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General News

OF&G's National Organic Combinable Crops

We are very pleased to announce that John and Alice Pawsey and their family will be welcoming guests to their mixed organic arable and sheep farm at Shimpling in Suffolk on 6 July 2021.

This annual on-farm conference has grown since it began in 2008 and is a popular event with delegates and speakers coming from all over the UK and beyond.

At this time the government ambition is to roll back restrictions on gatherings as the year progresses and while we must remain cautious we're optimistic that we all can meet at Shimpling Park Farm in person in July.

We are planning to hold the event as an in-person on-farm conference, ensuring that we adhere to government guidelines on space, ventilation and hygiene. We will also be putting conference material online including presentations and discussions and a look around some parts of the farm.



Last year John Pawsey very kindly became our virtual host with contributions from farmers, researchers and advisors including Mark Lea, Green Acres Farm in Shropshire, Phil Howell, NIAB, Emily Pope, AHDB and colleagues from the Organic Research Centre, the AHDB, Clive Bailye, TWB Farms, of course our host John Pawsey and our wonderful chairperson and NOCC convenor, Charlotte Smith.

Planning for NOCC21 is well underway. If you want to talk to us about a project you would like to present or you have a product, a machine or device you would like us to consider demonstrating and if your business would like to look into opportunities to support and sponsor NOCC21 please contact Steven Jacobs.

Booking details will be released in late April or early May, depending on the

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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

Organic economics - markets and public goods

Organic agronomic - rotations, crop varieties, soil management

Organic food - breakfast and lunch from UK organic suppliers

situation with the coronavirus and the impact it may have.

If you would like to reserve a delegate place or a trade stand please send an email to admin@ofgorganic.org with the subject line **NOCC21 delegate** or **NOCC21 trade stand**.



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OHLS extension and Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier –

We have some good news to share, though it comes with a caveat. OF&G producer licensees in England will have received an email from OF&G with some details relating to this already.

The English Organic Forum (EOF) more recently picked up a problem that OF&G and others had been highlighting regarding issues many organic farmers in England with Organic Higher Level Stewardship agreements were facing – in that their agreements were not being extended whereas their non-organic counterparts could be offered this HLS extension.

This decision came from the Rural Payments Agency and Defra who, when challenged, suggested issues were insurmountable and referred to European Commission policy restrictions on funding and ‘administrative burden’.

Following a great many meetings and with the key support of OF&G and the Soil Association, along with the testimony of farmers affected, the wrong has been addressed to some degree.

Natural England and the RPA are assessing each agreement expiring in 2021 to advise whether they are

eligible for an extension. They will contact all affected organic farmers. This will help OHLS agreement holders with agreements expiring this year.

However, it still leaves a problem for those farmers with agreements that expired in 2019 and 2020, since Defra has advised that the change in policy can’t be applied retrospectively.

The EOF is keen to see this iniquity resolved and are looking at the options available.

Sustainable Farming Incentive Apply by 11 April 2021

Phase 1 Pilot – Open for Expression of Interest by organic farmers

Recently Defra announced the launch of the Sustainable Farming Incentive and opened an Expressions of Interest for Phase 1 of the Pilot.

This will allow Defra to explore how well the system and the standards work in practice. The English Organic Forum has been working with Defra to look in detail at the proposed eight SFI standards, to see how they fit (or conflict) with organic production standards. The SFI is aimed at all farmers, including organic farmers.

We are keen that organic farmers in different regions and operating different systems are included in the Pilot – so please put in an Expression of Interest by 11th April.

It is important to note that if you are already a stewardship scheme holder you may not be eligible for this first phase of the SFI Pilot.

From the SFI blog at GOV.UK:

For the first phase of piloting, a farmer is only eligible if they:

- are a recipient of the Basic Payments Scheme, registered on the Rural Payments Agency system
- enter land parcels (fields) into the pilot that do not have an existing

agri-environment agreement on them

- have management control of the land for the duration of the pilot. They must either own the land with management control or have a tenancy of enough length to implement their pilot agreement (including landlord’s permission if required)
- enter land parcels that are in England
- enter land parcels that are not common land

If you think you might be able to take part we would encourage you to apply. This is very quick and easy and does not commit you.

If we don’t have organic farmers included in this first phase of the SFI Pilot then we won’t be able to demonstrate how organic farmers meet (and exceed in most cases) the SFI standards. Defra is also keen to see what the barriers to participation are for organic farmers, so that changes can be made in the standards’ content and/or coverage.

We are convinced that an organic system approach is a very good way to meet the objectives of ELM, deliver

public goods, provide good value for money and has compliance built in through the annual inspection, verification and certification process.

It is important therefore that we are in a position to prove it so please express your interest by 11th April.

