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General News



Business opportunities in organic arable to be discussed at UK's largest organic on-farm event

The largest UK organic on-farm event, OF&G National Organic Combinable Crops (NOCC), on 3 July at York Grounds Farm in East Yorkshire, will focus on crop varieties, markets and financial returns on offer to growers looking to diversify their farm businesses.

The one-day conference is an excellent opportunity for people and businesses across food supply networks to come together to share experience and transfer knowledge about organic food production and organic food markets.

"NOCC attracts a large number of key stakeholders including organic and non-organic farmers to discuss the challenges and rewards in organic cereals with seed breeders, grain traders, millers, bakers and other food businesses," says Steven Jacobs, business development manager at

OF&G (Organic Farmers & Growers), the founders of this annual event.

He says UK organic grains and pulses are in short supply. "The UK is around 20% self-sufficient in organic feed grains, which has led to a reliance on imports. And while imported product can help support a domestic market, UK agriculture must take advantage of this opportunity. But in order to be successful, more needs to be done to support further development of our organic arable sector."

"We're seeing a greater number of food businesses demanding only UK organic ingredients and NOCC provides a platform to showcase the potential that homegrown organic crops can offer to farm businesses who want to improve their soils and their gross margin."

He adds that York Grounds Farm is the perfect site for the event. "Our hosts,

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the Thompson family, are celebrating 70 years in organic production this year. Richard Thompson's father Michael moved the family business into organic cultivation in 1949. Since then, the farm has expanded from 80-acres to a successful 300-acre mixed organic enterprise."

NOCC delegates will view strip trial plots at the farm including several feed varieties, such as Dunston and Revelation, and new varieties with milling potential, such as Ehogold and Moschus.

Mr Thompson grows cereals for his own feed stocks and to sell to other farms. "I've seen a noticeable increase in the demand for organic feed cereals and interest in organic milling wheats,



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which can be a lucrative venture. But the success of these milling varieties is dependent on how much you can produce and whether it meets high protein specifications”.

He says historically, it has been difficult to guarantee appropriate quality for large-scale millers due to the varieties available being grown without conventional inputs. “The challenge is understanding what millers and

bakers need and how criteria may be adapted to match the needs of organic production. This changes hugely depending on the miller, the baker and the variety. This will form part of wider discussions at NOCC.

“Hosting a large annual event like this can be a bit daunting but the team at OF&G are really supportive. And it gives us a brilliant opportunity to show what our farm business is doing and

helps us all have discussions between seed breeders, growers, millers and bakers, that are crucial for our sector’s continued success.”

For further information contact Steven Jacobs at OF&G or email steven@ofgorganic.org

Please find included with this newsletter a delegate booking form. For any trade stand enquiries contact Steven.

Environmental Land Management – relevance of the ‘organic systems’ option

Environmental Land Management (ELM) will be a key component of England’s Agriculture and Environment Bills, the two key pieces of legislation that will shape future farming and food production if we leave the EU.

In the event of Brexit, the new ELM is promised to provide the framework for the delivery of public goods by farmers, growers and land managers in line with Defra’s ‘public money for public goods’ policy. Six public goods are identified by Defra: 1. Climate change; 2. Water quality; 3. Air quality; 4. Risk (e.g. flooding); 5. Culture/heritage/landscape, and 6. Biodiversity. Although we would add a 7th - Animal health and welfare.

In Defra’s terms, the public good objective to be delivered through ELM by land managers will arise from the outcome of the action - the longer term impact of management that contributes to public good. In turn, the outcome will depend on the output, which arises from the action – what land managers, farmers, foresters and growers actually do. Defra recognises that the ‘output’ is made up of an asset (the features within the land manager’s control) plus a function (what the asset provides via enhanced quality or reduced pressure on it).

So far so good. The design of a whole

new approach is under way: payment to farmers for their delivery of public goods, however, from a farmer/grower point of view, the transition to this ‘new world’ is potentially fraught with problems. Defra’s indicative time line is to complete the proposals for schemes ready to launch by 2022. That depends upon the development of a very complex and well refined concept for ELM, one which moves entirely away from the current approach comprising Basic Payment Scheme (75%) and Agri-environment Schemes (25%).

The enormity of Defra’s work is becoming more and more apparent, hence there appears to be a strong likelihood of a delay to implementation. Their initial desire to make it all easy and clear cut has been gradually cut away as the reality of the consequences of complexity become apparent.

Any delay will disrupt the transition from the current to the new system and could leave farmers and growers in limbo, with potentially serious repercussions. There is the promise that the £2.1 billion public money that goes into CAP payments to farmers in England will continue, but it is unclear how much will be earmarked though for an effective ELM scheme, based on

reliable and easy to implement LMPs that deliver the goods while providing sufficient proportion of land managers’ income for providing society with these goods

So far Defra has not included organic land management nor other system based approaches such as pasture fed, LEAF or IPM in the ELM outcomes framework. We have, however, had a recognition of current organic specific payments registered by DEFRA personnel with the suggestion that a similar ‘carve out’ will continue. This is not apparent however in the framework. Instead, a long list of specific land management practices are included, each more or less linked to an outcome. Many of these are brought together in organic production systems – defined in organic standards and with robust evidence on outcomes. Organic systems do therefore provide a short-cut to Defra’s objectives, shared by a growing number of consumers and citizens.

