fund is a rare opportunity for small-scale organic and similar operations to access interest-free loans. Jennie Bone was passionate about conserving wildlife in the farmed environment and she widely encouraged and promoted the environmental benefits of organic farming and growing. We are delighted to continue Jennie's fantastic legacy and will look forward to receiving applications from eligible businesses."

The Organic Research Centre is inviting applications for interest-free, unsecured loans from organic farmers and food producers who wish to expand their

enterprises by investing in equipment or stock or would benefit from other working capital. The fund is also open to those producers that are not certified organic but whose operations are closely aligned with organic principles. The loans are repayable over periods of up to five years and applications are welcome from companies, sole traders, community or social enterprises and charity-owned businesses.

Further details and application packs are available through the Organic Research Centre's website:

www.organicresearchcentre.com or by email to Nic Lampkin on nic.l@organicresearchcentre.com

Annual Organic Trade Board Briefing

OF&G recently attended The Organic Trade Board's 2018 annual briefing, Going for Growth which was held on 7 March 2018 in London at Church House Conference Centre, bringing together the organic sector under one roof to outline plans for growing the U.K. organic market.

The speakers were **Kathleen Kelliher** from the Organics, Future Farming Directorate at Defra who gave an update on Defra, the future organic regulation and Brexit, OF&G's CEO **Roger Kerr**, who reported on World Organic Growth and **Clare McDermott** from the Soil Association who gave a UK market and consumer update.



The OTB reported results from their feedyourhappy 2017 campaign, which included a presentation by Adam Stock from i2c on their insights into the activity in Sainsbury's during Organic September; part of the OTB's Organic retailer campaign. They also unveiled their new strategic plan with a vision to continue to increase organic sales

into the 2020's and beyond. Justin Clouder from TBWA and Hanna Gardner from Manning Gottlieb OMD then revealed the OTB campaign plans for 2018.

At the end of the meeting Adrian Blackshaw the OTB's chairman made a call to action and encouraged engagement with the campaign via social media and sharing assets from members and pledgors to the campaign.

OTB currently have three key priorities

1. To create demand

- a) by increasing consumers consideration of organic
- b) by improving attitudes and understanding of organic food
- c) by targeting the benefits of organic food through taste, health and value

OTB's will be targeting this at 7.4M occasional UK consumers in 2018

2. To engage the trade

- a) through specific targeted campaigns/events during the year

- Wake up To Organic, Organic September, Organic Christmas offering the opportunity for organic food producers to 'piggy back' on the back of a national campaign

b) engage with retailers through direct in-store activity. It has been shown that as a consequence of the OTB campaign activity (regardless of category focus in store) that sales of organic products across stores (all categories) increased by around 9%.

3. To Influence policy

OTB have direct access to Defra ministers and their officials and either through direct approaches or by working with other industry stakeholders OTB is ensuring that the interests of its members at being recognised at the highest level.

If you would like to find out more about how you become an OTB member and get involved in Organic. Feed Your Happy, please email mailto:Annie@organictradeboard.co.uk at the OTB.

BREXIT - trade implications with the EU

Further to our note in the last newsletter regarding USDA NOP accreditation as expected Brexit has caused some potential complications with regard to organic regulation and our relationship with EU. What we do know is that the UK Government will adopt the EU regulation when we leave - which one though depends on when we leave. It would seem that this will be most likely December 2020 (at the end of the implementation period) which is all but agreed subject to the UK providing the necessary assurances, including Northern Ireland's trading status, by this June. Given the stakes (and the UK's previous history acquiescing to EU pressure) we are pretty certain (subject to some unknown major political development) that the implementation period will be put in place.

That being said OF&G and the SACL

have jointly written to George Eustice asking for his support for an extension of our scope under Regulation (EC) 1235 to allow us to be recognised as an EU certifier (albeit we will be a third country) if and when the UK leaves. This is assuming we don't have an equivalency agreement in place by then. The implications to the UK economy (and the EU economy) of not having some sort of equivalency agreement in place when we leave will be significant given that circa 30% of our overall food comes from the continent (which includes about 85% of our vegetables) and half the bananas eaten on the continent come via the UK so Defra tell us.