Defra state that their ambition is ‘to extend eligibility to include farmers who aren’t eligible for, or don’t claim, BPS. We also might add specific farm types not eligible for the first phase, like farms on common land.’

Information on what the next phase will look like or what the eligibility criteria is has yet to be decided.

We will continue to ask for clarification on eligibility and with colleagues across the farming industry will look at ways to help Defra find a way to widen inclusion.

Related news -

Alliance of NGOs and farmers call on Defra to include whole farm systems in ELMs

<https://ofgorganic.org/news/alliance-of-ngos-and-farmers-call-on-defra-to-include-whole-farm-systems-in-elms>

Victoria Prentis MP says positive words in support of the organic sector

Victoria Prentis MP, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Minister for Farming Fisheries and Food, gave the thumbs up to the organic sector.

She said in a recent letter to the English Organic Forum[1] that *“This is the beginning of a new chapter for the UK to set an ambitious course for the UK’s organic sector.”* Great news indeed.

With the Minister’s answers to Parliamentary Questions on 18th March she helpfully reinforced this message when she referred to organic export and domestic market opportunities.

Minister Prentis said that Defra is working alongside the Department of International Trade through their Open Doors programme, as part of the Government’s multi-pronged approach to support of the organic sector.

She explained that the Government is also working with organic businesses to reduce administrative burden and is considering how the new Environmental Land Management scheme can best meet the needs of organic producers.

The English Organic Forum recently produced a policy paper: **Why Organic – contributing productively to future farming and food policy**[2]. This outlines all the reasons why organic is good, so we are pleased to see that Victoria Prentis MP, and her team at Defra are taking note of the organic opportunity.

[1] Letter from Victoria Prentis MP to Christopher Stopes and Adrian Steele, Co-chairs of the English Organic Forum, 11th March 2021. See here: <http://ofgorganic.org/docs/letter-vprentiss110321-vp-po2020-23265-eof-organic-elm.pdf>

[2] Why Organic – contributing productively to future farming and food policy. EOF policy paper. See here: <https://online.flipbuilder.com/exei/xjft/>

Government consultation on the regulation of genetic technologies

OF&G response to the government’s consultation on the regulation of genetic technologies

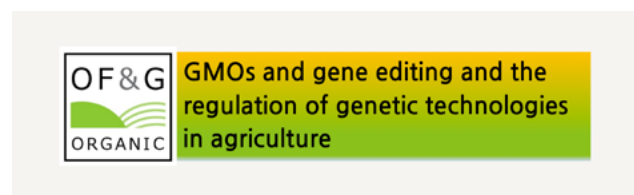
Traditional breeding is a concept that has brought about a range of definitions. Traditional would be seen by many as either in-field or in greenhouse cross-fertilisation. Some breeding techniques, however, are highly invasive and are not traditional.

We believe that genome editing is both invasive and disruptive and therefore cannot be equated to a traditional method of seed breeding.

OF&G is an active member of the English Organic Forum and IFOAM International and IFOAM Europe and we support full alignment with the international organic movement’s position that genome editing is a genetic engineering technology and its process and products are Genetically Modified Organisms as defined by the EU Directive on GMOs (Directive 2001/18).

Consequently, we believe that all gene editing should be regulated as GMOs, in accord with the European Court of Justice Ruling of July 2018. This is consistent with scientific concepts and terminology and international treaties including the Cartagena Protocol.

We recognise gene editing is a developing technology which is now more available since recent advances in



genome sequencing and may have a role to play in future farming and food systems. We also recognise that some farmers may wish to use the products of gene editing and some consumers may be willing to purchase gene edited products.

We therefore agree with the long-established UK and EU policy that different approaches to agriculture (in particular organic, non-GM conventional and GM conventional) should coexist and thereby enable farmers to choose which approach they wish to follow and give consumers the choice of buying products from the farming system they wish to support.

Our response to the consultation is available to read in full at ofgorganic.org

<https://ofgorganic.org/news/of-g-response-to-govt-consultation-on-regulation-of-genetic-technologies>

For the attention of smaller Farmers & Growers

Do you have any ideas or projects that could benefit the wildlife on your holding?

If so, the Loraine Trust is awarding grants of up to £2,500 towards deserving projects that would enhance your holding and it’s wildlife.

If interested, you can apply, providing you can meet the criteria outlined below :

- You must be a Certified Organic farmer or grower.

- Work between 1 and 150 acres of land.
- Have some horticulture included in your enterprises.
- Have an annual HOUSEHOLD income not exceeding £25,000.

Send us full and specific details of your planned project, showing its benefits to your holding and its wildlife before 31st May 2021.

