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# Newsletter

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## General News

### V-NOCC20

**OF&G National Organic Combinable Crops 2020 was due to take place at John Pawsey's Shimpling Park Farm in Suffolk on 7 July**



However, in light of the Government's recent announcement to extend COVID-19 restrictions and given the likelihood that we will not see a sudden return to full freedom of travel for some time we have decided that our planned annual event will now not go ahead.

Instead, we are planning to gather digitally this year with a full programme of events (see below) and we will revert to NOCC in its more traditional form next year, again at John Pawsey's.

**Use the hashtag #NOCC20 and follow @ofgorganic on social media**

**9 June: 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM**  
**Seeds and Deeds - Collective plant breeding for reduced input farming**

Bringing arable farmers and plant breeders together to help manage a reduced reliance on external inputs, improved gross margins with an agroecological transition for more resilient farm systems.

Chair **Steven Jacobs**, Organic Farmers & Growers with special guests - Farmer, **Mark Lea**, Green Acres Farm, Shropshire

**Dr Ambrogio Costanzo**, Organic Research Centre

**Dr Phil Howell**, NIAB  
**Emily Pope**, AHDB

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2215183184627372558>

**7 July: 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM**  
**Know your soils and know your sales - organic min-till and non-organic no-till. Farmers learning from each other.**

Renowned broadcaster **Charlotte Smith** will lead a conversation with our host, organic farmer **John Pawsey** and no-till specialist **Clive Baile** to talk about how they farm, where their farm operation works well, and where it maybe doesn't work as well as they would like. The panel will also discuss the future outlook for their farming businesses.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1166654811408057356>

**14 July: Time tbc - check OF&G website for link**

**Agriculture-OF&G webinar**  
**Land Sharing/Sparing. A conversation**

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### on the value of agroecological food production systems

Land sharing is a model that can show where multiple benefits interlace to give a greater positive impact than each part simply working on its own and so will be far more beneficial to ecologies and economies.

This webinar will be a conversation between our guests and led by **Charlotte Smith**.

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As background to this discussion in January this year we called for policy to acknowledge and support the clear benefits of the land sharing approach

<https://ofgorganic.org/news/organic-control-body-calls-for-land-sharing-approach-to-halt-economic-and-ecological-collapse>

This is an area of conversation that comes at a critical time for farmers and food businesses in the UK.

We are very pleased to have the support of both the Food, Farming and Countryside Commission and Sustain: the alliance for better food and farming in airing discussion and debate on how to develop new and more resilient, more respectful and thus more sustainable food systems here in the British Isles.

<https://ofgorganic.org/events/of-national-organic-combinable-crops-2020-nocc20>

**23 June**

### **Virtual organic farm walk : Challenges of Net Zero**

The NFU organic forum will be running this event with farmer and OF&G organic licensee **John Pawsey**. Details at NFU online.

<https://www.nfuonline.com/sectors/crops/crops-news/virtual-organic-farm-walk-challenges-of-net-zero>

## **Market Information**

### **Grain Prices: Courtesy of Andrew Trump, Organic Arable**

The organic feed market remains well supplied with the prospects of further sales receding. The challenges faced in the dairy sector have reduced demand. With buyers confident that grain is on farm and in port stores they have little need to buy until demand appears.

Reports from Europe also indicate ample supplies of feed grains and the likelihood of carry over to new crop especially of barley and values in Europe are now below those that we last traded domestically.

Sterling has weakened again a little through May which helps support domestic values but the fundamentals in the current market is that there is more grain about than there is demand and so this outweighs the support a weaker Pound may give.

Soya is more available with reports that Indian supplies are becoming available. Indian origin soya is generally more expensive than Chinese and offers are less available than they were and values are more likely to strengthen until Chinese origin product is more freely available. Some late frosts in Ukraine have damaged their oilseed rape crops which may reduce supply although such incidents rarely seem to reduce organic volumes significantly. UK growers need to consider again protein production. Research from Germany shows that the more experienced a grower is in growing beans the more successful

they are. Not rocket science but an argument for not giving up after one or two years!

There is increasing focus on new crop. The market expectation is that values will be closer to £230 than £250 ex farm. Concerns raised about lack of moisture in Black Sea origin have receded with some rains in early May and with that supply and Baltic States indicating decent volumes it will be these which determine our new crop values. Further softening of Sterling as the end of the transition period approaches may help to support prices but the availability of imports does not seem to be in any doubt. One slightly brighter prospect is that with lower forage yields being reported it is possible that some acres grown as feed on dairy farms will be taken as whole-crop silage and so dairy farmers may be needing more straights that usual.

Please keep an eye on our blog [www.organicarable.co.uk/blog](http://www.organicarable.co.uk/blog)

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### **Organic Livestock Trends: OLMC**

The coronavirus that has brought the country to a near standstill and tragically cost over 35,000 lives has overshadowed everything over the last 11 weeks. In spite of this, farming and food production has continued and other than a few shortages at the start of the lockdown the country has enjoyed an almost continual

supply of food.

Organic food production has continued to supply consumers with good wholesome food, produced naturally and unadulterated by harmful chemicals. The growth in sales of organic foods has continued during this period of shutdown and many organic retailers and box scheme operators have recorded increased demand.