One would surmise that commercial sense will prevail as it will not be in the interests of any political group (regardless of their position on Brexit) to have empty food shelves the days after we leave.

The problem right now is we don't know what type of trade deal we will end up with and so there isn't anything specifically we can point you to that will give any specific insight. As mentioned there are moves afoot to ensure UK certifiers are recognised on the continent and we are in discussions with other CB's as well so in the face of the unknown we are making provision to ensure one way or the other business is not interrupted.

The uncertainty is particularly difficult we know but as we move into the summer we think things will start to become clearer and we can then begin to make more definitive arrangements once we understand the position. Certainly getting the implementation period secured will help give us breathing room.

We will keep you informed of developments.

Defra Tenders

The Organic Research Centre (ORC) has been awarded two new research projects by Defra to gather robust evidence on organic farming. Both projects aim to identify how organic food production techniques can help the UK build on its position as a world-leading food and farming nation.

The first project will look at how a selection of organic farming practices can deliver wider sustainability benefits for conventional farming systems. The second project will help provide an evidence base for future policy direction of organic agriculture in the UK following EU exit as well as exploring the issues surrounding the potential implications of introducing an independent organic labelling system.

The ORC will collaborate with the GWCT's Allerton Project, the Soil Association, OF&G, Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) and LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming). During the course of the research the project will identify and actively involve the farming community and relevant industry stakeholders. A key element is to develop future actions to promote sustainable farming practices across all agricultural systems. Results from this research will be widely shared



with all interested farmers via a project 'hub' on the Agricolgy website and promoted using social media and events (www.agricology.co.uk).

With our imminent exit from the EU, the second project provides information from which to review our national organic regulations for England and Wales following EU exit.

The project will review regulatory approaches controlling organic production and provisions for trade in other countries and summarise their strengths and opportunities. In addition, the project is tasked with exploring the organic labelling used by other countries such as those in USA and Norway. To undertake this project ORC leads an international consortium of organisations including Organic

Services (based in Germany), EcoS Consultancy (UK) and the Swiss Research Institute for Organic Agriculture (FiBL). All the members of the consortium have longstanding and complementary experience with organic regulations and the organic sector in the UK, Europe and globally. OF&G along with other UK stakeholders are also directly involved in this project.

OF&G in the News

<http://www.thelandsman.co.uk/>

Brexit gives the UK the perfect opportunity to change the shape of food and farming for the better.

Roger Kerr has an article published in the March/April issue of the Landsman (page 12 of the paper edition and 13 of the digital version)

A new UK Domestic Agricultural Policy offers the opportunity for change and to support those systems which offer public goods: systems like organic production. Organic farming is a regenerative approach to farming which uses a combination of technology and traditional practices to maintain soil fertility and water quality, protect biodiversity and maintain high animal welfare while limiting the use of

external resources. Simply by farming organically, farmers can simultaneously offer a wealth of long-term public benefits, as well as producing high quality, safe, nutritious and sustainable food supplies.

It's for these reasons that OF&G is asking Defra to ensure organic farming gets the recognition it deserves in future UK policy, and that organic farmers are fully supported and rewarded for the services they provide. We don't think people who buy organic food should have to pay more for food that is produced in an ecologically-

sound way. And above all, we think more of the UK's farmers should be encouraged to adopt organic farming practices: even if organic land accounted for just 10% of the UK's farmland, the benefits we would all see would be huge.

There's no doubt Mr Gove faces some tough decisions over the coming months. But by integrating the systematic production approach of organic within a new and innovative domestic food and farming policy, we have the chance to make a significant change for the better.