The Loraine Trust C/o Rob Usher, Y Fron, Cwmann, Lampeter SA48 8HE

Market Information

Grain Prices: Courtesy of Andrew Trump, Organic Arable

Conventional wheat futures have weakened to £198 (at time of writing) having been trading at £200 or above throughout the start of 2021 and so perhaps we will start to see the conventional market falling back to more usual levels. This is important as the organic price is holding up which helps widen the organic premium and keeps organic cereal producers from decertifying. We have heard of a couple of farmers taking the decision to quit organic cereal production when the premium then could achieve was just £50 per tonne. Their view being their only profitable organic crop they grew was organic milling oats.

With little domestic wheat to trade values remain reasonable at £265 - £270 ex farm. The discount for feed barley is larger than has historically been the case at about £30 + and it is strange that organic feed companies have not followed the lead of the conventional market and started to utilise more organic barley in their rations especially as protein prices are so high. Using more barley would keep feed costs lower.

Crop reports are good with winter crops coming out of the winter looking well and recent drier weathers allowing spring drilling to progress well.

Reports of new crop organic feed wheat values equating to £240 ex farm mean we might start the 2021 harvest at a higher level than we did this season and perhaps at a premium of £70 over conventional values. With reports of the organic market growing at 12% year on year it seems organic grain producers are sharing in the benefits of a growing organic market.

Please see <https://www.organicarable.co.uk/arable> for more information.

Please keep an eye on our blog www.organicarable.co.uk/blog
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Organic Livestock Trends: OLMC

ORGANIC PRIME BEEF CATTLE

Trade for all cattle continues to remain robust with good returns for producers. The Organic Prime market has been stable for the last six weeks with little issue in placing stock offered. Many producers will be grateful that turn-out is just around the corner as many are experiencing shortages of both straw and forage.

ORGANIC CULL COWS

A good demand for manufacturing meat has kept the cow trade strong; with numbers coming through typically being lower at this time of year the lower number of stock available has kept prices high.

Average R4L Organic UTM in spec @ 450p/kg deadweight

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

FINISHED LAMBS

The Lamb trade is still surprisingly buoyant with most abattoirs on the look out for stock. The returns for quality, in specification, carcasses remains extremely high. The outlook is fair leading up to Easter but will the trade be able to hold at these levels or will consumers start to shy away at the inevitable price increase in the shop?

For further information on the marketing of finished stock, please call:

Tim Leigh on 01763 250313 or 07850 366404.

ORGANIC STORE STOCK

With the country still in lockdown the strong demand for beef and lamb to eat at home continues and demand for Organic beef and lamb has risen as consumers increasingly look towards the Organic quality end of the market.

Lamb and beef prices have exceeded producers' expectations and this trend looks likely to continue, at least until we see a flush of cattle in the Autumn.

Store cattle prices are very buoyant

with finishers and graziers hungry for cattle as the number of cattle available is below what we would normally expect to see at this time of year.

Demand for organic dairy cattle also remains strong with demand currently far exceeding supply.

Cattle are now being turned out in a number of areas and let's hope that the Spring rainfall is better than last year.

The future of lockdown and overseas holidays is unpredictable but it is likely that far fewer of us will be holidaying abroad which may have a positive effect on demand in the red meat sector. Although feed prices look to remain high, the future for producers is looking good, at least in the medium term.

If you have store cattle for sale or if you have lambs or dairy stock available please do not hesitate to contact us for an initial, no obligation, chat.

Store cattle; Peter Jones 01829 730580 or 07720 892922

Dairy cattle; David Bostock 01829 730580 or 07734 808050

Sheep and lambs; Iain Turner 01829 730580 or 07970 197619

Organic Dairy Report: Courtesy of Rob Daykin, Daykin Partnership Ltd.

Arla's price increases reflect positive organic sentiment after difficult 2020

Last year was a mixed year for organic farmgate milk prices in Europe, and certainly for the UK, with France having its best year since 2015, Germany its second-best year, but The Netherlands, the UK and Denmark having their worst year since 2017, according to a price analysis by organic specialist Daykin Partnerships.

UK organic milk prices for 2020 averaged 38ppl, which is 1.6p down on the four-year average of 39.6p and also 2ppl down on the 40p+ average

that the sector has enjoyed since 2017. Prices first climbed above 40p in July 2017 and stayed above the threshold until September 2019 after which prices steadily declined through much of 2020, to a low of 37.3p. They then before picking up slightly in October. Now, though, Arla's latest price move of 1.3p for April for a standard litre propels its price above 38p for the first time since April last year.

In the EU Germany had the highest organic milk price in 2020 of 43.7p, which was up over 1p on the year before, followed by France with 41p, The Netherlands at 39.8p, and Denmark at 37.6p. October saw the German price come within 0.3p of its record price and 1ppl off the highest price recorded in Europe.

The question now is whether the

rampant conventional dairy markets, which are at near record highs for some commodities, will also have a knock-on beneficial effect on the organic sector.