Christopher Stopes, OF&G policy advisor, is working with a number of the DEFRA ELM teams as we continue to advocate for organic as a recognised systems based approach to simultaneously delivering multiple public goods.

Food Systems are Key...

There is much discussion currently about reducing our meat consumption or even avoiding eating meat altogether. For us to truly create a resilient and enduring food system we must however address multiple challenges simultaneously. We need to move to a net carbon output from human activities and conserve our

increasingly limited resources while protecting and fostering biological diversity.

At OF&G we know that organic farming is a proven systems-based approach to producing good food that sustains soils and biodiversity, mitigates against global warming,

protects water resources and delivers excellent animal welfare while supporting farmers’ livelihoods.

When it comes to eating meat we support a good food economy based on a whole system approach and not prescriptive solutions. All farms are different but grazing livestock holds the key to soil health and climate change and we need them on our fields.

Global opportunities for organic expand as certifiers unite

OF&G has joined forces with global accreditor Control Union UK (CUUK) to open and expand markets for UK organic food production by offering certification on a global scale.

<https://ofgorganic.org/news/global-opportunities-for-organic-expand-as-certifiers-unite>

“It’s an exciting development for OF&G, allowing us to build organic business opportunities not only in the UK, but in the EU and across the world through CUUK’s extensive accreditation portfolio and international reach,” says Roger Kerr, CEO at OF&G, who certify over half the organic land in the UK.

Commenting on the new partnership, Franco Costantini, MD at CUUK, says uniting with OF&G aligns to their ambitions to expand the food assurance market in the UK and Ireland. “OF&G have over 20 years’ experience in organic certification and a long-standing presence in the UK. Alongside this, we offer an extended network of auditors, access to international markets and a diverse portfolio of accreditation programmes.” Mr Kerr explains that with anticipated changes as a consequence of Brexit, the collaboration provides an opportunity to deliver organic certification and food safety assurance as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible for UK and EU businesses, in particular those seeking export markets.

“When OF&G operated standalone, if a business in another country wanted to certify to organic standards in the UK, we’d fly an inspector out. Now, because CUUK have ‘boots on the ground’ in numerous countries, the process becomes much simpler and certifications can be combined.

“Vice-versa, if our licensees want to become certified with international organic schemes, such as the Japanese Agricultural Standard (JAS) or National Organic Program (NOP), then CUUK can help as they have the accreditations in place, alongside UK or EU regulation” says Mr Kerr.

Due to Brexit, the level of certification required to export food is increasing. “Not only do operators have to deal with EU regulation, they now need to consider UK regulation in a post-Brexit world.

“With more regulation to contend with, not to mention the additional time and expense it incurs at every step in the food supply network, we want to help consolidate this process by certifying to EU and UK regulations simultaneously. Together with CUUK, we can make this happen.”

OF&G licensee in the news

Organic farmer and OF&G licensee John Pawsey is a regular contributor to the Farmers Weekly feature, Farmer Focus - here is his April contribution.

Low weed burden allows savings on weeding

We finished sowing our remaining 250ha of spring barley by the end of March and like our earlier February drilling, seed-beds have been excellent and the last fields sown are now emerging.

Generally we like to mix our varieties up to try and spread the risk of disease, but this year we are wall-to-wall Westminster. Over the years it is yielded well for us and often hits its malting spec, meaning a potential £50/t increase in price over feed.

Spring oats are divided between Firth and Elyann, mainly because those varieties are preferred by the millers for hullability and kernel content.

More at - <https://www.fwi.co.uk/arable/farmer-focus/farmer-focus-low-weed-burden-allows-savings-on-weeding>

New Defra data shows growth in UK organic producers in spite of uncertainty

Organic farming statistics for 2018 released by Defra on 16 May 2019 show an increase in organic producers, indicating opportunity in the sector.

While the number of organic processors reported has declined, although the reporting has changed which has also had an effect, the number of organic producers has increased. However, interestingly overall organic land area has reduced, with the loss of some large estates, indicating a shift away from larger farms.

Although total organic land area in the UK has fluctuated in and out of decline since the economic recession and, even though there are fewer farmers generally in the UK, organic producers are up over 2% since 2017, at 3,544.

OF&G licensee numbers have increased overall by 2.5% and this growth is driven by new entrants to

organic production.

Roger Kerr, chief executive of OF&G, says the new statistics reflect confidence in the sector. “Continued growth of consumer demand for high-welfare and environmentally friendly produce has seen organic sales increase steadily in the last seven years, which has in turn triggered an increase in organic farm conversions. OF&G certifies half the organic land in the UK and Mr Kerr believes their year-on-year growth is a result of working with a growing number of very successful organic businesses.

“Our producers are achieving good economic returns, even with the current economic and political uncertainty facing the agricultural industry. But with increased regulation of agro-chemicals and potential increases in currency volatility affecting the price of inputs and outputs, many businesses are looking

to reduce risk. And with policy signals from Government, farmers are looking at their options, including organic.”