Staff Profile



If you've been to an event organised by OF&G then you will most likely know our Business Development Manager **Steven Jacobs**. Steven has been working within the organic

sector in one way or another for over three decades now and has been an integral part of the OF&G team for 11 of those years. He spent some of his time on farms but the majority has been in the processor/wholesale/retail sector. He started his Organic 'journey' with the cooperative farms business, CWS, on an organic farm they ran as an all too brief experiment in the Midlands. He went on to work with Fresh & Wild in London who many will now know as Wholefood Markets, moving to OF&G certified processor/wholesaler Essential

Trading in Bristol.

Steven's first job within OF&G was as Research and Development Officer where he played a key role in setting up and coordinating National Organic Cereals (now National Organic Combinable Crops) one of the most important dates in the UK Organic calendar. He's now broadened his role and is focusing on how to help make OF&G the go-to organisation for Organic Certification. If you see Steven around he's always happy to make time for a chat.

Technical News

General

Fraud conference

On 18 March our Certification and Compliance Manager, Steve Clarkson, attended a conference on the risk of fraud in organics together with a representative of Defra Organic Unit and the FSA. The conference, organised by the European Commission's organic unit, had a range of speakers and presentations from various organisations either directly or indirectly involved in the organic sector. The Commission noted that it was widely accepted that the organic sector is currently one of the most dynamic sectors with agriculture in the EU. However, growth in the organic market has not been matched by growth in the land area being managed as organic leading to more of a reliance on imported goods. This in turn leads to increased complexity within the supply chain. A number of the presentations were related to actual cases that have been investigated in a number of different member states. None of these were in the UK but it would not be uncommon for the UK to be importing products from these countries and investigations in the last five to ten years in the UK have shown that we are certainly not immune to the risk of fraud taking place.

Given the relative high value of organic products on the market it is unlikely that we will be able to completely remove the risk of fraud but there are things that can be done to reduce the potential risk and aid investigations where problems are found. There are three key points that I have taken away from the conference:

- Effective communication between Competent Authorities, Control Authorities and Control Bodies both in the UK and across other European countries is essential;
- Inspection and Certification procedures must be harmonised for organic both in the UK/EU and for imports;
- Accurate data and statistical information are key to minimising the risks.

We'll now have to wait and see where the Commission feel the need to act to improve the inspection and certification system.

However, OF&G have been working closely with a number of organisations looking at supply chain integrity. As discussed in previous newsletters we have been working with Food Forensics on our sampling and testing requirements for a some time now. Food Forensics are a leader in this field and have been a valuable source of information for highlighting potential risks and testing needed. The organic regulation requires that we sample and test products from a percentage of our operators, with the help of Food Forensics we are undertaking more than is needed. We are currently discussing an initiative aiming to bring together organic certification and supply chain data with the aim of enhancing the integrity of the supply chain at a certification and market level. We'll let you now any follow-up from the conference, if in the meantime you have any questions please contact Steve Clarkson on steve@ofgorganic.org.

Producers

Seed Approvals

It's the time of year where farmers are looking at seeds and what to sow. In light of this it would seem a good time to remind you of your obligations with regards seed use.

In the first instance the underlying principle within the regulation is that organically produced seeds are used.

If no organic seeds of the species you wish to grow (barley, wheat etc...) are available an approval may be granted for non-organic, untreated, seed under certain conditions. If the variety you wish to grow is not available in organic form but another variety is available organically you must be able to show why the available organic varieties are not agronomically suitable. In all circumstances a seed approval form must be sent to your certification officer in good time before you wish to sow the seed.

Seed for Seed Production

In addition to the above information to justify your approval request please also supply a copy of your seed contract or home saved seed plan.

Your certification officer will aim to contact you within three to five days of receipt of your approval request. Hopefully this will be to inform you

that the request has been approved. However, if the forms have not been completed correctly or important information is missing the process will be delayed whilst we obtain the relevant information.