The answer is that they should! The tariff-free Brexit deal and the easing of the US tariffs (admittedly for four months) will both undoubtedly help the free-flow of exported products, and the vaccine rollout should free-up food service shortly. Covid has been good for organic sales, and for the organic ethos, so there should be another positive driver here.

However, milk volumes are growing in Europe, and this could unsettle the market again if there is not a corresponding increase in organic milk demand. French organic milk volumes are up 6.5% for January

compared to last year, and German organic volumes are also up 3.6% on last year. These two countries account for just under 40% of all EU organic milk volumes. Denmark and the UK are two other big suppliers, with 14% and 13% of EU volumes respectively, but their volumes should be static if organic volumes are in line with conventional ones.

It is early days still on how the organic milk market will react to the soaring conventional market, but the sign from Arla with its two consecutive price rises is encouraging after a challenging 2020.

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OF&G and Organics in the News

Letter to editor on Trade and Agriculture Commission report

The Trade and Agriculture Commission (TAC) is an independent advisory board set up by the government to advise and inform government agri-food trade policies.

The Commission recently published its final report in which it sets out its vision. The report fails to address many of the fundamental challenges we face.

OF&G Chief Executive Roger Kerr, wrote a letter highlighting some of the significant implications for UK agriculture if the recommendations of the report were to be adopted.

Roger's letter was reproduced in a number of publications and is available to read in full at ofgorganic.org -

<https://ofgorganic.org/news/letter-to-editor-on-trade-and-agriculture-commission-report>

DairyTech21

Our chief executive Roger Kerr, joined the panel at DairyTech21 on 15th February 2021 alongside NFU deputy president and OF&G organic licensee Stuart Roberts and Harriet O'Regan of the Organic Trade Board.

Pandemic consumer trends boost organic



Organic market year-on-year sales growth reached 12.6 per cent in 2020, outperforming growth in the non-organic sector with a tenth consecutive year of growth, revealed the Soil Association Certification's annual UK Organic Market Report 2021.

Speaking at Dairy-Tech 2021, Harriet O'Regan, Arla Foods Category director and Director of the Organic Trade Board, said consumers were consuming more organic food, more regularly.

She said the most common driving factor for organic was health, but issues such as sustainability were increasingly driving people.

"Covid-19 has not dented climate concern. Nearly three-quarters of consumers want brands that reflect personal values," she added.

"The story that we are telling is absolutely what people want to hear."

Stuart Roberts, NFU deputy president and organic farmer, questioned whether the success had been driven by the word organic or by the stories and brands which happen to be organic.

"People buy stories, buy provenance and buy trust," he said.

Ms O'Regan said consumers had found online shopping during the pandemic and they did not expect that to change.

"Organic has benefited. It is easier to find organic. In the supermarket it is

really hard," she said.

Despite growing demand for organic produce, a gaping hole in Government policy on organic has left the amount of organic land in the UK static.

Farmers were interested in conversion but a lack of support from Government was holding them back.

Roger Kerr said there was a 'gaping hole' in the Government's policy on organic.

"OF&G has recorded an 85 per cent increase in enquiries, but ongoing transitional uncertainty around Government support for the sector means many are undecided about whether to proceed. Unfortunately, we are in a 'catch-22' situation and hope the EOF report will provide a route forward."

For the full article please go to Farmers Guardian online at:

<https://www.fginsight.com/news/pandemic-consumer-trends-boost-organic-117209>

OF&G welcomes Sustainable Farming Incentive

Alongside other organisations in the sector, OF&G has tried to help Defra understand the value of ensuring organic land management is integrated in future policy. OF&G chief executive Roger Kerr said their collaborative voices appear to have been heard.

"As a sector, we've been striving to highlight the multiple proven benefits

and public goods that organic systems simultaneously deliver against the sustainable standards that Defra is seeking to implement," Kerr said.

He added: "The policy paper states the SFI scheme is 'intended to reward farmers for delivering environmental benefits across all farming systems, including organic farms.'

"It may only be three small words but after months of work it feels like the value that organic farming can deliver is now beginning to be recognised."

He stressed that "consistent" levels of support are vital in helping primary producers maintain economic viability and transition to farming systems that deliver multiple public goods, adding that the organic sector can help Defra achieve its ambition to deliver its 25

Year Environment Plan and carbon net-zero targets.

The full article is available at the Fresh Produce Journal online at:

<http://www.fruitnet.com/fpj/article/184630/ofg-welcomes-sustainable-farming-incentive>

Farmer Focus: Time to reinstate former farm ponds



John Pawsey © Jason Bye

'A cousin of mine has been teasing me about taking perfectly productive fields and planting trees in the middle

of them (see my previous agroforestry articles).