“However, there’s no ‘one size fits all’ approach and converting an entire arable farm in one go can be quite an overwhelming prospect. But it doesn’t all have to be done at once. An organic system in one part of a farm can work synergistically with conventional enterprises in other areas.

“Careful consideration is key in deciding what areas of your farm could benefit most from switching to organic and implementing agroecological techniques. Working with an OF&G certification officer or an Organic Advice, Support and Information Service (OASIS) technical advisor, can help those considering conversion decide the most suitable option for their business,” concludes Mr Kerr.



Royal Highland Show

www.royalhighlandshow.org

SOPA is on Stand 158 in Avenue H

OF&G will again be helping out on the SOPA stand at the Royal Highland Show 20-23 June. Alice Keenan will be there on Thursday and Friday, Laura Rowland on Saturday and Sunday. The stand is in the same place as last year.



Wake up to Organic 2019

www.wakeuptoorganic.co.uk

On 12 June 2019 independent retailers across the UK will be dishing up free organic mini breakfasts as part of their Wake Up To Organic events. The aim is to show how easy it is to switch to an organic breakfast, and to showcase the fabulous range of organic food and drink that your local independent stores and cafés offer.

Groundswell 26-27 June 2019 - Lannock Manor Farm, Hertfordshire, UK

OF&G will be at this Conservation Agriculture event this year.

We are supporting our colleagues at OASIS who will have a stand at the show.

The sessions on both days will hold interest for many organic farmers.

<https://groundswellag.com/sessions/>

OF&G will be represented in the schedule on both days -

Wednesday 26 June

OF&G development manager Steven Jacobs is participating in the Agricology Discussion Tent:-

Getting out of the commodity trap – new markets for sustainable arable

One of the barriers to moving towards more sustainable arable systems is finding a market for smaller volumes of diverse crops. In response to this there is a growing number of farmers who are finding alternative markets for cereals and pulses which support them to farm agroecologically.

Fred Price, Gothelney Farm; Katie Bliss, Agricology; Steven Jacobs, OF&G

<https://groundswellag.com/sessions/agricology-breakout-session-new-grain-economy/>

PFLA licensee Fidelity Weston, along with PFLA and OF&G organic licensee Ian Boyd, will be taking part in the Agricology Discussion Tent:-

Become a Soil Expert for Your Farm

Hear from farmers Chris, Fred, Fidelity and Ian, who are all using soil health as a guide as they experiment and discover what works best for their farm. They have been using simple soil tests combined with the Sectormentor for Soils app to learn and assess how healthy their soil is.

<https://groundswellag.com/sessions/become-a-soil-expert/>

Thursday 27 June

Routes to Markets

Nick Barnard of OF&G certified organic food brand Rude Health will be taking part with William Kendall,



(Cawston Press, Covent Garden Soup) and Corisande Albert (a farmer selling directly to butchers and restaurants) on ways to establish new markets. Rosie Boycott will chair the discussion.

<https://groundswellag.com/sessions/how-to-beat-the-supermarkets/>

And Tim May, who is an OF&G organic licensee, will chair a session called:-

Allan Savory in conversation with Charles Massy

<https://groundswellag.com/sessions/allan-savory-in-conversation-with-charles-massy/>

Livestock in Low Input Systems event to be held at Dumfries House 7 June 2019

Following the growing success of their Livestock in Low Input Systems (LILIS) event, the Scottish Organic Producers Association (SOPA) have announced that this year's conference will take place at Home Farm, on the Dumfries House estate.

SOPA is once again joining forces with Organic Farmers & Growers (OF&G) to host the LILIS conference, which will be held

on Friday 7 of June from 11 am to 4 pm at Home Farm, near Cumnock in Ayrshire.

Attendees will be able to find out more about the newly certified organic farm and take part in an on-farm tour. The conference will also include a long lunch with plenty of time for networking.

The 2019 LILIS conference brings together

innovative thinking and speakers Sheila and Christopher Cooke of 3LM Network to discuss this year's theme of Holistic Management.

Based on the principles and thinking of Allan Savory, Holistic Management is an innovative approach to farming with livestock.

More details - <https://ofgorganic.org/events/lilis-2019>

Tickets are available at [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Removal of Exemptions in the Regulation of Water Abstraction - England

From 1 January 2018, new regulations came into effect which mean that most previously exempt activities cannot continue without an abstraction licence in place.

People who currently abstract more than 20 cubic metres per day for any previously exempt activities (listed below) and want to continue to do so must apply to the Environment Agency for an abstraction licence now to meet the deadline. To be sure the application is checked for completeness the EA are saying applications need to be in by 1 October 2019 to allow 3 months to check the thousands of applications expected before the deadline closes.

Previously exempt activities that now require a licence include:

- All forms of irrigation including trickle
- Abstractions within previously exempt areas
- Transferring water by a navigation, harbour or conservancy authority
- Abstracting water into and between internal drainage districts
- Dewatering mines, quarries and

engineering works

- Warping (abstraction of water containing silt for deposit onto agricultural land)
- Abstractions for managed wetland systems and water level management plans
- The majority of abstractions covered by Crown and visiting forces and the Ministry of Defence

The Transitional arrangements provided are a light touch approach for entry to regulation compared to the normal water constraints, which are more rigorous and likely to lead to less water being approved.