Processors

Updated Guide to Organic Certification - Food Processing

We have updated our booklet on taking you through certification for organic food processors. It has been enormously popular and been distributed in print and online many thousands of times over the years. We have decided to bring the Guide into line with our other documents and so it is now a Technical Leaflet (TL214).

This is available on our website or from your certification officer - either by email or in the post.

If you have any organic certification queries, from how to write an organic procedure to completing a SIPs form or documenting pest control, or if you just want to find out about the certification process, then this guide will provide a useful resource.

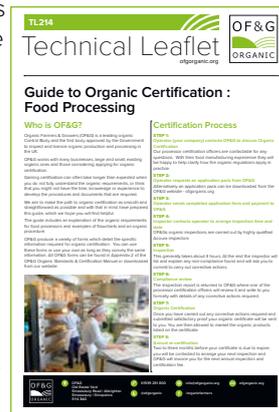
Labels

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.



Licensees in the News

Sam Barker

Under the title 'The bugs don't know what it is' Sam Barker talks about organic quinoa in the 1 February issue of Waitrose Weekend. Sam, whose organic farm in Shropshire has been licensed with OF&G for many years, discusses the pros and cons of growing this now very popular crop.

Tim May

In February Tim was featured alongside Joanna Lumley as part of an article in the Daily Mail - Absolutely muddy fabulous. The article stated: "So the lesson today is that a step forward in compassionate farming can also look like a step back. We're at Pitt Hill Farm in Tadley, Hampshire, a 2,500-acre operation which the charity insists represents the way to go. Here, livestock are not contained in battery conditions but roam free in fields. Pesticides are not used

on the crops. Chickens run free."

The owner, Tim May, gives talks about how a farm can be run like this and make a profit, pointing out that intensive farming practices had trashed the quality of the soil; short-term commercialism had trapped farmers like him in a destructive cycle.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-5329957/Joanna-Lumley-mucking-farm.html>

John Pawsey

Farmer and OF&G licensee John Pawsey appeared in the news recently following his talk as part of the AHDB monitor farm meeting in Cornwall. Regardless of how they farm, John said, all farmers face the same challenges – dealing with pests, weeds and diseases to produce profitable crops. He said: "Non-organic farmers are finding that some chemicals are becoming less effective or are being withdrawn, so actually they need to start thinking like organic farmers." <https://tinyurl.com/yahsh582>

Recently awarded approved inputs

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

SUPPLIER	TELEPHONE	CATEGORY
Sky Ink Ltd	020 820 27697	Insect Control
The Fertiliser Company Ltd	01749 841146	Soil Conditioners
Divine Imports Ltd	01642 788112	Soil Conditioners
Mineral Guard Europe SP.zo.o.	48 601 26 11 88	Additives

Updated approved inputs

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SUPPLIER	TELEPHONE	CATEGORY
Agrimim Ltd - private label suppliers to Downland Marketing Ltd	01652 688046	Vitamins, minerals and trace elements
Pensia Ltd	01706 343661	Fertilisers
Agrimim Ltd	01652 688046	Vitamins, minerals and trace elements
Celtic Sea Minerals	00353 214 378727	Vitamins, minerals and trace elements, Fertilisers
Improcrop Limited t/a Alltech Crop Science	00353 180 26259	Fertilisers
Aiva Ltd	01235 834997	Plant Health Product
W Neudorff GmbH KG	0049 5155 624126	Pest Control
Strathclyde Nutrition Ltd	01555 820627	Vitamins, minerals and trace elements
Thomson & Joseph Ltd	01603 781217	Fertilisers
Soil Fertility Services Limited	01366 384899	Plant Health Product, Fertilisers
Seasol International Pty Ltd	+61 (0)3 9729 6511	Fertilisers
Nico Orgo Manures	01923 854224	Fertilisers
Advetec Holdings Limited	01761 433434	Fertilisers, Additives
AminoA Ltd	01633 894300	Fertilisers
Ron Fields Nutrition	01432 851111	Animal Health Product
Microferm Ltd	01684 568434	Animal Feed Additive, Silage Additive
Denis Brinicombe Group	01363 775115	Vitamins, minerals and trace elements
Sadera Ltd	+37068 362660	Manure Treatment, Animal Feed Supplement, Seed Treatment, Soil Conditioners, Fertilisers