I have another blinder up my sleeve for him as we have just agreed to reinstate two former ponds in fields, one on a perfectly straight headland edge and the other almost in the middle of a 20ha field.

Not content with alleys of trees, we are now digging holes and filling them with water.'

For the full article please go to Farmers Weekly online at: https://www.fwi.co.uk/arable/farmer-focus/farmer-focus-time-to-reinstate-former-farm-ponds?name=farmer-focus-time-to-reinstate-former-farm-ponds&category_name=arable%252Ffarmer-focus

Approved Inputs

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

Updated approved inputs

SUPPLIER	WEBSITE / EMAIL	CATEGORY
Institute of Cellular Pharmacology	https://www.icpconcepts.com/	Animal Feed Supplements
LKAB Minerals Ltd	https://www.lkabminerals.com/en/	Fertilisers, Soil Conditioner
Strathclyde Nutrition Ltd	https://www.strathclydenutrition.com/	Vitamins, minerals and trace elements
Thomson & Joseph Ltd	http://www.tandj.co.uk/	Fertilisers
ADM Protexin	https://www.protexin.com/	Animal Health Product
Anpario PLC	http://www.anpario.com/	Animal Feed Additives
Nico Orgo Manures	http://www.neemnico.com/	Fertilisers, Soil Conditioner,
Denis Brinicombe Group	http://www.brinicombe.co.uk/	Vitamins, minerals and trace elements, Animal Feed Supplements
Seasol International Pty Ltd	https://www.seasol.com.au/	Fertilisers
Devenish Nutrition	https://www.devenishnutrition.com/	Vitamins, minerals and trace elements
Microferm Ltd	https://www.microferm.co.uk/	Animal Feed Additives, Silage Additive, Plant Health Product
Mineral Guard Europe SP.zo.o.	https://mineral-guard.com.pl/	Additives
Gwen's Den	https://www.gwensden.co.uk/	Fertilisers
SB Osypenko	http://biogel.com.ua/	Fertilisers
Kelvin Cave Ltd	https://kelvincave.com/	Silage Additive
PCS Poultry Services Ltd	https://www.fossilshield.com/	Insect Control
AminoA Ltd	https://www.aminoa.co.uk/	Fertilisers, Seed Treatment

Recently awarded approved inputs

SUPPLIER	WEBSITE / EMAIL	CATEGORY
Agrimax PTE Ltd	http://www.agrimax.com.sg	Plant Health Product
AZ Global Solutions Ltd	azglobalsolutionslimited@gmail.com	Vitamins, minerals and trace elements
Blackthorn Salt	https://www.blackthornsalt.co.uk/	Ingredients
Edwards Agricultural Supplies	https://www.soiladvisory.co.uk	Fertilisers
Cargill Animal Nutrition T/A Provimi Ltd	https://www.provimi.co.uk/gb-gb/Home.html	Animal Feed Additives

Classifieds

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 & DAIRY CATTLE WANTED				
Wanted, organic cows & calves/ bulling heifers	Looking to buy some cows & calves or bulling heifers suitable to bull in the spring. 3/4 beef Cross, or pure lim.	Robbie	07870 634012	Llandrindod wells, Powys
Organic milk supply wanted North Yorkshire Moors	Organic milk supply (approximately 1000 litres) per week wanted by award winning cheesemaker in Whitby area for the setting up of a micro creamery.	Alastair Pearson	07866 208828	Castleton, North Yorkshire
In calf or just calved jersey needed	I run the Stowford Education Centre where children get to milk my 2 jerseys and we use the milk for children to make into cheese etc as well as selling raw milk to our local community. One of our jerseys has had an abortion so we are looking to buy a new jersey cow that has already calved recently or will soon. She needs to be suitable for children to milk and organic. Does anyone know someone who can help?	Anna Bryant	07974 150866	Trowbridge

FEEDSTUFFS AND FORAGE WANTED				
Big bale hay Wanted	80 bales + , Lorry and trailer worth, within striking distance of South West Scotland	Peter Darwell	07765 460331	Dumfries, Scotland
Organic hay wanted out of the field	Looking for opportunity to purchase round bale hay directly off the field in the summer, or potentially from the barn. If you have surplus grass, this might be the answer for you. Good prices paid for good hay.	Jamie Cullimore	07717 534933	Gloucester, Glos

LAND AND GRAZING WANTED				
Organic land	We are looking for 12 acres of organic land to grow leeks on this year.	Tony	07831 700402	Chatteris, Cambs
Organic Land Wanted	Looking for organic land to graze dexter cattle on, South Powys, please call.	Richard	07967 378721	Hay on Wye, Powys