Conventional finished cattle prices fell in the last 2 weeks of March amidst the turmoil and uncertainty that the lock down produced with the instant disappearance of food outlets like restaurants, pubs and beef burger chains. The organic trade for finished cattle largely weathered that initial storm and other than a few operational difficulties, causing a slow down in processing in some plants, the market for organic cattle looks promising with demand likely to outstrip supply in the coming weeks.

Store cattle demand in early April was slow with graziers and finishers initially nervous to commit to cattle in the confused climate, since then the grass and the demand for finished cattle has settled nerves and demand has been very strong.

Organic dairy heifers and cows have followed a similar trend with the overnight loss of organic milk outlets making some producer outlets for organic milk becoming sluggish but in recent weeks confidence is returning and we have seen the demand for cows and heifers return.

The demand for organic cull cows improved as we entered into May. The numbers have dipped with

the supply in the Summer unlikely to show much increase. It would seem therefore that prices will remain firm for a while yet.

**Average R4L Organic UTM in spec @ 408p/kg dw**

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

The hogget numbers are dwindling rapidly and new season lambs are slow to come forward. The past few months have seen a variable trade but on the whole organic hoggets have made reasonable money for finishers. Looking forward careful planning of marketing will be essential with the likely seasonal glut of new season lambs coming in July and August. This period will most likely see a fall in trade as supply usually outgrows the demand.

**Average R3L Organic OSL in spec @ 480p/kg dw**

**Average R3L Organic NSL in spec @ 520p/kg dw**

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

The UK Agriculture Bill that is winding its way through the political jungle has largely been missed by the press and the public as the daily news is dominated by news of the virus. This very important piece of legislation needs further scrutiny and it is hoped that scrutiny is applied when it reaches the Lords. It must be of particular concern to organic livestock producers that the trade amendments on food standards were voted down, it is vitally important that imported products have to undergo the same

food, welfare and environmental standards as home producers have to adhere to, in order to avoid UK farmers being undercut by imports and consumers unwittingly being sold foodstuffs produced to lower standards.

The weather will play an important part in the fortunes of producers in the coming weeks and months, if it continues to be dry then we would expect the demand for store cattle to ease and the availability of finished cattle to be poor and that will result in higher finished cattle prices.

**For more information on store cattle, dairy stock and store lambs please ring Peter Jones' office on 01829 730580 or mobile 07720 892922 or David Bostock on 07734 808050 or Iain Turner on 07970 197619.**

## RPA guidance on certificates

**The Rural Payments Agency have brought a number of different stakeholder consultation groups together during the coronavirus outbreak to ease the flow of information discussed and arranged which can then be communicated across networks.**

Our business development manager Steven Jacobs is also the English Organic Forum representative on these RPA stakeholder groups.

Recently Steven made a request to the RPA to clarify what would be accepted by them considering the Covid-19 movement restrictions.

We are grateful to the RPA who have now reached a decision on what evidence they can accept during this period and how it can be presented. As a result the RPA decision for organic scheme-holders is -

Organic certificates can be received via email and whatever the certifying body provided as a certificate will be accepted by the RPA.

Therefore where the Organic Control Body (certifier) is not able to physically inspect as a result of the restrictions to movement then certifier record keeping will suffice as evidence and covers where it states 'whatever is provided will be accepted'.

In addition -

The RLE1 form has been updated. The form must be completed electronically via the new RLE1 form available here -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tell-the-rural-payments-agency-about-land-changes-and-entitlement-transfers?>

The RPA also issued this guidance -

- We would urge customers to send us Land RLE1 at the same time as claims or as soon as practically possible thereafter.
- We would urge Land based RLE1s to be sent to us by 15 June.
- The deadline for Entitlement transfers stays the same.
- To note that there is a dependency in receiving RLE1s in a timely manner will allow us to action and progress the claims.

## Applications for recognition with EU

The UK left the EU under the Withdrawal Agreement on 31 January 2020 and has now entered into a transition period until the end of 2020.

As stated previously, during this time businesses will be able to trade with the EU on the same terms as they did before. There are therefore no immediate changes and organic certification will continue to follow EU rules until the transition period ends, including import/export rules and labelling requirements.

As part of the preparation, in the event that the UK and EU do not secure a free trade Agreement, OF&G has made an application for recognition as equivalent under Annex IV of Regulation (EC) 1235/2008.

The immediate position in the event

of the UK not securing an FTA with the EU but OF&G achieving recognition is that for the UK mainland the new UK organic regulation (that will come into force on 1st January 2021) will be recognised as equivalent by the EU Commission until the end of 2023 so long as the Commission is updated should the UK amend any standards.

This will mean in the short term that the regulatory burden will not increase significantly for UK mainland businesses due to the fact the only additional need will be to provide Certificates of Inspection for all products entering the EU. There will be a direct cost to businesses however in that they will need to produce packaging that reflects the requirements of the EU regulation and has the EU designated organic

certifier code (as opposed to the UK organic certifier code). This will require additional separation in storage, greater complexity for production planning and additional labelling costs.