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				
In lamb Organic Ewes for Sale	We have around 30 in lamb ewes for sale. They were scanned on the 28th of January and have been marked as a single or twin. A mixture of yearlings, second time lambers and older they are a combination of Suffolk cross, Texel cross and Welsh halfbred. Due to lamb around Easter they were running with a Suffolk tup who has produced good, strong lambs for us in the past.	Mike Lewis	07901 710882	Llandrindod Wells, Powys
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

CATTLE FOR SALE				
British Friesian Bull Calves	30 BF Bull Calves. 3 weeks old. Very Healthy. Given Plenty of Colostrum. From Blocky cows by Blocky bulls. Tb Free and ready to go. £50 each	Toby Ansdell	07785 397678	Barnstaple, Devon
AA incalf cows	AAx incalf cows and heifers for sale, due April/May to a reg Angus bull. Bvd vaccinated.	John	07789 352330	Newcastle, Northumberland
Beef Calves	Approx 200 Beef Calves available from large dairy farm in South Devon for sale as soon as passports back. TB restricted so buyer must have isolation unit. Opportunity to buy from known source and to fill unit quickly.	Adam Atkinson	07766 733224	Plymouth, Devon
Store Cattle	All the cattle are over 15 months old and range up to 24 month old. There 30 Aberdeen Angus X females, 30 Charolais X females and 20 Hereford X Females. Also there are 15 Aberdeen Angus X steers, 35 Charolais X steers and 15 Hereford X steers. Will sell part or all of them, there are also some younger cattle that could be sold if interested.	Philip Hopper	07917 633955	Bude, Cornwall

DAIRY CATTLE FOR SALE				
Organic herd	Organic herd of 100 head of all the year round calving.	Elizabeth Evans	07508 103363 /01994 230250	Meidrim, Carmarthenshire
Cows for sale, mainly Friesians	6 Organic spring calving cows for sale. Mixture of ages from 3rd to 6th next lactation. Due end Feb to mid March to AA. Closed herd.	Hywel James	01239 682225 /07855 931882	Cardigan, Pembro
Dairy Youngstock	Fully Organic served Heifers and Sep/Oct born weaned calves. Holstein and also some crossbred (Norwegian Red/Montbeliarde)	Peter Cole	01288 381347 / 07833 927084	Holsworthy, Devon
Heifer Calves For Sale	We will have around 100 heifer calves for sale. They will be available from the middle of February. They are NZ Friesian x Jersey and are by AI bulls. We are TB free and antibiotic free and have good Johnes protocol. £100 Call to pre-order	Heather Dale	07946 591636 / 07801 335118	Shrewsbury, Shropshire
Organic Dairy Heifer Rearing Available	Established Heifer-rearing Enterprise available Spring 2019. Modern Buildings, Weighing facilities, Targets achieved. Tailor made contract to suit. Winter housing for 300 plus head. Long experience in Heifer Rearing, Ex Dairy Farmer been Organic since 2002. Refs supplied.	Simon Hayes	07711 616303	Shifnal, Shropshire
Organic in calf British Friesian Heifers	2 Organic British Friesian Heifers for sale Due April to Aberdeen Angus (Duster). Surplus to requirements.	Grainne Lee	07813 050171	Shepton Mallet, Somerset
40 Xbred Heifers For Sale	40 X bred & NZ Friesian heifers for sale. Born Feb, March, April 2017. Surplus Stock. Vaccinated Lepto & Bvd. LIC sires.High fertility herd. Never had TB.	Rhodri Ellis	07900 937262	Trefnant, Denbighshire
Organic Pedegree Holstein Friesian Dairy Stock	In milk cows/heifers, In calf heifers and bulling heifers available. TB4	Rob Carr	07808 586950	Carlisle, Cumbria