“All previously exempt abstractors are strongly advised to apply now for a licence, to be sure you secure your future right to water for your ongoing business needs”, said the Deputy Director for Water Resources at the Environment Agency.

Anyone can check if they need to apply for a licence and also find the applications form and guidance at:-

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/water-management-abstract-or-impound-water>

The Agency is offering a free Hotline and bookable appointments service to previously exempt abstractors during this transitional period to help them make their application in time. To access this service and discuss how this affects you and what you need to do, applicants can call the Environment Agency on

Tel: **03708 506506** or

Email at enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk

For information on Water Abstraction in Wales please go to:

<https://naturalresources.wales/permits-and-permissions/water-abstraction-and-impoundment/changes-to-water-abstraction-licensing-exemptions/?lang=en>



Technical News

Producers

Composted or fermented household waste

The organic regulation permits the use of 'Composted or Fermented Mixture of Household Waste' as a fertiliser and/or soil conditioner where other techniques such as multi annual crop rotations and the use of legumes and green manures have not been deemed sufficient. For many years the UK has interpreted this to mean that only compost or digestate produced from household collections was permitted to be used in organic systems. It became apparent a number of years ago that this was not the case in other European countries. As a result the CB's have been working with Defra with the intention of expanding the current definition. After lengthy consultation Defra have issued a guidance note on new rules relating to composted or fermented household

waste.

Whilst compost and digestate from specific household collections is still permitted to be used the new interpretation will allow the use of compost or digestate using feedstocks from 'establishments generating waste similar to households' this includes but is not limited to the production of ready-meals for retail operations; retailers that dispose of unsold food; mass catering operations including canteens, restaurants and takeaways.

The compost or AD plant must be registered under the PAS100 Compost Certification Scheme or the PAS110 Biofertiliser Certification Scheme. When looking at any products it is important to note that the organic regulation provides its own limits for the maximum concentration of certain substances (potentially toxic elements)

and these are, in some areas, stricter than those defined in the PAS100 and PAS110 standards.

As with the current use of composted or fermented household waste, approval must be granted by OF&G before the application of any products.

You can do this by submitting a completed copy of Record Sheet 9, a copy of the PAS100 or PAS110 certification and the latest analysis of the product.

If you have any further questions please contact your Certification Officer.

Grass & Forage Mixtures

In the last newsletter it was noted that the percentage inclusion of organic ingredients in a grass and forage mixture would remain at 70% for 2019. Where you sow a grass and/or forage

mixture that includes 70%, or more, organic ingredients the approval must be sought prior to your next inspection by returning a fully completed copy of Record Sheet 4a to your Certification Officer. We have received a number of requests from farmers wishing to sow an arable mixture that could either be harvested as an arable silage for conserving as a forage or harvesting later as a grain. There is a significant difference in the classification of these mixtures and thus the requirements for organic inclusion. If you are sowing the arable mixture with the direct intention of harvesting this as a conserved forage the mixture must contain a minimum 70% organic ingredients and the required approval be obtained prior to your next inspection. However, if there is any possibility that you will harvest these mixtures for the grain you must use organic seed in the mixture. If the available organic varieties are not suitable you must apply for approval to use non-organic seed prior to sowing the mixture, providing an agronomic justification as to why the available organic varieties are not suitable. If you sow a mixture containing 70% organic and do not harvest this as a conserved forage you run the risk of the organic status being removed.

Processors

Reminder of requirement for organic lecithin usage

As previously informed in our September 2018 newsletter, as from 1 January 2019 all lecithin (E322) used in organic products must be certified organic, so any products that are processed or packed containing lecithin must use organic lecithin.

Ingredients containing non-organic lecithin must not be used in the production of organic food from this date onwards. However, retail packed products made before 1st January 2019 with non-organic lecithin may continue to be sold as long as it is correctly declared on the label.

This requirement was published in 2016 in Regulation (EU) 2016/673 amending Regulation (EC) 889/2008.

Please ensure that when purchasing an organic product that contains lecithin that it is organic and labelled

as such. Where necessary, MIPS and new labels should be submitted to OF&G for approval showing that the lecithin contained is organic.

Any use of non-organic lecithin by operators is now classed by our auditors as a non-compliance.

Please contact your Certification Officer if you have any questions.

Fraudulent Certificates

We have been notified via the EOCC (European Organic Certifiers Council) of a fraudulent certificate that has apparently been issued by CONTROL UNION;

• **MECE GENERAL TRADING LTD** of Nairobi, Kenya: valid until 26 June 2019.

Control Union did not issue this certificate and do not certify this operator. If you receive or have received a certificate in the above name please contact your Certification Officer.