As Northern Ireland businesses will need to certify to the EU regulation after 31st December 2020 (due to the Northern Ireland protocol) then there will be a need for dual EU and UK organic certification for these businesses. We are still working with Defra on the implications to them of this in the short term but clearly if the implementation of the new EU organic regulation is postponed (see below) then this will allow further breathing space as the new UK organic regulation is the existing EU organic regulation.

## OF&G Licensees in the News

**Polly Davies is a second generation organic farmer and OF&G licensee based in south west Wales. Polly featured in the Farmers Weekly podcast on 22 May.**

Polly is interviewed by Johann Tasker (37 minutes in). The context of the interview is how farm and food businesses have managed to cope during the pandemic.

Johann Tasker introduces Polly - 'Another family farmer who has gone the extra mile is Polly Davies of Slade Farm in the Vale Glamorgan. Polly is a member of Organic Farmers & Growers and her farm shop has seen business boom, especially sales of meat boxes and flour.'

Polly highlighted changes to her business during the pandemic, 'In terms of bags of flour we sold maybe

20-30 bags a month pre-pandemic, just as a nice add on our meat and veg boxes. In the last two months we've bought in 200 bags so a completely different scale. We normally deliver about 40 boxes a month. This went up to 70 in March and then 65 in April. We have a farm shop, we open a couple of hours Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings, makes us more efficient, it's pushed our customers who now have to come at those periods of time, makes the whole thing a bit more sensible really.'

This is an interesting story and reflects the experiences of many people that have seen demand for organic food

increase during this pandemic.

The podcast is available via Farmers Weekly Podcast Episode 8: GPS theft and the barley bulge -

<https://www.fwi.co.uk/news/farmers-weekly-podcast-episode-8-gps-theft-and-the-barley-bulge>

Or via your preferred podcasting platform.

Slade Farm operate organic box deliveries in their local area -

<https://www.sladefarmorganics.com>

And they are on social media -

[@sladefarm](https://twitter.com/sladefarm)

### Farmer Focus: Ten months to find a narrow strip-till machine

OF&G licensed organic farmer and intended host this year of the OF&G National Organic Combinable Crops event, John Pawsey, writes an article in the Farmers Weekly:

With spring drilling done and dusted we have started inter-row hoeing our winter crops.

We focused on our winter beans first as they were particularly weedy. Most of the "weeds" are volunteer spring oats from harvest 2019 and so any that have escaped in the row will be harvested with the beans and then

separated out on a gravity table after harvest. It's this year's unintended bi-cropping trial!

We've also hoed all the winter wheat we managed to get in and started phase one of our living mulch trial which is my second attempt to develop an organic low till system. Our trial will run as follows:

In-between our 120mm crop bands we have 200mm of space where we have sown white clover at 7.5kg/ha comprising 80% AberAce wild white clover and 20% AberHerald which will

remain in the ground for the rest of the rotation and possibly beyond.

The plan is then to strip-till the 120mm cropping rows and plant spring oats in early 2021 and so on. Lambs will be fattened on the clover to keep it in check before winter.

The full article is here -

<https://www.fwi.co.uk/arable/farmer-focus/farmer-focus-ten-months-to-find-a-narrow-strip-till-machine>



## Organics in the News

OF&G are members of Sustain: the alliance for better food and farming. Sustain are a membership organisation that include the Soil Association, The RSPB, Friends of the Earth and many more groups all aiming to improve the environment or farming and food or a combination of all three.

Recently Sustain published an article on the OF&G Land Sharing - Land Sparing discussion piece from earlier this year -

### **Calls for 'land sharing' to halt economic and ecological collapse**

Sustain alliance member Organic Farmers & Growers calls for policies that protect the land and rural communities across the country. A set of graphics shows how land sharing and land sparing could look like. Roger Kerr of OF&G explains why sharing is the best approach.

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

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

### **Land sparing is a blind alley**

Land sparing seeks to intensify production on higher quality agricultural land while lower quality land is 'spared' for nature. The thinking behind this approach is based on experience from the Global South where agricultural production negatively impacts natural landscapes and consequently there needs to be a clear separation between the two. Virgin landscapes do not however exist in the UK any longer, our entire landscape having been shaped by human activity over the last two millennia and more.

What is recognised now is that biodiversity in species type and abundance has declined significantly relatively recently with the development of 'modern' farming practices. To halt and reverse this

decline it is being suggested that large sections of UK agricultural land are reverted to natural habitats. This is bold thinking, but suggesting that the resultant lost agricultural production could be made up by utilising input-intensive systems.

### **Land sharing delivers multiple benefits**

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

Stacking a diverse range of benefits within a complex systems-based approach in this way is proven to be far more resilient in the face of both climatic and economic shocks.

The full Sustain article is here -

[https://www.sustainweb.org/blogs/mar20\\_land\\_sharing\\_farming\\_futures/](https://www.sustainweb.org/blogs/mar20_land_sharing_farming_futures/)

The original OF&G article is here -

<https://ofgorganic.org/news/organic-control-body-calls-for-land-sharing-approach-to-halt-economic-and-ecological-collapse>

For the week beginning 18 May 2020 the BBC radio programme Farming Today looked in some detail at issues around land use. To quote from the Farming Today website they wanted to look at.. 'What we farm where, and why some land might not be farmed at all.'