MISCELLANEOUS WANTED				
Organic livestock wanted	We are looking for organic Pork, Lamb, Poultry, Goats and Veal Stirks. Nationwide collection arranged and best prices paid, any number considered. In conversion farms please make contact for future partnerships. We are looking for year round suppliers. Call for further details.	Ian O'Reilly	01200 445519 or 07980 817880	Rimington, Lancashire
Assistant Gardener for Market Garden, Shropshire	We are a 4 acre organic vegetable & flower market garden near Bishop's Castle. We seek an enthusiastic, industrious and self-motivated worker with a good-natured and positive attitude, to work 35 hours a week from April through October in all aspects of growing, harvesting and preparing organic vegetables and flowers for sale. Remuneration is set at the Government's national living wage in relation to age. To apply, send a letter of interest and current C.V. to: vegetables@linleyestate.co.uk	Kate Gatacre	07970 900113	Bishop's Castle, Shropshire

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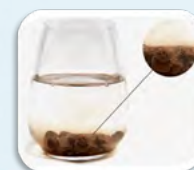
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ORGANIC GROWERS WANTED

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.

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General

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

UK Control Body Recognition

There has been a significant issue that is substantially affecting exporting and re-exporting of organic un-processed foods and feeds as a consequence of the terms of the organic trade agreement within the annexes of the UK/EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA).

The issue relates to the paragraph in Appendix A of ANNEX TBT-4 of the TCA which states "The organic products listed in this Appendix shall be unprocessed agricultural or aquaculture products produced in the United Kingdom or processed agricultural products for use as food or feed that have been processed in the United Kingdom with ingredients that have been grown in the United Kingdom or that have been imported into the United Kingdom in accordance with United Kingdom laws and regulations."

As you will see there is no provision for food or feed that is not processed in the UK. This means that products or ingredients produced outside the UK cannot be imported and then re-exported to the EU or NI where no further processing within GB has taken place.

This also represents a huge problem with organic products that have not undergone further processing within the EU coming from the EU to the UK, which will become apparent once EU operators have to complete COIs to import (1 January 2022). The six UK Control Bodies (CBs) have been recognised as equivalent and listed in Annex IV of Commission Regulation 1235/2008. It is understood that within the scope of this recognition we can facilitate this activity outside of the scope of the TCA; however, the GB-BIO codes relating recognition were removed from TRACES NT following the agreement of the TCA in December.

Once the issue with re-exporting food and feed products that have not undergone further processing within GB came to light in the middle of January, all the UK CBs requested the reinstatement of their respective GB-BIO codes. The Soil Association Certification has had their code reinstated. However the other five CBs (Biodynamic Association, Organic Food Federation, Organic Farmers & Growers, OF&G (Scotland) and Quality Welsh Food Certification) have so far not had their GB-BIO codes reinstated. The reason for this inconsistency has yet to be explained by the EU Organic Unit. UKOCCG has spoken to Elena Panichi (Head of the EU Organic unit) a number of times now and she has indicated that our request for the GB-BIO codes for all six UK CBs to be made available on TRACES NT has gone to their legal team. It is important to note that all six CBs have been recognised as equivalent and their respective GB-BIO codes were made available on TRACES NT at the end of December 2020. Elena said she can't provide a definitive timescale for a resolution, which is unacceptable given the inconsistency that currently prevails in the UK.

The current position as we understand it is that the EU Commission intend to move all UK CBs from Annex IV (individual CB recognition) to Annex III (recognised Third Countries) in early May. This will mean that all trade in organic products that have not undergone further processing will no longer be able to be facilitated by UK CBs within GB immediately thereafter.

The issue is that after 40 years of integrated trade, UK businesses (with established trade routes) cannot simply change the way they do business overnight. The limitations of the TCA around the import and re-export of organic food and feed (where no

further processing takes place) from the UK and to the UK will have a significant impact and businesses need time to adjust. This impact is difficult to assess currently but many businesses that have historically had ties with European processors and importers are being severely affected and are now undoubtedly losing hard won markets.

To help resolve this OF&G (through UKOCCG) have written to the Cabinet office and UK Trade Mission in Brussels asking that they request all the GB-BIO codes to be reinstated until 31st December 2021 to allow for a transition.

It is understood that a precedent has been set by the EU when the EU/Chile equivalency was agreed by allowing those Chilean CBs that were recognised under Annex IV to retain their recognition for six months.