OF&G licensee in the news

Cow poo, soil health and climate change

At the end of April Tim May, who farms in Hampshire and is an OF&G licensee, appears in a short video made by the BBC on carbon and farming and the environment -

We need to capture more carbon in the soil if we hope to tackle climate change and feed a growing population, a major global report will say.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/science-environment-48074630/cow-poo-soil-health-and-climate-change>

Market Information

Grain Prices: Courtesy of Andrew Trump, Organic Arable

The old crop market is largely done with the few parcels of grains that were remaining unsold now largely sold although the usual tidy up process is ongoing as contracts complete and balances appear.

The certification problems around operations in Russia, Turkey, Moldova, Kazakhstan and UAE did not have the impact that might have been expected and seemingly the decertification of this significant supply chain had minimal impact upon grain values.

With views turning to New Crop there is little to report as trade has been sparse. The shortage of grain from the 2018 harvest resulted in

domestic feed wheat trading at or close to parity with higher protein imported supplies. Current offers of wheat would value imported wheat at around the £300 delivered level which would value domestic wheat at around £280 ex farm if this parity can be maintained. There has been little buying interest at this level with buyers seeking a bigger discount between Old Crop and New Crop than this would represent. If supply is plentiful as indicated from increased organic acreages in Europe it could well be that domestic wheat will again suffer discounts to imported supplies which would drop values below the £280 indicated above. The organic premium over conventional has been as high as it has been for several years this last year and buyers are seeking discounts on Old Crop prices which will bring this

premium lower. This type standoff is usual at this time of year.

Domestically crops are looking well although in the drier East some winter grains are showing signs of accelerated development due to the dry spring and some farmers reporting which may result in poorer yields. No such concerns expressed in the West. Spring crops were drilled in good conditions and recent rains came in time to maintain good crop development. The dry early spring conditions allowed for good seedbeds and plenty of weeding opportunities and generally crops are in good condition. Yellow rust is starting to show in the East and reports of new more aggressive strains of the disease it will be interesting to see how the disease progresses through the season. Liveseed participatory trials will be making

disease assessments through June so keep in touch with this project at NOCC 19 to better understand varietal performance.

Recent Defra stats published in May show the UK arable area continues to decline which is concerning as the market is already dominated by imported grains especially in the wheat market. The cereal area dropping a further 1300 ha. For the first time the oat area exceeds the wheat and barley area and is the largest crop. Oat areas have grown in Scandinavia and Baltic states too and if yields return to normal following the spring drought that devastated crops in these countries last year the market may see exportable surpluses from these areas again. The wider political situation will impact on currency values which will in turn affect grain values according to how Sterling performs. Tel: 08456 521706

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Organic Livestock Trends: OLMC

We continue to enjoy a very good growing Spring with largely sunshine and rain and warm weather which is keeping the grass growing well. The water table generally seems to be low but the intermittent rain is keeping the grass growing better than last Spring when we had largely dry cold weather.

Store cattle prices have not hit last Spring's levels but would not be far behind. Demand has been slightly tempered by the uncertainty surrounding Brexit and to a greater extent by the poorer finished price of organic cattle this year compared to last Spring. As I mentioned in our previous newsletter the very dry summer last year has had a seriously detrimental effect on the growth rates of both yearling and 20/24 month old cattle. The younger cattle have suffered through the cows being short of milk due to a lack of grass and the older cattle because there was not enough grass to sustain reasonable growth levels. As a result some cattle will not reach normal abattoir carcass weights under 30 months of age.

At this time of the year we turn our attention to breeding cattle. I would urge all organic producers to think very carefully about their plans,

particularly producers with native breed cows. If you are producing pure bred native stores you are probably producing a store that is worth £100.00 to £150.00 less than if it had been a crossbred store especially if a continental bull had been used. Although it makes sense to use pure bred native cattle in some areas there is a very good price advantage to using a continental bull. Hybrid vigor gives increased performance and the confirmation traits of continentals help the potential of the store cattle. If you would like any advice on this please do not hesitate to contact me.

Organic dairy cattle numbers continue to rise and if you have any to sell please do not hesitate to contact David Bostock.

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The trade for organic prime cattle has marginally fluctuated up and down but not as yet strengthened significantly. Abattoir demand has remained relatively weak which is similar to the conventional trade. This has meant that there has been a sufficient supply coming forward for organic beef and has kept prices fairly stable. However, there are the signs of shortening supplies as we go into the Summer period and hopefully this will reflect an increase in market demand and prices.

As we move from the Winter period we are experiencing a gradual improvement in trade for organic cull cows and there remains a good trade for organic processing beef which will hopefully stay with us through the Summer period.

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

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

The organic lamb price over the Winter period and certainly following Christmas was slow to improve but showed signs of growth as we went into April. The old season trade is nearly done and prices have fallen away. However, the trade for New

season organic lambs is very good and we are seeing them currently in short supply.

Average R3L Organic OSL in spec @ 430p/kg deadweight

Average R3L Organic NSL in spec @ 500p/kg deadweight

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

Organic Dairy Report:

Courtesy of Sara Ogborne, OMSCo:

Despite the relatively cold dry conditions that many members are experiencing, we have seen milk supply running slightly ahead of forecasts over the last few weeks.