LAND AND GRAZING FOR SALE				
Organic Grasskeep for sale	50 acres permanent pasture, certified with OF&G, for grazing or mowing. Easy access to road, watered, fenced. Near Timsbury, Northeast Somerset. About £60 per acre	Richard Fox	01761 479391	Timsbury, Somerset
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

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FEEDSTUFFS AND FORAGE FOR SALE				
Haylage	100 big square bales excess to requirements £10 each. Please phone for details.	Rod Lane	01285 831236	Cirencester, Gloucester
Organic Clamp silage	Grass/wholecrop mix. Lower quality but nice enough. £25 per ton. Loading available.	Daniel Howlett	07594 325693	Bromyard, Herefordshire
Organic spelt straw	10 bales of last years harvest straw. Located in Somerset	Ash Bulmer	07546 096254	Glastonbury, Somerset
Large round bales of silage	Approximately 150 round bales of silage, 2016 & 2017 all well wrapped. OFG certified	Rich	07979 597112	Thornbury, Bristol
Clamp silage and Haylage	Clamp silage and haylage for sale all made in 2017. Bideford area.	Richard	07908 942784	Bideford, Devon
Organic Silage	One artic load of organic 4ft round silage bales (chopped). Nice condition, July 2017 meadow grass. Loading available. £16 per bale.	Daniel Howlett	07594 325693	Bromyard, Herefordshire
Organic Silage	Made 2016, round bales £15 per bale. Easy access J 13 or J 14 M40. Please phone for details.	David Smith-Ryland	01926 624058	Warwick, Warwickshire
Square Bale Silage	40 bales of good dry ryegrass 6 ft long square bale silage for sale. £18 per bale. Good concrete access to load.	Paul Badcock	07785 936778	Penzance, Cornwall
Organic Feed Spelt	We have available approximately 85t of organic spelt for feed. Excellent quality and can deliver nationwide. Please call if this is of interest.	Gemma	01529 421081	Sleaford, Lincs
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

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE				
Business opportunity at North Aston Organics	Business opportunity available now to grow field scale vegetables for box scheme (currently 270 boxes per week) in North Oxfordshire. This will compliment an existing market garden operation. 10 acre field with established rotation available to rent with tractor and machinery for sale.	Mark Stay	01869 347702	North Aston, Oxfordshire
Somerset Eco-House and 4 acres	Fertile south facing land near Exmoor, fantastic views to Blackdowns and Quantocks. Beautiful self-built off-grid house, timberframe and strawbale, 3/4 beds, currently arranged as two living spaces. Barn, polytunnels, outbuildings. Agricultural tie - ex organic market garden. Offers over £405,000	Mandy	07817 075902	Wiveliscombe, Somerset

OTHER LIVESTOCK FOR SALE				
Chilton red deer	One of the earliest established UK deer farms producing deer with exceptional antler and body weights with good temperament - stags and hinds for sale. For further details please telephone.	Tony Bennett	01884 855519 / 07851 005374	Tiverton, Devon
Point of lay pullets	250 novogen pullets 16 weeks old 6th March, will be excellent laying hens reared biodynamically from day old, are ranging outside by day and perching at night, quiet and accustomed to most farm animals and been listening to Radio4. can split, can deliver - £8.50 at 16 weeks+delivery cost	Liz Findlay	07855 731611	Aberystwyth, Ceredigion
Organic weaners for sale	We have 40 x 3 months old weaners for sale now. We will have 10 x 2 months old weaners end of March 18 and another 30 x 2 months old weaners beginning of May 18. Mainly Saddleback x Duroc. Price £45-£75 depending on weight and age. We prefer to sell 6 or more at a time. We also still have older pigs available up to finishing age.	David Junghans	07528 937189	Forest Row, East Sussex
Organic weaners for sale	Boar weaners available. 10 weeks old on 25 February 2018. Large white/Gloucester Old Spot x Duroc	Katie Rubython	07753 801369	Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs

Items wanted

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CATTLE WANTED				
Organic stores required	The Organic Livestock Marketing Co-operative (OLMC) have customers throughout the UK looking for continental and native breed stores. If you have any available please contact Peter Jones.	Peter Jones	07720 892922	Tarporley, Cheshire

FEEDSTUFFS AND FORAGE WANTED				
6 Green bags organic milk powder for lambs	We are looking for 6x25kg bags of organic milk powder for lambs - (Zelmo green) We will offer a good price per bag!!! **Please contact if you would be willing to share a pallet or know anyone who is looking to share*	Max	07967 131838	Bidford on-Avon, Warwickshire
Organic Hay	Organic & Conventional Hay in square bales. Will collect.	David Thorley	07973 860211	Doveridge, Derbys
Organic hay	Wanted Organic hay, whole crop or silage	Clyde/Helen Parker	01244 570864	Wrexham/Chester
Organic Hay	Round or Big square baled good quality hay required for sheep in Northumberland near Alnwick. Will collect from a 150 mile radius. Please contact Ross if you have any available.	Ross Wilson	07881 643631	Alnwick, Northumberland
Wanted Organic Straw or Hay	We are looking for big bale straw or hay.	Clyde/Helen Parker	01244 570864	Wrexham/Chester

LAND AND GRAZING WANTED				
Grazing for sheep	Grazing for sheep wanted, winter or summer / both. Anything considered. Herefordshire, Shropshire or mid Wales.	Dale	07739 565346	Llandrindod, Powys

MISCELLANEOUS WANTED				
Livestock farmer wanted	I am seeking a long relationship with a livestock farmer who will graze and house organic cattle on my land in Warwickshire. Initially 150 acres is available with an 8 bay (120ft x 50 ft space) cattle shed plus central feed passage. The land will rotate around 620 acres. More land may become available in time. There is provision for a static home (subject to planning permission). A cottage may become available. Casual work will be available, namely forestry, fencing and hedging to supplement income - if needed. This would suit a young person who perhaps may want to start a suckler herd. To start circa 2020. I am close to Junction 13 on M40. Please write to Mr D Smith-Ryland, Gooseberry Hall Farm, Barford, Warwickshire CV35 8DB or telephone for details.	David Smith-Ryland	01926 624058	Warwick, Warwickshire
Organic white eggs	We seek 30 - 60 doz. Organic white eggs, delivered to N. London / S. Herts weekly, to supply our retailers. Pl call Rob on 07403 779 056, or Leon on 0750 77 99 380. Thanks	Leon Pein/ Rob Pearce	07403 779056	Barnet, Herts

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. 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
Position available - Dairy Herd Manager	DAIRY HERD MANAGER required for Progressive Organic 250 Cow Autumn Block Calving Unit on a 750 acre mixed Dairy & Arable Farm near Shrewsbury, Shropshire. The responsibilities will include managing the Herd, Breeding, Young Stock, Grazing, Feeding & Record Keeping. Excellent 4 Bedroom House. Please contact Davina Griffiths at Balfours for an Application Form and Further Details	Davina Griffiths	01743 239 236	Shrewsbury, Shropshire
Biodynamic/ organic Farmer wanted	Tablehurst Farm is a 500 acre mixed farm with beef, sheep, pigs, poultry, vegetables, farm shop, butchery, café and residential care in Forest Row, East Sussex. We would like to bring more expertise and experience onto the farm and we are looking for a farmer who would like to join the existing team. We are looking for a mature person, ideally with previous experience and a university degree in organic/ biodynamic agriculture. This is a full time position. Salary depends on experience and living arrangements. For more information visit our website www.tablehurst.farm Please submit applications including CV and a letter	David Junghans	07528 937189	Forest Row, East Sussex