On Saturday's edition of Farming Today This Week, 23 May 2020, Organic Farmers & Growers chief executive, Roger Kerr, spoke with programme presenter, Charlotte Smith. Charlotte asked Roger about land sharing; What is it and why is it something we believe is a valuable model to consider when looking at the climate and biological crises and still being able to produce good food and support a rural economy?

Here is an excerpt of their conversation, and the full programme is available here -



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000jg09>

And on the BBC Sounds app.

Roger Kerr, "Land sharing is building a resilient, diverse and productive landscape. Resilience in terms of shocks coming at us with climate change.

Therefore we're basing it on an integrated approach, looking at protecting soils, assuring a diverse and abundant wildlife, water resources are protected; that we reduce our reliance on inputs, that we mitigate against climate change and importantly that we're also producing food for everyone."

Later in their conversation Charlotte suggests to Roger that some would question whether we would be able to grow enough food. Roger replied:

"I think we will be able to grow enough food. I think we currently grow enough food. It's suggested that we waste around a third of the food that we produce. So, where we have a population of 6 billion now worldwide so if we didn't waste the food technically we can feed 9 billion.

But I think more importantly there is an issue around equity, so at the moment around 800 million people are going hungry everyday but over a billion are obese and I think it's really important that we bear that in mind when we're talking about the need to produce more food."

## Organics in the News continued

On 20 May the European Union published its **Farm to Fork Strategy - 'for a fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food system'**.

Headlines on this have been widespread with the lead ambitions of this multi-national project to deliver environmental gains in an agricultural context.

The EU site for the F2F project is [https://ec.europa.eu/food/farm2fork\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/food/farm2fork_en)

- The Farm to Fork Strategy is at the heart of the European Green Deal aiming to make food systems fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly.
- Food systems cannot be resilient to crises such as the Covid-19 pandemic if they are not sustainable. We need to redesign our food systems which today account for nearly one-third of global GHG emissions, consume large amounts of natural resources, result in biodiversity loss and negative health impacts (due to both under- and over-nutrition) and do not allow fair economic returns and livelihoods for all actors, in particular for primary producers.
- Putting our food systems on a sustainable path also brings new opportunities for operators in the food value chain. New technologies and scientific discoveries, combined

with increasing public awareness and demand for sustainable food, will benefit all stakeholders.

Questions and Answers: Farm to Fork Strategy - building a healthy and fully sustainable food system [https://ec.europa.eu/cyprus/news/20200520\\_3\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/cyprus/news/20200520_3_en)

OF&G is a member of the global and European group of the International Federation of Agriculture Movements, IFOAM EU who released a statement on this historic decision.

### **IFOAM EU welcomes landmark decision to put organic at the heart of future European food system.**

BRUSSELS, 20 MAY 2020 – IFOAM EU welcomes the EU Biodiversity and Farm to Fork (F2F) strategies and the target to reach 25% organic land in Europe by 2030, as well as measures to boost the demand for organic products through promotion schemes and green public procurements.

Jan Plagge, IFOAM EU President, stated: "Proposing an EU target for organic land is a landmark decision that puts organic farming at the core of a transition of European agriculture towards agroecology. Organic farming is a successful economic model for farmers with proven benefits for the environment. Making it a cornerstone of a future EU sustainable food system is the right decision." He continued: "We need to transform EU agriculture

if we want to address the climate and biodiversity crisis and make our farming systems more resilient. The F2F strategy provides EU citizens with a clear vision for the future of our food system."

"However, the objectives of the F2F and EU Biodiversity strategies will only be reachable if they are fully taken into account in the negotiations of the ongoing Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) reform. We must not make the mistake of using Covid-19 as an excuse to continue a backward-looking agricultural policy", warned Jan Plagge. "This is why the organic movement calls on the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission to fully integrate the objectives of the F2F and Biodiversity strategies into the CAP Strategic Plans Regulation, to raise the level of ambition and make the CAP an effective tool to incentivize and help farmers to transition to agroecological and more sustainable practices. The EU needs a new CAP that rewards farmers for their contribution to public goods such as the preservation of our natural resources."

<https://www.ifoam-eu.org/en/news/2020/05/20/press-release-ifoam-eu-welcomes-landmark-decision-put-organic-heart-future-european>

## Website and Social Media



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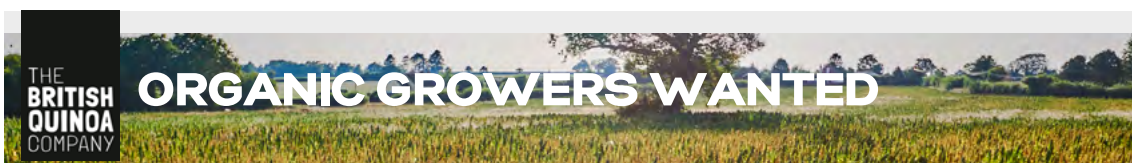


