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General News



Bred for organic #NOCC19 Adding value to the organic farm business

Our report on this year's OF&G farming conference is now live on the OF&G website - <https://ofgorganic.org/news/bred-for-organic>

York Grounds in East Yorkshire is one of Britain's oldest organic farms and this year hosted the twelfth OF&G National Organic Combinable Crops conference on 3 July 2019.

Around 200 people came to this year's host farm in Yorkshire, now celebrating 70 years as an organic holding, to discuss all things organic from crops to catering.

In 1949 Richard Thompson's father took the family farm into organic cultivation on his return home after serving ten years in the Indian Police. Michael Thompson had been inspired by Sir Albert Howard's crop variety trials growing on the Indian subcontinent at that time.

Michael decided to forego the ammonium nitrate fertiliser which was growing in popularity at the time. He believed that it would be better for his

soils and for his wheats to establish a good fertility build in his crop rotation by encouraging a more connected relationship between the living components of the farm, the soils, the invertebrates and the plantlife.

Today the farm extends to 300 acres and is a mixed operation incorporating pasture, potatoes, pigs, cattle and cereals. The holding also has two wind turbines generating electricity that the farm uses on site, including to power the potato cold store. The farm does still rely on the National Grid to supply electricity when wind is not sufficient for demand on site but also to sell excess supply back into the system.

OF&G's head of Certification and Compliance, Stephen Clarkson opened proceedings, welcoming delegates and announcing the newly

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updated OF&G guide for aspiring organic arable farmers - **Organic Arable Farming: Information for farmers considering conversion to organic production** - (see p 2).

Speakers also included Dr Ambrogio Costanzo of the Organic Research Centre, Dr Simon Oxley of the AHDB and Andrew Trump, MD of Organic Arable, who are celebrating their 20th Anniversary this year.

The full article is live at - <https://ofgorganic.org/news/bred-for-organic>

NOCC20 will be in Suffolk in early July next year



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NOCC19 press releases

#NOCC19 in the media -

[Buoyant market for organic cereals offers opportunities](https://www.fwi.co.uk/arable/crop-selection/market-opportunities/buoyant-market-for-organic-cereals-offers-opportunities) - Farmers Weekly - <https://www.fwi.co.uk/arable/crop-selection/market-opportunities/buoyant-market-for-organic-cereals-offers-opportunities>

[Increased gross margins for UK organic arable](https://www.farmersguide.co.uk/2019/07/increased-gross-margins-for-uk-organic-arable/) - Farmers Guide - <https://www.farmersguide.co.uk/2019/07/increased-gross-margins-for-uk-organic-arable/>

[Increased gross margins for UK organic arable](http://www.aafarmer.co.uk/crops/increased-gross-margins-for-uk-organic-arable.html) - Agronomist & Arable Farmer - <http://www.aafarmer.co.uk/crops/increased-gross-margins-for-uk-organic-arable.html>

[Increased gross margins for UK organic arable](https://farming.co.uk/news/increased-gross-margins-for-uk-organic-arable) - Farming online - <https://farming.co.uk/news/increased-gross-margins-for-uk-organic-arable>

[Organic demand 'higher than ever' and producers are achieving bigger gross margins, conference hears](https://www.southwestfarmer.co.uk/news/17770600.organic-demand-39-higher-ever-39-producers-achieving-bigger-gross-margins-conference-hears/) - South West - <https://www.southwestfarmer.co.uk/news/17770600.organic-demand-39-higher-ever-39-producers-achieving-bigger-gross-margins-conference-hears/> Farmer

As part of the ERDF-funded Agri-tech project, Duchy College are working with farmers and other businesses on a new research initiative, the Toolbox of Multi-Species Swards (TOMS). This is in response to industry requests for better knowledge and clearer guidance on the use of diverse species mixtures. As well as a network of demo sites, a synthesis of current knowledge and the development of decision tools, they are also asking farmers about their experiences. The survey aims to capture farmers' perceptions of the barriers and opportunities associated with temporary leys, particularly diverse leys.

As we know, organic farmers will have some unique experiences to share. OF&G would be very grateful if you could assist by completing the form online at their website by 31 August 2019. There's also a chance to win £50 gift voucher!

<https://www.swarmhub.co.uk/toolbox-of-multi-species-swards-toms/>



TL128 Organic Arable Farming Leaflet

The OF&G technical guides provide clear and useful information to our licensees and anyone interested in specific aspects of organic production.

We have very recently updated our guide to arable production and have included a case study that shows

the economic basis for organic conversion.

We interviewed John Pawsey for the case study and present his farm business figures, showing a comparison from non-organic to fully organic with livestock in the rotation.

John converted his Suffolk arable farm with OF&G starting in 1999. He has been a director of Organic Arable and is on the NFU Crops board and is the current chair of the NFU Organic Forum.