We are therefore calling for the following:

1. UK operators need time to adjust, all UK CBs therefore need recognition to be retained in Annex IV until 31/12/21 as originally indicated when the update in Annex IV was published late last year
2. That ALL the GB-BIO codes are reinstated immediately to allow for this transition and to not unfairly penalise operators that are not certified by a CB that has a GB-BIO reinstated or obliging them to transfer to the CB that has access to their GB-BIO code on TRACES NT. This represents anti-competitive activity by the EU COM
3. That the paragraph in Appendix A of ANNEX TBT-4 of the TCA to be reworded to reflect the current UK/US equivalency

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which states “The arrangement is limited to organic products of US or UK origin. This includes products that have been either 1) produced with the US or UK or 2) products whose final processing or packaging occurs within the US or UK. This includes products processed in the US or UK that

contain organic ingredients from foreign sources that have been certified to the US or UK organic standards” - this is a mirror of the EU/US equivalency agreement

We have still to hear when they will be reinstated but Roger Kerr (CEO and Chair of UKOCG) is in regular contact

with colleagues in Europe (European Organic Certifiers Council (EOCC) and IFOAM Europe along with Defra and the UK Mission in Brussels pressing for a resolution. We hope to have some good news very soon.

Processors

TRACES Registration Reminder

As we move into the second quarter of 2021 OF&G are still seeing a number of operators experiencing difficulties exporting organic goods to the European Union (EU) and Northern Ireland (NI). There may be a number of reasons for this, one of which is the need to be registered as an organic exporter with both OF&G and on TRACES NT. If you are exporting or intending to export organic goods to the EU or NI and you haven't already done so there are two important actions for you to undertake:

1. Contact your certification officer at OF&G to discuss the requirements in order that your scope of certification and thus certificate of compliance can be amended to include 'Exporting';
2. Register yourself on TRACES NT. Once this has been completed you will be able to assign an activity as an 'organic exporter'. OF&G will receive notification of the registration and, provided all information is correct, will validate the registration.

Once OF&G have been able to validate the registration you will be able to produce the COI for exports of organic goods to the EU/NI.

Paper COI for imports from outside the EU

If you are importing organic goods into the UK from outside of the EU you will need to ensure the UK's revised COI system is followed. Unlike the EU's import system (TRACES NT) there is no on-line database for imports into the

UK and a paper based COI must be completed by the CB of the exporting operator in the third country. Defra has recognised the third countries and CBs deemed equivalent by the EU as of 1 January 2021 as being able to certify export to the UK and has notified them of the UK's revised import regime. Following recent discussions with Defra and other UK CBs there is concern that not all organic goods from these third countries are being imported into the UK with the correct paperwork.

As the importer within the UK you are responsible for ensuring all products are brought into the UK with the correct, compliant paperwork. The paper COI must be signed and stamped by the exporter's CB prior to the product leaving the country of export. You must inform the Port Health Authority (PHA) of the impending import of organic goods into UK; this will allow the PHA to undertake the relevant checks and endorsements of these organic goods and paperwork, including the additional requirements for high risk goods originating from Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Russian Federation, Turkey and China.

Ending of Easement for COIs from EU

Following the UK's exit from the EU the need for documentation to support organic imports into the UK moved away from the EU's on-line COI system (TRACES NT) to a paper based system implemented by Defra and the Port Health Authorities, as detailed above. Following numerous discussions, Defra agreed to the implementation of an easement against the requirement for a paper COI, meaning that any

imports of organic goods from the EU would not require a copy of the COI to accompany the goods until 1 July 2021. The Government has announced a further extension of the easement to 1 January 2022. This means that from 1 January 2022 any organic goods imported into the UK from the EU will require the CB of the exporting operator within the EU to produce and sign a copy of the Defra COI prior to the goods leaving the country of export. As the importer within the UK you are required to inform the PHA at the clearance port of the impending import of organic goods.

Whilst this easement will be in effect until midnight on 31 December 2021 it is important that you as the operator importing products from the EU are informing your suppliers (exporters in the EU) of these requirements and the need for them to speak to their CBs.

Fraudulent Certificates

We have been notified via the EOCC of the following fraudulent certificates that are currently in circulation:

ECOCERT


EPLAN Commercial South Africa. Valid until 31st May 2022

(Distribution-Exporting-Importing)
Issued in Cape Town 16th September 2020


Gale & Cosm s.r.l VIA IV Novembre 92
- Valid until 31st March 2020


The certifier has noted that they did not issue these certificates and do not certify these operators. If you receive or have received a certificate in the above name, please contact your Certification Officer immediately.