## Recently awarded approved inputs

SUPPLIER	WEBSITE / EMAIL	CATEGORY
<b>Emerald Research Ltd</b>	<a href="https://www.emeraldresearchltd.com/">https://www.emeraldresearchltd.com/</a>	Plant Health Products
<b>Vitax Ltd</b>	<a href="https://www.vitax.co.uk/">https://www.vitax.co.uk/</a>	Fertilisers, Plant Health Product,
<b>Afri Davidson T/A Makro Organics Europe</b>	<a href="http://afridaydavidson.com/">http://afridaydavidson.com/</a>	Soil Conditioners, Slurry Treatment
<b>Anglo Peruvian Trading Company Ltd</b>	<a href="mailto:carlos@anglo-peruvian.com">carlos@anglo-peruvian.com</a>	Fertilisers

## Updated approved inputs

SUPPLIER	WEBSITE / EMAIL	CATEGORY
<b>LKAB Minerals Ltd</b>	<a href="http://www.lkabminerals.com/en/products/calCIFERT/">www.lkabminerals.com/en/products/calCIFERT/</a>	Soil Conditioners
<b>Chamcotec Ltd</b>	<a href="http://www.chamcotec.com/">http://www.chamcotec.com/</a>	Disinfectant/Cleaning Agent
<b>Kelvin Cave Ltd</b>	<a href="https://kelvincave.com/">https://kelvincave.com/</a>	Silage additive
<b>Devenish Nutrition</b>	<a href="https://www.devenishnutrition.com/">https://www.devenishnutrition.com/</a>	Vitamins, minerals and trace elements
<b>Interagro (UK) Ltd</b>	<a href="https://www.interagro.co.uk/">https://www.interagro.co.uk/</a>	Fertilisers, Seed Treatment
<b>Growing Up International Corp</b>	<a href="https://www.growing8.com/">https://www.growing8.com/</a>	Plant Health Products
<b>Danstar Ferment AG</b>	<a href="http://verdera.fi/fi/etusivu/">http://verdera.fi/fi/etusivu/</a>	Fungicide
<b>York Potash Ltd</b>	<a href="http://siriusminerals.com/">http://siriusminerals.com/</a>	Fertilisers
<b>Nimrod Veterinary Products Ltd</b>	<a href="https://www.nimrodvet.com/">https://www.nimrodvet.com/</a>	Animal Health Product
<b>EnviroSystems (UK) Ltd</b>	<a href="https://www.envirosystems.co.uk/">https://www.envirosystems.co.uk/</a>	Silage additive, Bedding Materials, Slurry Treatment, Manure Treatment, Animal Health Product
<b>Circum Minerals Limited</b>	<a href="http://www.circumminerals.com/">http://www.circumminerals.com/</a>	Fertilisers
<b>Genus ABS</b>	<a href="http://www.genusbreeding.co.uk/">http://www.genusbreeding.co.uk/</a>	Silage additive
<b>Material Change Composting Limited</b>	<a href="https://www.material-change.com/">https://www.material-change.com/</a>	Compost
<b>Micron Bio-Systems Ltd</b>	<a href="https://www.micronbio-systems.co.uk/">https://www.micronbio-systems.co.uk/</a>	Silage additive, Slurry Treatment, Animal Feed additive, Vitamins, minerals and trace elements
<b>Dorset Seaweeds</b>	<a href="https://www.dorsetseaweeds.co.uk/">https://www.dorsetseaweeds.co.uk/</a>	Plant Health Products



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## ORGANIC GROWERS WANTED

The British Quinoa Company is the UK's largest quinoa producer, supplying supermarkets and food manufacturers alike with our British grown quinoa grains. Due to an increase in demand we're looking to take on additional organic growers for the 2021 season.

Growing quinoa can provide the following benefits:

- A new spring sown broad-leaved combinable crop
- An excellent break for wheat
- High potential returns to the grower
- Harvest takes place after wheat

We are looking to expand our organic production area in 2021 by offering a limited number of production contracts to additional growers.

We are seeking organic growers with:

- Well-structured and fertile soils
- The ability to sow at precise seeding depths
- A low weed burden and the ability to control weeds
- Batch drying facilities
- A high level of attention to detail

If you would like to learn more about this opportunity and how it may fit within your rotation, then please feel free to contact Stephen Jones on 01939 270777 or email [stephen@britishquinoa.co.uk](mailto:stephen@britishquinoa.co.uk).

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# Items wanted

**Note:** Purchasers should always check the current certificate and its 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				
<b>Organic Store Cattle Wanted</b>	The Organic Livestock Marketing Co-operative (OLMC) together with Peter Jones Livestock Ltd have high demand for organic store cattle from all over the UK. Please contact Peter Jones	Peter Jones	07720 892922	Tarpley, Cheshire
<b>Cows &amp; Calves</b>	Cows/heifers with spring born calves at foot. Preferably AA/ Hereford or beef shorthorn cows. High health a must	John Moffat	07789 352330	Ponteland, Northumberland
<b>Aberdeen Angus</b>	Pure bred cows with calves at foot wanted.	Evelyn Gardener	07779 695393	Shepton Mallet, Somerset
<b>Store Cattle</b>	Any breed. 300 kg +. Any location.	Nick Cole	07778 908012	Warwickshire

DAIRY CATTLE WANTED				
<b>Organic dairy heifers or cows wanted</b>	Looking to source weaned dairy heifers, any age and would consider organic cows too. Ideally to suit a grazing dairy system, please call to discuss.	Mr Turner	07977 105577	Gloucester, Glos