We hope the case study and the whole guide is of use to people who have just started conversion and to those considering organic as an option for their farm business.

As John explains -

"Sprayers and the products they use are expensive and use a lot of water. In addition there is service maintenance and training and

CASE STUDY

Going organic has released working capital for farmer John Pawsey who farms 1500 acres on his own farm and 1500 on other sites nearby in Suffolk.

Field inputs: Field operations, seed, diesel all substantially reduced.

Costs: Fertiliser, fungicide, sprayer, etc. reduced.

Fertiliser: clover earns a rent as is grazed



"Sprayers and the products they use are expensive and use a lot of water. In addition there is service maintenance and training and certificates. If you're organic you can nail your cost of production. Knowing our costs means contracts are relatively easy to assess where margin brings funds over cost of production. You have the surety of the crop and the margin over the cost of production."

John Pawsey

Gross Margin Comparison:

3 year Non-Organic Rotation (no greening)

	Winter Cereals/Barley	Spring Cereals/Barley	Spring Wheat	
Tillage	276	84	0.0	827
RT	1250	1580	1083	1550
ENTERPRISE OUTPUT	1181	1715	1078	1380
Sheep output £/ha				
Environmental payments	130	130	130	130
TOTAL OUTPUT	1311	1945	1208	1510
Sales	127	158	123	120
Fertiliser (non-organic) / Green manures (organic)	1208	1247	1275	1221
Crop production (non-organic) / Weeding/Sundries (organic)	1245	1240	1235	1240
Sundries (non-organic) / Sheep etc. (organic)	120	125	126	125
VARIABLE COSTS	2870	2542	2328	2342
GROSS MARGIN	1701	1853	1870	1478
AVERAGE GM				1668

Source: The Agricultural Buildings & Caring Book

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Technical Leaflet

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Organic Arable Farming: Information for farmers considering conversion to organic production



1. Introduction
2. Organic farming
3. The market
4. Organic arable farming - how is it different from non-organic farming?
5. Would organic conversion suit your farm?
6. How to convert to organic production
7. Crop rotations
8. Livestock - are they necessary?
9. Weed control
10. Soil management
11. Pest and disease control
12. What pests can I expect?
13. The economics of organic arable farming
14. What next - steps to conversion
15. Sources of further information, grants and advice
16. Useful references

This leaflet sets out to answer these questions, explain the options when converting from non-organic production, and highlights the opportunities and the challenges of meeting the unprecedented demand for organic arable crops.

2 Organic Farming
Organic farming is a sustainable farming system that combines modern science and technology with traditional farming practices to maintain the long-term viability of the soil and use of the farm's finite resources whilst producing high quality, nutritious food.

Organic techniques have been developed from an understanding of and respect for soil science, crop breeding, animal husbandry and ecology. The maintenance of soil fertility relies principally on the use of legumes, crop rotation, the application of composted animal manures and ground cover. Fertiliser, fungicide and insecticide are normally crop rotation, mechanical cultivation, encouraging natural pest enemies, physical barriers and thermal weed control.

Artificial herbicides, pesticides, growth regulators and fungicide seed additives are generally prohibited because of their negative effects on soil life, the environment or food quality.

3 The Market
The market for organic food in the UK has risen considerably for the last few years, and has grown at an average of 10% per year since 2012. Demand for organic food has never been higher and with agricultural policy incentives towards the environment there are exciting opportunities for conversion to organic arable production.

UK organic farming by sector

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For your Organic Business

Changes to the OF&G Newsletter

Organic legislation demands that the certifier informs the licensee of any relevant technical updates. It also requires the licensee to make themselves aware of those updates.

The OF&G newsletter has had a number of formats over the decades and we feel now is the right time for another stage in developing how we pass information to you.

Aside from the regulatory requirement we also collate a number of news articles, either our own or those we feel worth highlighting from elsewhere.

You will see that you have 2 parts to the Newsletter this time - the Newsletter and the Technical Newsletter. In this way we hope to keep you well informed, keeping you fully appraised of all technical matters while also providing general news items that you might wish to read.

We are in the process of aligning the offline version you get now with an online version on our website.

Watch this space!

RSA Commission - Our Future in the Land

The 16th July saw the publication of the RSA Food, Farming and Countryside Commission Report - Our Future in the Land. Based on extensive consultation of all players in the food and farming system, the Commission is setting out radical and practical proposals to transform our food and farming system for the benefit of people and planet as the UK is set to leave the European Union.

The UK risks further “deforestation, loss of wildlife, soil degradation, widespread pollution and rocketing diet-related ill-health”, the analysis warns, adding that “instead of being the sector that nourishes people, and the land on which we all depend, it has damaged and depleted our precious and finite resources”.