However peak production has already passed us by and has now plateaued rather than drop which is typically seen. Many producers are now in need of some significant rain and subsequently there are concerns across the regions regarding ongoing grazing and forage supplies. This time last year the dairy industry was experiencing a considerable challenge with freezing point depression (FPD). Whilst we aren't experiencing this to the same extent, it is important to keep it in mind at this time of year.

The level of water in milk and its subsequent freezing point have been shown to be linked to a number of nutritional factors. For example, rations that are high in starch or sugar and low in fibre reduce the production of acetic and butyric acid, which reduces milk butterfat. This has the effect of lowering the level of milk solids and consequently affect the 'level' of water. Rations that are high in starch or sugar and low in fibre also increase the production of propionic acid, which increases glucose, which increases lactose, which drags water into the udder to dilute the lactose being produced and maintain a stable lactose concentration.

If you have any concerns, initially contact your nutritional advisor or vet for guidance on ways to manage this effectively through the diet.

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.

CATTLE WANTED				
Organic Barren Cows and Calves	Organic Cow base price - £2.70, Organic Calves <14kgs - 75p/kg, <22kgs - £1.05/kg, >22kgs - £1.30/kg Payment Terms - 4 days by Bacs. Contact us for further information.	Marcus Thomas	01269 846701	Llanelli, Carmarthenshire
Organic store cattle wanted	OLMC have high demand for organic store cattle throughout the UK. If you have any available please contact Peter Jones.	Peter Jones	07720 892922	Tarporley, Cheshire

DAIRY CATTLE WANTED				
Organic in-calf fresian heifers	Organic in-calf fresian heifers wanted, due to calf July - Oct. Must have high health status and be from high yielding herd.	Jon	07788 595739	Cullompton, Devon

MISCELLANEOUS WANTED	
Interviewees wanted for CRE / Newcastle University research Project: Northumberland	Research project with the Centre for Rural Economy seeks interviewees working on innovative land based projects. I am looking for people in the Northumberland running or looking to set up interesting projects in various areas such as projects investing in greener practices of food production, utilising land for green energy production, ecotourist projects etc. If you would be interested in talking about your project please do get in touch. Gemma Burditt 07968 222487 / London
WANTED: Approx 3 acres LONG term let 5+ YRS for professional Market Garden	Seeking around 3 acres (2 acres grazing) and 1 acre for professional Market Gardening. Eco-friendly, no dig, also have our own static caravan available (Off Grid) if needed, able to live on-site or rent affordable property. Long term, 5+ years. We have a 5-year in-depth business plan. Nonsmokers. Financial capital ready for infrastructure. Dave is also a qualified electrician/maintenance skilled. Open to anywhere in the UK. Contact Jo on 07927 820946 / Coventry

Recently awarded approved inputs

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

SUPPLIER	TELEPHONE	CATEGORY
Kelvin Cave Ltd	01458 252281	Silage additive
Badger Consultants Ltd	07917 212282	Fertilisers
AB Vista	01672 517658	Animal Feed Additives

Updated approved inputs

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SUPPLIER	TELEPHONE	CATEGORY
Aiva Ltd	01235 834997	Plant Health Products
Westland Horticulture Ltd	01480 443723	Pest Control
Sadera Ltd	+37068 362660	Manure Treatment, Animal Feed Supplement, Seed Treatment, Soil Conditioners, Fertilisers
Denis Brinicombe Group	01363 775115	Vitamins, minerals and trace elements
Natural Soil	905-751-1086	Soil Conditioners
AminoA Ltd	01633 894300	Fertilisers
Divine Imports Ltd	01642 783259	Soil Conditioners
Ron Fields Nutrition	01432 851111	Animal Health Product
Azotic Technologies Ltd	01257 226591	Foliar Treatment
JJS Minerals	07805 982283	Insect Control
Klinge Chemicals Ltd	01355 238464	Ingredients
Genus ABS	01270 616600	Silage additive
Danstar Ferment AG	00358 102 173700	Fungicide
York Potash Ltd	01723 470010	Fertilisers
Growing Up International Corp	886-49-2337927	Plant Health Products
Nimrod Veterinary Products Ltd	01608 652593	Animal Health Product
Salt Express Ltd	01278 780427	Ingredients
Envirosystems (UK) Ltd	01772 860085	Silage additive, Slurry Treatment, Bedding Materials
The Woodhorn Group	01243 789284	Compost
Circum Minerals Limited	44 7515 984 504	Fertilisers
Fargro Ltd	01903 721591	Fungicide, Bio-Insecticide, Pest Control
Inserotech Ltd	01227 209901	Weed control
Darlingtons Group	0151 328 5610	Vitamins, minerals and trace elements
ANUPCO Ltd	01473 822121	Animal Feed Supplement
Uniscope (Euro) Ltd	01460 239851	Vitamins, minerals and trace elements
Material Change Composting Limited	01327 706231	Compost
Kilco (International) Ltd	01576 205480	Animal Health Product, Disinfectant/Cleaning Agent
Evergreen Garden Care UK Ltd	01276 401362	Fertilisers, Insect Control, Plant Disease Control