SHEEP WANTED				
<b>Finished Store Lambs</b>	Looking Nationwide.	Nick Cole	07778 908012	Henley on Arden, Warwickshire

FEEDSTUFFS AND FORAGE WANTED				
<b>Good quality red clover silage round bales</b>	Looking for 40-50 good quality red clover/Lucerne/sainfoin round bales. Delivery to Buxton late April to mid May. Email: wheeldon9sg@btinternet.com	Greg		Buxton, Derbyshire

LAND AND GRAZING WANTED				
<b>Grazing wanted</b>	Looking for Summer grazing for 20 quiet yearling store cattle, Yorkshire preferred or other Northern TB4 area.	Jo Cartwright	07975 935842	Nr Leeds, W. Yorks



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## Items for sale

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

CATTLE FOR SALE				
<b>10 beef store cattle</b>	10 store cattle,10-12 mo.two Hereford X heifers out of AAx lim cows.6 red poll X heifers out of Hereford X cows.2 red poll X bullocks out of Hereford X cows.all heifers suitable for breeding if needed.will split. North Shropshire	Steve Younger	07963 414468	Oswestry, Shropshire
<b>Angus steers</b>	10 angus steers about 10mo good growth rates and quality always lived out and by registered bull	andrew smith	07960 738791	Launceston, Cornwall
<b>Organic cows</b>	10 in calf cows young and healthy always lived out in calf to registered angus bull mostly limo cross all beef no dairy types	andrew smith	07960 738791	Launceston, Cornwall
<b>Pedigree Organic herd of Longhorn Cows</b>	We reluctantly have for sale our fully organic, pedigree, registered herd of Longhorn cows. They are achieving excellent performance, with all progeny finished under 24 months off forage alone. Whole herd sale preferred.See OF&G website classifieds for more details.	Ainsley Baker	07966 988665	Malpas, Cheshire
<b>Red poll bull</b>	Unregistered Red Poll bull, 4 years old, very easy calving, excellent temperament, home bred, good shape. Calves, yearlings and 2 year old offspring off Hereford X cows can be seen. Sire Lavenham Sir Galahad.	Steve Younger	07963 414468	Oswestry, Shropshire
FEEDSTUFFS AND FORAGE FOR SALE				
<b>Meadow hay (organic) &amp; Oats</b>	64 round bales organic meadow hay, well made dense bales. Near Monmouth. Buyer collects. Also about 7 tonnes organic spring oats.	Teona Dorrien-Smith	01600 780501	Monmouth, Gwent
<b>Organic hay in Buckinghamshire</b>	About 90 bales of organic meadow hay. in 5&6 foot bales. well sorted. Near Milton Keynes. 20 min off M1 J 13/14 or M40 J9/10. Can help load	farokh khoroooshi	07798 822524	Milton Keynes, Bucks
<b>Whitchurch, Shropshire - Organic Silage</b>	Summer 2019 - 500 Big bales of good quality round bale silage in Whitchurch, Shropshire area. Made in good weather conditions.	Richard Bennion	019487 70259 / 07733 471058	Whitchurch, Shropshire
<b>Organic haylage</b>	Approx. 300 bales. Wrapped. Collection only, can load. Pems	J Scale	01437 781247	Haverfordwest
<b>Organic Square bale silage</b>	Second cut grass clover silage for sale.	Philip Wadsworth	07974 387663	Thirsk, N Yorks
<b>Organic Round bale silage/ Haylage for sale</b>	Organic round bale silage/ Haylage for sale,good strong, heavy bales, baled with a McHale Fusion baler. Made 2019 so ready to feed now. Free loading this end or can arrange delivery (extra) approx 50 bales per load.	Martyn Glover	07860 835754	Exeter, Devon
<b>Silage</b>	Well made clover and grass silage in large six string square bales for sale. Forage analysis available. Can load trailer or lorry.	Tom Turner	07792 267092	Milton Keynes, Bucks
<b>2019 organic feed oats</b>	Approx 27 ton, can load or delivery if very local.	Graeme Burrows	07917 404151	Welshpool, Powys
<b>Organic Meadow Hay for sale</b>	We have about 9 acres of lovely meadow grass full of wild seeds for sale in about mid to late June. Can cut and bale to your specification or you can cut & bale yourself. Can help load. MK17 area.	Farokh Khoroooshi	07798 822514	Buckingham, Bucks
<b>2020 silage. haylage, hay</b>	We can produce square bale organic silage, haylage or hay from ryegrass+clover / lucerne+clover / mixed herbal leys, plus meadow hay. Previously we have supplied organic dairy producers. Enquire via email - callum.weir@nationaltrust.org.uk	Callum Weir		Cambridgeshire
MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE				
<b>Organic chicken manure</b>	Organic chicken manure available for collection. Free if customer collects and arranges loading	J Scale	01437 781247	Haverfordwest, Pems