The two-year independent inquiry, sponsored by the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation found that most farmers agreed they could make big changes to the way they farm in five to ten years – with the right backing. The report proposes an ambitious ten-year transition plan to sustainable agro-ecological farming by 2030, warning that the UK today ranks just 24th in the Economist Intelligence Unit’s global Food Sustainability Index.

Without stable policy, regulation, advice and access to relevant finance and innovation farmers will remain locked into current business practices, the Commissioners warn.

The study also calls for:

- The government to stop delays on policy and trade decisions and commit to a futureproof ambition and the essential elements of a transition plan by January 2020. It makes the case for agro-ecology based on UK modelling of the EAT-Lancet report, which considered a wider set of impacts including nature-friendly farming, animal welfare, chemicals and antibiotic use, and the climate impact of imported feedstuffs for intensively-reared pigs and poultry.
- More healthy British produce, particularly fruit, veg, nuts and pulses, and meat and dairy from ‘sustainable livestock’. We need to ramp up the commitments by public bodies to buy more sustainably produced British and local produce for schools, hospitals and prisons and to use it more widely and imaginatively in meals. UK and international evidence show this works – it needs backing to roll out. Retailers and processors can do more to offer fair and secure contracts to farmers and growers, supporting co-ops for smaller producers to work together.

- The countryside to be at the heart of the UK’s green economy, via a coordinated policy effort across government which supports investment in infrastructure, skills and new enterprise. A radical transformation is also needed in how the countryside is funded post-Brexit and the report calls for public finance to be tied to an enhanced public value framework, to ensure stronger cross-departmental accountability at national, regional and local level. As well as a national land use framework, to take a strategic overview and coordinate activities, LEPs should partner with LNPs to ensure that they all include climate adaptation, nature and a new green economy in their investment plans.
- A National Agro-ecology Development Bank (NADB) to bring together long-term investors to fund farmers to transition. The NADB would be a public bank in the sense that it would be a not-for-profit business. It would raise money from long-term investors by selling its shares and bonds and by itself creating new money in the form of loans, in the normal way that banks are legally empowered to do. It would operate as a wholesale bank, backing other retail banks, especially regional and mutuals, to support the investments needed to fund the ten-year plan.
- Young people’s enthusiasm for tackling the climate and ecosystem emergency should be deployed through a ‘National Nature Service’ for 18-25-year-olds to kickstart and upskill for the “restoration economy”, looking to recruit from both disadvantaged rural communities where young people struggle to find work close to home, and from young people looking for an environmentally friendly, UK version of a gap year/WWOOFing scheme.

To read the full report go to - <https://www.thersa.org/action-and-research/rsa-projects/public-services-and-communities-folder/food-farming-and-countryside-commission>

OF&G are members of SUSTAIN (the alliance for better food and farming) and our thanks go to them for this summary.

OTB Roadshows

"Adversity is an exceptional motivator and from the Brexit fog, the organic sector is emerging resolute, co-ordinated and determined to ensure its own future in the face of uncertainty" so says Paul Moore the CEO of the OTB.

In March, OTB members endorsed an organic sector initiative to raise funds to invest in a plan for 2020 and beyond to "grow organic sales in the UK as part of a unified effort by the organic industry". Since then Paul has been touring the country, meeting small groups of members and interested parties to share this initiative, its scope and objectives and to raise funds. Many companies have attended these meetings and this work continues through July and August as the OTB gathers support. It has been very encouraging and OF&G would urge you to attend one of these meetings and become involved for your own interests and the health and growth of the sector.

For venues and dates or would like to find out more about the plans please email Annie on:

annie@organictradeboard.co.uk

OF&G in the news

OF&G business development manager, Steven Jacobs spoke to Anna Jones for the Farming Today programme broadcast on BBC Radio 4 on 26 July.

And we posted about this on the OF&G twitter page - <https://twitter.com/ofgorganic/status/115465366922232064?s=20>

@ofgorganic - @michaelgove's legacy? A politician with a high profile in charge of food & farming dept was a boon. We didn't always agree, he was a fan of bio engineering I'd welcome [the GM] conversation if people are prepared to listen as well as speak

Cash incentive for landowners to restore UK peatland

OF&G (Organic Farmers & Growers) have teamed up with the [International Union for the Conservation of Nature \(IUCN\) UK Peatland Programme](#) to offer a new certification scheme to landowners that will support the protection and improvement of UK peatlands.

The Peatland Code sets out best practice for projects seeking to market the climate and environmental benefits of peatland restoration. The Peatland Code helps landowners secure private funding for projects, offering an additional revenue stream, by providing investors with assurance through third-party verification that the expected climate benefits are credible and deliverable.

"A recent report from Green Alliance suggests we have an opportunity to achieve the 2030 reduced emissions targets, in part, by restoring the UK's 2.7m hectares of peatland by at least 26%," says Roger Kerr, chief executive at OF&G, who certify over half the UK's organic land.