Classified Advertisements

Items for sale

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CATTLE FOR SALE				
10 Bulling heifers	10 organic yearling bulling heifers. BF and xbred types. Great condition. £600 each	Toby Ansdell	07785 397678	Barnstaple, Devon
Calved and Springing Organic Heifers	Pedigree, by 'high daughter fertility' sires. In-calf to B.Fr and ped A/ Angus sweeper bulls. IBR and Lepto vaccinated. 6000ltr [305] 4.1% and 3.5% block calving closed herd. Select approx. 15, @ £1500 ono	David Moreton	07836 769853 or 07834 765730	Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire
Cows for sale	10 April/May calving organic cows. Mainly young with one ICH. Suitable for PWAB herd. Crossbred cows. From block calving herd. Lepto and BVD vaccinated. 5800 lts of grass and .8ton of cake. In calf to AA. £1100 each.	Toby Ansdell	07785 397678	Barnstaple, Devon
2 year old crossbred dairy bulling heifers	I have 28 crossbred bulling heifers for sale, they missed our tight service window in December, all well grown mixture of breeding high solids animals. Annual TB testing so will need a pre-movement test. All blood tested for BVD and vaccinated for BVD, Lepto, IBR & Husk. £600 each.	Chris North	07811 565605	Newnham, Gloucestershire
2 Hereford Cross In Calf Heifers	2 Hereford heifers out of British Friesian cows. Sired by Genus Sol Pol Ferrari. In calf due mid may to pedigree AA stock bull Eddisbury Eden. 34 months old. Very calm temperament.	Katy	07872 664582	Sandbach, Cheshire
Pedigree bulls for sale	2 year old Salers and Beef Shorthorn bulls, pedigree, SAC high health, breedplan recorded, halter broken	Tim	07432 190368	Bromyard, Herefordshire
Store Cattle	3 Hereford Steers, 13 months. 1 British Blue Heifer, 15 months. 1 Sweddish Red Heifer, 18 months.	Peter Cole	07833 927084	Holsworthy, Devon
Galloway yearlings	14 registered Organic Galloway bullocks for sale. Pasture fed. 14 registered Organic Galloway Heifers for sale Pasture fed.	Mr Len Tabner	01287 640948	Saltburn by the sea, No Yorks
British Friesian x Angus weaned heifers and steers	Weaned good strong sorts. Regular supply. High health status. Also older store cattle available.	Sam Howarth	07885 487178	Pickering, N Yorks
Salers bulling heifers	Pedigree registered halter broken 13-14 months	Tim	07432 190368	Bromyard, Herefordshire
15 red poll and Hereford cross store cattle	12 red poll X 8 bullocks, 4 heifers and 3 Hereford X 2 bullocks, 1 heifer. 10-13months, all out of Hereford X cows, North Shropshire.	Steve Younger	07963 414468	Oswestry, Shropshire
Store cattle	Bunch of 68 yearling stores of which 40 are bullocks, majority Salers out of Montbeliarde cows with rest British Blue cross and a few pure Montbeliarde steers. All out at grass and ready to go, TB,d on 30/04/19. Weight range 200 to 350 kg.	Peter Bridge	07801 249531	Ellesmere, Shropshire
Limousin Cattle	8 limousin heifers for sale 10-12 months, good shape, out of good limi cows. Quality stores or will make very good cows	Peter Stephenson	07809 868650	Settle, N Yorks
Organic Hereford X Heifers with BF or MRI	Organic Hereford X heifers with BF or MRI ready for breeding. TB tested. Please phone John on 07737 492 235 or AJ on 07789 223 603. Thank you!	John Williams	07737 492 235	Helston, Cornwall
AAxBF Reared Bull Calves.	12 AA Bull Calves. Organic. Out of BF Cows. Reared on Cows. TB Tested. 8 Weeks old.	Toby Ansdell	07785 397678	Barnstaple, Devon

LAND AND GRAZING FOR SALE				
Grass keep	60 acres organic grass keep for grazing/mowing near Monmouth for sheep or cattle. Includes 20 acres new grass/clover/herb leys and 40 acres permanent pasture. Well fenced and watered.	Teona Dorrien-Smith	01600 780501	Monmouth, Gwent
Share Farming opportunity	40 hectare organic livestock farm. Owner/sole trader looking to move to a share farm option with either a local organic farmer or someone with some experience/training looking to become a farmer.	A P Johnson	07768 295140	Stourport on Severn, Worcs
Farm To Let: Ffynnonau Farm, Clytha Estate, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, NP7 9BH	The land extends to a total of 54.23 hectares and includes a mixture of permanent pasture, arable land, wetlands, orchards and woodland. Holding benefits from three-bedroom Grade II listed farmhouse and separate annex with a mixture of traditional and modern outbuildings. Find out more at - https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/brecon-beacons/features/live-work-and-help-deliver-for-nature-on-the-national-trusts-ffynnonau-farm	Efa Jones	07483 927 303	Abergavenny, Monmouthshire