DAIRY CATTLE FOR SALE				
<b>Freisian X Bulling Heifers</b>	30 Spring calving fully Organic Friesian x bulling heifers for sale, located in Pwllheli, North West Wales (TB Free area), BVD Vaccinated and Johnes free.	Dylan Williams	07900 564175	Pwllheli, Gwynedd
<b>Dairy Cattle</b>	Holstein/Fresian and cross bred (Scandinavian Red, Montebeliarde) dairy cows, in milk. 8400 litre herd average. 50 from 1st to 6th lactation, various stages of lactation, many back in calve. Email for more details. growdenfarm@gmail.com	Peter Cole	07833 927084	Holsworthy, Devon
<b>Bulling heifers</b>	25 bulling heifers for sale surplus to requirements. All Black and whites out of NZ sires and some from a Holstein sire. From a fertile and productive spring block calving herd.	Josh Hiscock	07919 100341	Wincanton, Somerset
<b>45 August 2019 born heifers</b>	We have 45 black and white heifers born August 2019. All out of LIC sites or some from a Holstein bull. From a fertile autumn calving 7000litre herd tmr fed in winter and paddock grazed in summer. Genuine surplus to requirements. All huskvac and ready to graze.	Josh Hiscock	07919 100341	Blandford, Dorset
<b>14 Organic Holstein/Friesian in calf heifers</b>	14 Organic Holstein/Friesian heifers in calf to pedigree aberdeen angus bull due to calf mid June onwards, 25-26 months old PD in calf and BVD tested. Also 22 available to calf mid August.	Tom or Steve Harvey	01404 841341 / 07712 770168	Honiton, Devon
<b>30 Organic dairy calves</b>	30 organic dairy calves for sale. All born October 2019, surplus stock. British and Irish friesian sires. Vaccinated for black leg and husk. From a closed herd with no issues with IBR, BVD and free from red Johnes on a quarterly test.	Hywel James	07855 931882	Cardigan, Pembrokeshire
<b>10 Organic bulling heifers</b>	10 organic bulling heifers for sale. All born October 2018. British friesian and Norwegian red sires. Vaccinated for blackleg, husk and leptospirosis. From a herd with no issues with IBR, BVD and free of red Johnes on a quarterly test.	Hywel James	07855 931882	Cardigan, Pembrokeshire
<b>24 Organic in calf heifers</b>	24 organic in calf heifers for sale. All born October 2018, surplus stock. British friesian and Norwegian red sires. In calf to registered AA bull, due to calve late October to early December. From a closed herd with no issues with IBR, BVD and free from red Johnes on a quarterly test.	Hywel James	07855 931882	Cardigan, Pembrokeshire
<b>Organic Friesian Cows for sale</b>	Up to 50 organic dairy cows for sale. From 2nd to 8th lactation. Mid lactation cows, not served. Closed herd, rotational grazing system producing around 6800 with average BF 4.54%, Pr 3.57 and Scc 160. Very little health problems, no issue with IBR, BVD or Johnes. Vaccinated for Lepto.	Hywel James	07855 931882	Cardigan, Pembrokeshire
<b>7 Jersey X Organic cattle</b>	3 Second lactation cows £650(ea). 1 First lactation cow £650. 3 Maiden heifers £1000(ea). Due to calve end of July/August, in calf to Jersey x stock bulls from organic herd. TB free herd for 7 years.	Nick Cavill	07890 091207	Glastonbury, Somerset
SHEEP FOR SALE				
<b>Ewes and Lambs</b>	250 Texel x/ mule ewes for sale with Approx 450 strong February/early March born lambs for sale. Young aged ewes 100 gimmers added to the flock this year. Looking to sell as a whole. Last year all lambs were finished by the end of July. Change of farming policy is the reason for sale.	John Moffat	07789 352330	Ponteland, Northumberland
<b>Lleyn Organic Shearlings</b>	Lleyn registered organic Shearlings. Heptavac P and Sheared. 20 available.	Richard Williams	07846 041753	Cirencester, Glos
<b>Organic North of England Mule ewe lambs</b>	400 Organic North of England Mule ewe lambs born 2020 for sale. Will breed first year. Ready for delivery/collection August. Viewing recommend if possible, but quality guaranteed.	Mark Jenkinson	07970 325502	Kirkby Stephen, Cumbria
LAND AND GRAZING FOR SALE				
<b>Whitchurch, Shropshire area - Summer Grazing Land</b>	55 Acres of Organic grazing Land for summer grazing. Suitable for young stock. Telephone for details	Richard Bennion	01948 770259 / 07733 471058	Whitchurch, Shropshire
<b>Organic Grass Keep. Nr Highworth. North Wiltshire.</b>	Approx 120 ACRES. Available long term from spring 2021. approx 80 ACRES available NOW. Ideally for sheep and/or sheep and forage but cattle considered. Good road access.	Martin Kidson-Trigg	07721 338223	Highworth, Wiltshire
<b>Certified Organic Westminster spring barley</b>	20 tonnes available able to deliver UK wide. Please contact us for a quote.	South West Seeds	01208 881198	Wadebridge, Cornwall
SEED FOR SALE				
<b>Barley seed</b>	450kg of Westminster spring barley seed. Bagged and cleaned Jan 2020, surplus to us. Comes with organic label via supplier. Buyer to collect, on pallet and can load on courier if you organise.	Ian Pye	07754 852600	Garstang, Lancs
<b>Spring oat seed</b>	Surplus Canyon Spring oat seed. 1 x 500kg bag certified C2 seed	Simon Hayes	07711 616303	Shifnal, Shropshire

## General

**If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact your Certification Officer.**

### **Official publication of new secondary regulations complementing the new Organic Regulation (EU) 2018/848**

IFOAM EU have recently highlighted that following the publication of the new Organic Regulation (EU) 2018/848 in June 2018, two secondary legal acts have been published in the EU Official Journal.

First, Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/427 brings a few amendments related to sprouted seeds, feeding of bee colonies as well as juvenile production and feeding in aquaculture.

Second, Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/464 integrates the new Organic Regulation on different issues, among other, the production rules for processed food and feed as well as production rules for various animals (bovine, ovine, cervine, caprine, equine, poultry, rabbit and aquaculture). It also provides Annexes (I and II) on the stocking densities and minimum outdoor and indoor areas for livestock and aquaculture animals.

It also covers the retroactive recognition of the conversion period by providing details on the documents to be supplied for this purpose.

In addition, it follows up with information concerning the availability of organic and in conversion Plant Reproductive Material (PRM), animals and aquaculture juveniles. Finally, the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/464 presents in Annex III information on member states database concerning the availability on the market of organic and in-conversion plant reproduction material, organic animals and organic aquaculture juveniles.

These above-mentioned acts are designated to complete the new organic Regulation (EU) 2018/848 foreseen to be implemented from 2021 onward.

As regard to the current Commission Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 on import of organic products from third countries, a new Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/479 related to the Certificate of Inspection (COI) was published.

### **Possible postponement of 2018/848**

COM AGRI Committee Chairman Norbert Lins has written to Farm Commissioner Janusz Wojciechowski urging him to delay the entry into force of the new Organic Regulation for a

year, until 1 January 2022. In a 2-page letter (dated 6 May), copied to Farm Council President Marija Vučković & DG AGRI chief Wolfgang Bartscher, Mr Lins reminds the Commissioner that the new Regulation has required a "complex system of delegated & implementing acts." Lins stresses the importance of proper consultation with all stakeholders and proper scrutiny from co-legislators. He notes that the Commission has made "significant progress," but that "once the discussions progressed to the most complicated topics, the need for thorough debate slowed down the process." The sector "needs legal stability," the EPP euro-deputy outlines. "Rushing the adoption of the delegated acts is not the most suitable solution." He, therefore, urges that the entry into application of the Regulation, set for 1 January, 2021, be postponed, to "ensure that all the necessary secondary legislation is in place," and that Member States and operators have enough time for a successful transition to the new rules. Taken from AGRA FACTS No 35-20

**Please see RPA guidance on certificates on Page 3 of the OF&G Newsletter.**

## Producers

### **Producer Self Assessment Inspection Questionnaire**

At the end of March OF&G took the decision to postpone all of its physical, on-site, inspections due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Since then we have been working on a Self Assessment Inspection Questionnaire (SAIQ) to allow inspections to take place remotely. So far we have sent out around 200 SAIQs to farms that were due their annual inspection just prior to and since the lock-down.

The SAIQ email pack comprises various documents which should all be downloaded. These include an

excel spreadsheet for completing your Annual Questionnaire (please ensure all relevant tabs listed on the bottom of the spreadsheet have been completed in full). The Inspection Questionnaires are word documents, you will only receive those relevant to the enterprises you have on the farm. Please work through these Questionnaires filling them in using your computer. We expect that there will also be a number of records etc. that will need to be sent back with the completed forms. The inspector may ask you to send these via a free file transfer service such as WeTransfer.

Your inspector should contact you hopefully within 7 days to talk through the process. Their email address is

given for you to send the completed forms to - but do not send any information until you have completed everything that is requested.

In short;

1. Download the attachments to the email - read the email.
2. Complete the Annual Questionnaire spreadsheet and the Inspection Questionnaires.
3. Your inspector will telephone you.
4. Send the questionnaires and any information requested to your inspector via email to the address given.
5. If you have any queries contact your Certification Officer - details on the email.

# Processors

## **Applying to Defra for non-organic food ingredients**

In certain circumstances if you are unable to find a food ingredient in an organic form Defra, as the Competent Authority, may be able to issue a derogation allowing the use of that ingredient in non-organic form.

Due to the increased workloads caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and varying information being supplied with derogation requests Defra asked that we remind operators of the requirements.

If you wish to use a non-organic ingredient you must follow the relevant procedure on the Defra website

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/non-organic-ingredients-get-permission-to-use-them>

As well as the requirements listed on the website you must also ensure

the following criteria are met before applying:

1. The ingredient you wish to use is not available in the organic form within the EU.
2. The ingredient is permitted for use in organic food products according to organic regulations, Defra is not able to issue a derogation for additives/ processing aids that are not listed in the organic regulation.
3. Ensure the calculation and ingredient composition is correct (at least 95% of the agricultural ingredients are organic. Water, salt and processing aids should be excluded from this calculation).

All requests should be sent, using the correct form, to:

[organic.standards@defra.gov.uk](mailto:organic.standards@defra.gov.uk)

## **Fraudulent Certificate**

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

**• SOI Group of Sofia, Bulgaria: valid until 22nd April 2020.**

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.



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