"Together with the IUCN UK Peatland Programme, we aim to help landowners restore much of the UK's peatlands, which cover 12% of the total UK land area, reverting damaged peatlands from large sources of carbon to fulfilling their carbon sequestration potential and support the wider environment."

Jillian Hoy, Peatland Code coordinator at IUCN UK Peatland Programme, says there are many environmental benefits to maintaining peatlands. "In a healthy condition, peatlands don't just act as a carbon sink. They provide unique habitats for biodiversity, and are great for water quality, acting as a natural filter. The vegetation matrix on peatlands in upland areas also helps to slow the flow of water into catchments, aiding efforts to combat flooding.

"However, only 20% of peatlands in the UK are in good condition, and instead of storing carbon, 80% of our damaged peatlands are currently a source of greenhouse gases, releasing the equivalent of 20Megatonnes of CO₂ each year. This equates to 4% of UK's total yearly greenhouse gas emissions, as shown in a recent study led by the Centre of Ecology and Hydrology, and The James Hutton Institute."

<https://www.fwi.co.uk/business/payments-schemes/environmental-schemes/private-payments-offered-for-peatland-restoration>

https://www.farminguk.com/News/cash-incentive-for-landowners-to-restore-peatland_53502.html

<https://www.poultrynews.co.uk/health-welfare/environment/cash-incentive-for-landowners-to-restore-uk-peatland.html>

<https://www.thescottishfarmer.co.uk/news/17790946.cash-incentive-peatland-restoration/>

<https://www.southwestfarmer.co.uk/news/17786174.cash-incentive-landowners-restore-uk-peatland/>

For more on OF&G certification under the Peatland Code visit -

<https://ofgorganic.org/certification/peatland-code>



Market Information

Grain Prices: Courtesy of Andrew Trump, Organic Arable

The organic grain market is slow to form this season with little forward trade being undertaken. Expectations of a good harvest means buyers are relaxed about taking cover and so are staying out of the market seeking to see discounts to last season's high values. Most crops are looking well, and very early reports of winter barley yield are encouraging. With oats being the largest crop by area in the UK for the first time and good reports of both winter and spring crops last year's highs for milling oats won't be repeated. The wheat area fell again and so both feed wheat and milling wheat buyers will need large volumes of imports and liquidity in the wheat market may be challenging once imported business has been done.

Imported feed wheat has traded at mid-£290's delivered and ex farm values are being quoted by Saxon as a result of this at £260 ex farm with feed oats a further £10 discount to this value.

The supply in Europe is good with acreage increasing across most of Europe (and beyond) and good yields being reported. France has seen the largest increase in acreage and inconversion wheat in France has reportedly traded at values approximating £230 ex farm. Milling wheat values in France once again look attractive and the potential for export remains.

As the market forms over the next few weeks prices will become clearer but the expectations for farmers of another high value season seem unlikely and ex farm cereal values are going to start with a 2 rather than a 3.

A hard Brexit will have a significant impact as exporters will see their business significantly reduced overnight as UK certification needs to apply for 3rd country equivalence. The approach taken by the UK government to imports from current 3rd countries will be critical for the

UK cereal market as it may impact upon the supply of imports. As will the approach taken by importers who may seek to hold larger stocks to prevent supply shocks whilst imports regulations are revised.

Ex farm price expectations:

Feed wheat £265 - £275

Feed Barley, £260 - £270

Feed oats £255 - £265

Milling Wheat £305 - £315

Malting Barley £295 - £305

Milling Oats £280 - £290

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Organic Livestock Trends: OLMC

Demand for organic store cattle continues to be strong with an abundance of grass throughout the country. Demand is particularly strong for 12 to 15 month old cattle and the supply of store cattle is short particularly for the bigger 450 to 550 kgs cattle.

Prices are generally lower than 12 months ago reflecting a weak finished price in most outlets.

All the indications are that cattle numbers will tighten as we go into the Autumn. Calf registrations were down in 2018 and this will have an affect on numbers from September onwards. I would envisage good demand for store cattle this Autumn with the high volume of conserved forage about after a record breaking grass growing Summer.

The number of organic store cattle marketed through the OLMC continues to break all records but we are always keen to establish new suppliers and buyers. We are happy to have an informal chat with any new producers so please do not hesitate to contact us. Dairy cattle numbers marketed through OLMC also continue to rise. David Bostock has a number of producers wanting more dairy cattle. Again if you have dairy cattle available please give him a ring.

We will be looking for organic lambs from January to May next

year and will have quality store lambs available this Autumn. We are able to offer a forward contract price to producers who are able to finish organic lambs in reasonable numbers. For more details please contact Peter Jones.