DAIRY CATTLE FOR SALE

Organic dairy heifer calves	Jersey X Freisian EBI calves - 1 to 8 weeks	Matthew Senior	07855 323194	Crewkerne, Somerset
Jersey & JerseyX heifer calves	20 NZ Jersey and Jersey X calves. Herd is 100% pasture fed for 18 years. High solids and robust stock.	Matthew Boley	07786 638707	Weston super mare, Somerset
Organic X-bred heifers	27 Crossbred dairy heifers for sale - XB bulls put in with them on 6/5/2019. Missed our tight calving block in the autumn. Well grown heifers. Annual TB testing farm so will need a pre-movement test. All animals blood tested for BVD and everything vaccinated for BVD, Lepto, IBR & Husk.	Chris North	07811 565605	Newnham on Severn, Gloucestershire
30 organic Jersey X Bulling heifers	30 organic spring 2018 born heifers. Jersey X. Will need pre movement testing.	Llewellyn Statton	07917 458286	Liskeard, Cornwall
3 Dry Cows	3 out of Pattern Dry Cows. Due Sept onwards. Very Fit Strong Cows. In calf to AA	Toby Ansdell	07785 397678	Barnstaple, Devon
Bulling Heifers and cows for sale	13 organic bulling heifers for sale Montbeliarde, Norwegian Red and Holstein Friesian cross. Plus 3 in calf cows for sale due to calve in April to Aberdeen Angus pedigree sire. All TB tested. Please call for further details.	Mr Alan Webber	07525 489444	Tiverton, Devon
10 Organic Bulling Heifers for sale	10 British Friesian/Crossbred type heifers 17-24 months old. Sired by Genus bulls, Laurelhill Classic and Winnnoch Umpire. Will make fantastic grazers. Herd currently averaging 6477 litres. Willing to split.	Katy	07872 664582	Sandbach, Cheshire
In calf Jersey x second lactation cows and heifers	8 in calf Jersey x second lactation cows by Bull service due to calve in the next 3 months (scanned by vet) 2 in calf Jersey x second lactation cows by Bull service due to calve in 6 months (scanned by vet) 7 in calf Jersey x heifers by Bull service due to calve in 1-3 months (scanned by vet) All from closed TB free herd with organic status in Glastonbury area.	Nick Cavill	07890 091207	Glastonbury, Somerset

FORAGE & FEEDSTUFFS FOR SALE

Feed Beans	Organic Feed Beans for sale. Delivery available nationwide.	Gemma	01529 421081	Grantham, Lincs
Organic Barley	Organic feed barley available. Delivery Nationwide. Please call	Gemma	01529 421081	Grantham, Lincs
Fodder	Organic Red Clover Round Bale Silage - Approx 50	Gareth Thomas	01691 648291	Llanfyllin, Powys
Organic Rye, Triticale & Oat screenings	We have left over from our seed processing the following screenings... 10t of Rye/Triticale screenings. 15t of Oat Screenings. Competitive prices for movement in May. Delivery Nationwide	Gemma	01529 421081	Grantham, Lincs
Cereals off the combine harvest	We have oats, wheat and barley available from this 2019 harvest, can cut dry or for crimping. Harvest collection, situated mid-Cornwall.	Philip	07971 627508	Newquay, Cornwall
Black Oats	Organic Black Oats for Sale. Limited amount available.	Gemma	01529 421081	Sleaford, Lincs
Grass Silage Bales	2019 Mixture of Ryegrass & Clover leys & Permanent Pasture all cut between 2nd & 3rd week of May 2019. Round 4ft & Square 5ft 120x70	Simon Best	07816 386945	Tetbury, Gloucestershire
Mowing Grass - Meadows and Red Clover Mixes	Approximately 40 acres of mowing grass available for cutting this summer. The are various parcels, some meadow grass, some red-clover mixes.	Charles	07798 655028	Malvern, Worcs
Organic Grass silage Bales	150 4ft Grass silage from Permanent pasture and White clover Leys. Well wilted high, dry matter, available now	Simon Hayes	07711 616303	Shifnal, Shropshire

SHEEP FOR SALE

Organic ewes with lambs at foot	Registered Organic Ewes with lambs at foot. Mules, texels and Jacob crosses available. All lambs are by a texel tup. Price on application	Mr Len Tabner	01287 640948	Saltburn by the sea, N Yorks
Organic North of England mule	50 North of England Mule year old hoggs with single lambs at foot for sale. Also 50 geld North of England Mule year old hoggs for sale.	Mark Jenkinson	07970 325502	Kirkby Stephen, Cumbria

SEED FOR SALE

Spring Wheat Seed Mulika	500kg Organic Mulika Spring wheat seed available surplus to requirement. £560/tonne	Simon Hayes	07711 616303	Shifnal, Shropshire
Organic Tundra Bean Seed	1.0 tonne Organic Tundra Bean Seed for Sale. Shrink wrapped on pallet. Surplus to requirement. £65	Adam Twine	01367 700616	Swindon, Wilts
Arable silage mix seed	1 ton of an arable silage mix. 70% organic. 30% pea. 20% oats. 20% Mulika SW. 20% Atego oat. 10% Vetch. Bought too much. Half ton bags No 2. 500 kilo. (For Farmers Mix)	Susan Malkin	07986 436682	Stone, Staffs