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The demand for finished organic prime cattle continues to be challenging although waiting times for moving stock from producer farms has just recently shown signs of shortening as we go into the Summer period. Numbers suggest there are fewer finished cattle on farms and this should mean prices improving over the next few weeks. However, we would advise producers that a continuation in forward booking of finished cattle ready for sale is essential if we are to maintain this improvement.

The demand for organic cull cows has continued to be fairly constant and again indications are that numbers coming forward might be tightening which will potentially firm the price up through the Summer.

Average 4RL Organic UTM in spec @ 413p/kg deadweight

Average R4L Organic OTM Cow in spec @ 290/kg deadweight

Organic lambs have now started to come forward in greater numbers and currently the demand is strong enough to keep a reasonable premium above conventional prices. However, pressure will come as numbers increase onto the market in the next few weeks.

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

For further information in marketing of all finished stock contact Tim Leigh on

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OF&G Licensees in the News

We like to see people in food and farming doing well, whoever they are but we are especially proud of those who have chosen to certify their organic businesses with OF&G.

The NFU magazine, the British Farmer & Grower is available to members in print and online.

Here are a selection of stories we wish to highlight from recent editions.

British Blue Monday -

Orla McIlduff met the team at LJ Fairburn and Son to find out how family and sustainability shapes everything they do.

Not only does Fairburn's produce variety in eggs, they pack them and produce their own tailored rations from their feed mill. It's a long way from the humble business beginnings in 1951, and really no surprise that the family has amassed a large number of awards.

The long run -

In April NFU President Minette Batters, Vice-President Stuart Roberts and North East Regional Director Adam Bedford ran the Virgin Money London Marathon to raise funds for Farm Africa as part of the Running Farmers team.

There are millions of small scale farmers across Africa in need of support. That's why the group is getting behind Farm Africa's Coffee is for Life appeal.

Public donations will be doubled by the UK Government, meaning gifts will go twice as far.

In June the BF&G published an update on this story -

A running total -

The NFU's runners smashed their target of raising £20,000 for Farm Africa, with the complete cohort of President Minette Batters, Vice President Stuart Roberts, Regional Director Adam Bedford, member Will Evans and former advisor Martin Rogers crossing the line.

Very IPMportant work -

In July the magazine ran a large piece on IPM (Integrated Pest Management).

The article highlights the work of Phil Jarvis, Ian Waller and John Pawsey -

With many NFU members demonstrating the very best practice in IPM (Integrated Pest Management) the NFU is collating the case studies to showcase growers' work to the wider farming world and policy makers.

John Pawsey - "We look at the overall picture, starting with the design of our rotation.

"It's was diverse as the market will allow and takes into account crop architecture that governs the crop's ability to outcompete weeds."

He takes a system management approach to managing pests, weeds and diseases by growing the wide rotation, choosing appropriate varieties and building fertility through clover leys.

<https://www.nfuonline.com/home/magazine/>

OF&G in the news

Opinion: [Conventional farmers have much to learn from organic sector](#)

Paul Cobb 19 July 2019

Farmers Weekly correspondent Paul Cobb wrote last week about how things are changing so organic and 'conventional' producers are moving closer together - *Then, organic farmers tended to take the chemical-*

free moral high ground. Conventional farmers tended to dismiss organic as irrelevant in food production.

Both had much to learn from each other – organic farming had to have a diverse system, but it did not have all the answers, and then, as now, the best conventional farmers were pushing the sustainability boundaries. But the two sides were a long way apart.

Last month I went with a group of conventional farmers from Kent to look round John Pawsey's organic set-up in Suffolk It's large scale, successful and the visit prompted many questions.

Paul Cobb might like to know that NOCC20 will be hosted by John Pawsey at Shimpling Park Farm

Classified Advertisements

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.

DAIRY CATTLE FOR SALE				
Organic HF bulling/in calf heifers for sale	Good quality bulling/in calf heifers for sale from closed herd, farm has been organic for 10 years.	Rob Carr	07808 586950	Carlisle, Cumbria
2 Organic SR&W x BF cows	2 organic SR&W Dry Cows. Both high yielding and very well fleshed. Out of calving pattern. Due Sept/Oct to AA. Tb tested. Lepto and BVD vaccinated.	Toby Ansdell	07785 397678	Barnstaple, Devon
SAWCOMBE HERD of Pedigree Classified Organic Brown Swiss Cows & Heifers -	Genuine Herd Dispersal 200 Pedigree Organic Cows & Heifers including the SAWCOMBE herd of Brown Swiss comprising 38 cows (5 EX; 11 VG) and 28 heifers and the LANGLEYHILL herd of Holstein Friesian comprising 82 cows (6 EX; 25 VG) and 52 heifers. THURSDAY 22 AUGUST. Please contact for further details.	Michael Abbatt	07778 056639	Cheltenham, Gloucestershire

CATTLE FOR SALE				
In calf Ayrshire dairy heifers and cows. Aberdeen Angus stores also available.	Ayrshire dairy heifers and cows in calf to Aberdeen Angus, Genus ABS sire. Also, Aberdeen Angus stores available now. Please call in an afternoon.	William Deaville	01773 550269	Idridgehay Derbyshire
11 in calf Beef Shorthorn heifers	Sired by Dunsyre Cavalier and running with Turncroft Cruiser since 10th April.	Martin Reynolds	07966 371558	Barry, Vale of Glamorgan
Organic Pedigree Welsh Black Steers	15- 18 month old Organic Pedigree Welsh Black Steers	Kate & Kevin Thomas	01874638925 / 07960 753358	Brecon, Powys
Organic Pedigree Welsh Heifers	3 x Organic Pedigree Welsh Black Heifers 16 - 18 months. Sired by Graig Goch Rhys 16th & Machreth Bedwyr 5th. All very docile, would make lovely breeding cows.	Kate & Kevin Thomas	01874 638925 / 07960 753358	Brecon, Powys
7 Hereford X cows with Hereford /red poll calves at foot	7 Hereford X cows with Hereford /red poll calves at foot. 1 first calver, 5 second calvers, 1 third calver. All genuine strong cattle. North Shropshire. Images can be emailed	Steve	07963 414468	Oswestry, Shropshire
Longhorn Heifers	5 lovely and quiet Longhorn heifers for sale . They are 12 months old homebred. Tb tested and ready to go. Pictures on request.	Steve Smith	07531 182294	Welshpool, Powys
Limousin cross and Aberdeen Angus Cross store cattle	Limousin cross and Aberdeen Angus cross store cattle for sale, please phone for further details.	Ray Calvert	01748 886412	Richmond, N Yorks
2 bullocks for sale	2 years old for fattening,one fresian,one montbeliarde. Both good confirmation will do well	Philip Holgate	07554 581581	Belper, Derbyshire
Aberdeen Angus Calves	20 AA x Montbeliarde calves 6 weeks old regularly available	Bryn Evans	07846 271163	Oswestry, Shropshire
Aberdeen Angus cross calves for sale by registered Bull	We have started calving and will have Angus cross calves by Wyver Dazzle for sale	Philip Holgate	07554 581581	Belper, Derbyshire
Store Cattle	20 Store Cattle. Well grown with plenty of flesh. 17 moths old. Out of BF Cows. 4BB Steers. 2BB Heifers. 5 AA Steers. 9 AA Heifers. TB Tested.	Toby Ansdell	07785 397678	Barnstaple, Devon
5 galloway steers	5 organic black galloway steers 13 month olds well grown reasonably priced. Ring 07523 032306 for more info.	S Smith	01566 86155	Launceston, Cornwall
Hereford cross weaned calves	Up to 100 Hereford X weaned calves for Sale. Born March to May.	Mr Philip Hopper	07917 633955	Bude, Cornwall

SHEEP FOR SALE				
40 organic Poll Dorset ewe lambs for sale.	40 organic Poll Dorset ewe lambs for sale. 40-50kgs. Born last autumn. Ready for breeding. Looe. Cornwall.	Giles Maddever	07971 572111	Looe, Cornwall
North of England Mule Gimmer Lambs for Sale	500 North of England Mule Gimmer Lambs for sale born 2019. Topping and Running lambs available, ready for collection August. Cumbria.	Mark Jenkinson	07970 325502	Kirkby Stephen, Cumbria
North Of England Mule ewe lambs	Please phone for further details	Ray Calvert	01748 886412	Richmond, N. Yorks
Swaledale ewe lambs	Please phone for further details.	Ray Calvert	01748 886412	Richmond, N. Yorks
ORGANIC LLEYN SHEARLINGS FOR SALE	50 organic, registered Lleyln shearlings for sale	Arthur Williams	07728 713271	Bibury, Gloucestershire
organic store lambs texel x suffolk x cheviot x	1300 store lambs good healthy lambs	A. Smith	07960 738791	Launceston, Cornwall

OTHER LIVESTOCK FOR SALE				
Boar Tamworth Cross	I'm looking for a home for Howard, he's a proven 2 year old Tamworth cross, he's produced a number of large litters, every litter has produced between 11 and 18 young. He's trailer trained, comes when he's called and will follow a bucket of food anywhere. I can no longer use him as he's related to all my breeding sows.	Katie Rubython	07753 801369	Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs

FORAGE & FEEDSTUFFS FOR SALE

Need your grass cut?	If you need hay making for you on your land using a contractor who specialises in organic production please get in touch	Chris	07455 864754	Leicester, Leics
round bale silage	300 round bales silage Worcester. Good quality.	Philip	07970 540092	Leigh, Worcs
Organic Round Bale Haylage for sale	600 round bales of good quality organic haylage for sale, cut 1st and 2nd week in May. Baled and wrapped by McHale Fusion Baler, nice dense bales. Free loading this end. £25/Bale (discount for large quantities)	Marytn Glover	07860 835754	Exeter, Devon
Organic Feed Wheat	Organic Feed Wheat for Sale. Delivery Nationwide. Please call or email for prices	Gemma	01529 421081	Sleaford, Lincs
Feed Beans and Milling Oats for sale	8 tonnes approx of feed Spring beans and 4 tonne approx of Mascani Milling Oats for sale	Anthony Carroll	01890 883795	Cornhill-on -Tweed Northumberland
90 bales of organic silage	90 bales of organic silage for sale near Hook in Hampshire.	Marcus Fincham	07966 199872	Hook, Hampshire
75 Organic Silage Bales	75 Organic silage bales for sale cut 24/06/19 near Exeter. Possible 15 acres more grass to cut.	Lyndsay Shears	01392 876388	Exeter, Devon
Organic Round Bale Hay	up to 300 organic 4ft round hay bales for sale. This year's cut. Ready this week - transport can be arranged.	Chris	07455-864-754	Leicester, Leics
Forage for Sale	Round and Square bale silage, haylage and hay for sale. Italian ryegrass and perm pasture silage. Herbal ley and pasture hay. Contact for more details. 15 mins from J18 of M4.	Simon Best	07816 386945	Tetbury, Gloucestershire
Organic Big Bale Hay	Organic Big Bale hay. Good Quality. 2019 soft green June hay.	Paul Phillips	07971 184580	Templecombe, Somerset
Hay for sale	40 round bales approx. of organic hay baled 15/7/19.	Seb Powell	07561 739756	Chagford, Devon
Baling Organic Cereal straw	I am looking to bale some organic Oat and Wheat straw. Could be square or round. Square can be stored undercover. If interested please contact me, otherwise it will be chopped.	Anthony Carroll	01890 883795/07974 416693	Cornhill-on -Tweed Northumberland

LAND AND GRAZING FOR SALE

Nottinghamshire organic farm for sale	130 acre farm for sale . Farmed organically since 1999 , is in mid-tier Countryside Stewardship organic grassland management .Has a modern range of farm buildings and attractive stone built farmhouse .	Rachel Ashworth , Fisher German	01636 642500	Nottingham, Notts
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MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

HEN MANURE	Hen Manure for sale - Collection approx.- Every 3rd day.	D & F Mellin	07762 779138	Moffat, Dumfries
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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

3 week +/- old calf wanted	I am looking for a beef / beef cross calf to replace a lost calf. Close to South Molton. Any offers considered.	Adam Stanyer	07475 648149	South Molton, Devon
Weaned Calves	After AAX weaned calves 3-6months would consider SMX, BBX, CHX	John Ker	07872 971328	Wellington, Somerset

DAIRY CATTLE WANTED

August/ September Calvers	Looking for 65 British Friesian type cows, August or September calvers	Iain Hill-Trevor	07767 6413640	Wrexham
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MISCELLANEOUS WANTED

Organic Quinoa Growers Wanted	We are looking to take on additional organic farmers to produce organic quinoa under a buy back arrangement. We would like to hear from growers with quality fertile soils, a low weed burden and capabilities to dry.	Stephen Jones	01939 270777	Ellesmere, Shropshire
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LAND & GRAZING WANTED

Winter organic grazing required for sheep.	Please contact to discuss further.	Ray Calvert	01748 886412	Richmond, No Yorks
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General

Equivalence Arrangements

In order to bring organic products into the EU the operator in the exporting country must either be certified by a Control Body recognised by the EU Commission to work in that country or be certified as part of an equivalence arrangement with an approved Third Country. Once the UK leaves the EU the UK will no longer be supported by those equivalence arrangements. As a result, Defra have been working towards their own agreements with a number of countries and have reported the following:

- Arrangements with Argentina, Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, India, Israel, New Zealand, and the USA will be in place on the day the UK leaves the EU;
- The agreement with Chile was

originally signed on 30 January. This remains subject to final ratification/notice of completion by both parties. However, it will be in place if we leave on the proposed date of 31 October;

- Discussions with Switzerland and Tunisia are ongoing. However, it is expected that they will be in place by 31 October;
- Discussions are ongoing with the Republic of Korea and Japan, it is unlikely these will be in place by 31 October.

If you would like to discuss these points please contact Steve Clarkson.

UKAS Importing Accreditation

In order to facilitate the export of organic products into the European Union in the event of a no-deal Brexit

OF&G have been working with UKAS and the other Control Bodies in order to gain the required accreditation. In May UKAS completed an extension to scope at the OF&G offices in order to amend our schedule to include Import and Export under Commission Regulation (EC) 1235/2008. Following the audit UKAS have now issued a revised schedule to OF&G which includes the import and export of organic products based on the OF&G Organic Standards and Commission Regulation (EC) 1235/2008.

The next step in the process is for OF&G to apply to the European Commission to be a Control Body recognised as equivalent within a Third Country.

If you have any questions please contact Steve Clarkson.

Producers

OF&G poultry standards update -

1 August

OF&G have received a number of enquiries from existing licensees and potential new converters who are looking at poultry production (specifically organic laying hens). The organic regulation permits a maximum of 3,000 birds in any single flock but is not clear on the number of flocks

that could be present in any one structure. Defra require that where more than one flock is housed in the same building each flock must have dedicated air space, ventilation, feed, water and grazing. In order to limit the number of flocks in a house the OF&G Board of Directors together with the OF&G Certification Committee have agreed a private standard.

From 1 August 2019 any poultry house

must not contain more than 6,000 birds, limited to two flocks of 3,000. Where an operator wishes to house more than two flocks there must be a minimum of 4 metres space between each structure. If an operator has existing housing exceeding these limits (more than two flocks of 3,000 birds) they shall be permitted to continue until such time as changes are made to the structures.

Processors

Sunflower Seeds

Please can our operators who have or who currently purchase sunflower seeds be aware of a possible fraudulent organic product.

The doubt with regard to organic integrity particularly refers to the following companies: Novoseed (certified by Naturalis), Profinex

(certified by Naturalis), Sonex (certified by Agro Bio Test).

OF&G were notified by the control body Skal that there are possible fraudulent sales so we are asking you to check your suppliers.

If you require more information or a full list of the suppliers then please contact your Certification Officer.

TRACES NT eSEAL

There is an update on TRACES NT regarding the development of the eSEAL. All Control Bodies in Third Countries and Competent Authorities in the member states will need to register to use the eSEAL.

We still do not have a confirmed date for when the system will be fully

electronic, which means there will be a period of using BOTH the paper and electronic systems.

The requirement to use the eSEAL is unlikely to happen before 31 October.

We will ensure that any updates are notified to you via the Technical Bulletin.

Fraudulent Certificates -

We have been notified of two fraudulent certificates to be aware of.

The first is for a company called **Earthroot Herbs & Spices** from India. It states they are certified with One cert and it gives the control body code IN-BIO-152. It shows an expiry date of 5 September 2019.

The other one is for a manufacturer and exporter of essential oils called **Expo essential oils**, based in New Delhi, India and certified by UK Cert. It has a certificate number of OG-1209 and an expiry date of 8 January 2022.

If you have received either of these certificates please notify your Certification Officer.

Recently awarded approved inputs

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

SUPPLIER	WEBSITE / EMAIL	CATEGORY
GS Agri Systems Ltd	www.gs-agrisystems.com	Animal Feed Supplement
Pharm Fertilisers Ltd	www.pharmfert.com	Fertilisers
PP Products	www.ppproducts.co.uk	Foliar Treatment
Micromix Plant Health Ltd	www.micromix.com	Plant Health Products
Northern Agricultural Merchant Ltd	sue.farmsupplies@btinternet.com	Animal Health Product
Dorset Seaweeds	www.dorsetseaweeds.co.uk	Plant Health Products
FytoFend SA	r.buonatesta@fytofend.com	Fungicide
Alpha BioPesticides Limited	www.alphabiocontrol.com	Pest Control
Fertiliser Limited	www.orgamino-n13.co.uk	Fertilisers

Updated approved inputs

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SUPPLIER	WEBSITE / EMAIL	CATEGORY
Nico Orgo Manures	www.neemnico.com	Fertilisers, Soil Conditioners
Devenish Nutrition	www.devenishnutrition.com	Vitamins, minerals and trace elements
Crowshall Veterinary Services LLP	www.crowshall.co.uk	Animal Health Product
Interagro (UK) Ltd	www.interagro.co.uk	Fertilisers
Heaton (Export & Marketing) Limited	www.heatonexport.co.uk	Insect Control, Animal Feed Additives, Animal Feed Supplement
Micron Bio-Systems Ltd	www.micronbio-systems.co.uk	Silage additive, Slurry Treatment, Animal Feed Additives, Vitamins, minerals and trace elements
Sumitomo Chemical (UK) Plc	www.sumitomo-chemical.co.uk	Insect Control
Cid Lines NV	www.cidlines.com	Disinfectant/Cleaning Agent
Kilwaughter Minerals Ltd	www.kilwaughter.com	Soil Conditioners
Weeding Technologies Limited	www.weedingtech.com	Weed control
DryMatter Ltd	www.drymatter.org	Bedding Materials
Enva Wood Recycling	www.hadfield.co.uk	Bedding Materials



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