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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				
Organic grazing for cattle	grazing for organic cattle near st clears available now	Roger Morgan	07970 178598	Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire
Angus Steers	8 18mo and 15 6mo angus steers wintered out, no dairy in them, out of beef cows	Andrew Smith	07960 738791	Launceston, Cornwall
Store cattle	11 mixed steers and heifers around 10 to 12 months charolais and south devon cross all out of proper beef cows tb tested	Ian Smith	07779 987580	Launceston, Cornwall
AA Calves	15 AA calves for sale. Bulls and Heifers. All Bucket Trained. Named sires.	Toby Ansdell	07785 397678	Barnstaple, Devon
Organic South Devon store cattle	Good strong South Devon store cattle, mostly from Hereford x British Friesian cows all born April/ May 2020. Single suckled. Roughly 50/50 steers and heifers. BVD, IBR AND Johnes clear and all cows vaccinated for Lepto. TB tested and ready to go.	John Cullimore	07808 306812	Gloucester, Glos
20 Organic British Friesian/ holstein steers	20 steers 6 to 9 month old for sale many of them 50% british friesian	Don Shore	07740 123909	Chester, Flintshire
4 organic 2to 3 month old British Blue Calves	3 heifers and one bull calves very good types for sale also some younger ones if wanted	Don Shore	07740 123909	Chester, Flintshire
20 Bulling/early in calf heifers for sale	20 Bulling/early in calf heifers for sale Pedigree Holstein and Viking cross heifers for sale 10-16 months old Johnes, BVD free, IBR vaccinated.	Phil Brooke	07838 381317	Leominster, Herefordshire

DAIRY CATTLE FOR SALE				
Organic Cows for Sale	12 Out of calving Pattern cows for Sale. Bf Type with some Kiwi X Breeding. From Grazing system. Mainly Young Cows. In calf to BB or AA. Due Apr/May. Lepto and BVD Vaccinated. Johnes and IBR screened.	Toby Ansdell	07785 397678	Barnstaple, Devon
Complete Organic Dairy Dispersal Sale	On behalf of VF Parker & Co, Hem House, Rossett, "Due to Retirement" Complete Organic Dairy Dispersal Sale (inc some eligible for PWAB) of 320 Montbeliarde, Mont x Fr, Fr x Ho & Ho cows together with all youngstock removed to Mold Auction Market. Thurs 25 March at 12 noon: Sale of approximately 170 milking cows (150 in milk & 20 dry). Thurs 8 April at 12 noon: Sale of 101 Organic youngstock including 22 running with bull/in calf heifers, 5 stock bulls inc ped AA bull. For further information please contact James 07866 419371 or Wynne 07773 349941.	James or Wynne at J Bradburne Price & Co		Mold, Flintshire
20 Bulling Heifers for sale	British Friesian X bulling heifers sired from LIC Bulls Frankie, Sierra and No2Ways. Born September & October 2019. Some were put up for service this winter but half weren't as they were too small for service. Would suit a spring calver. Average LWT 278kg. Vaccinated for Husk, BVD, Lepto & IBR. TB Clear currently in their 60 day window post TB test which ends on 09/04/2021.	Chris North	07811 565605	Newnham on Severn, Glos
BF Organic Bulling Heifers	11 Heifers surplus to needs, 8 x 13 mths, 3 X 22 Mths, BF Breeding. Fantastic condition. From Grazing herd	Toby Ansdell	07785 397678	Barnstaple, Devon

LAND AND GRAZING FOR SALE				
Organic Dairy Farm	Organic dairy farm for sale in North Wales https://www.uklandandfarms.co.uk/rural-property-for-sale/wales/north-wales/rossett_wrexham-prdoep66/ Further details from Peter@jbradburneprice.com	J Bradburne Price and Co	01352 753873	Wrexham/Chester
Organic grazing near Monmouth	60acres summer grazing for sheep or cattle from 1st May to end October. Well fenced and watered.	Teona Dorrien-Smith	01600 780501	Monmouth, Monmouthshire

FEEDSTUFFS AND FORAGE FOR SALE				
In transition hay and silage bales Bucks/Oxon border	7 foot 4 string big bales of hay for sale. Round bale silage for sale - made from herbal leys this year. Second year of transition to organic.	Rose	07535 611919	Thame, Oxon, bucks
Stock feed potatoes	Stock feed potatoes for sale	Phil Houlbrooke	07970 540092	Ledbury, Herefordshire
Oats near Monmouth	About 6 tonnes organic feed oats for sale. Offers invited - I need to clear the store.	Teona Dorrien-Smith	01600 780501	Monmouth, Monmouthshire
Forage Contracts	Do you always have to buy in forage? Are you tight for acres or overstocked? I can grow forage for you, on a contract basis, You instruct me what forage you require (from high quality first cut grass silage to pasture hay) and I will grow this for you. Payment plans available to spread the cost of your order over 12 months. Please ring or email sjbestfarmsltd@gmail.com for more information.	Simon Best	07816 386945	Tetbury, Glos
Organic grass silage	Round bale silage 25 bales. Maybe more available later.	Philip Wadsworth	07974 387663	Thirsk, North Yorkshire
Organic Meadow Hay	I have 400 small organic meadow hay bales for sale. Cut July 2020. First cut. Stored right away and in excellent condition. This hay is extremely fine and smells wonderful. Can help load. Bales sizes are: 500mmW, 1000mmL, 400 mmH. Each bales weight about 23-15 kg. Very easy to handle and good access. MK17 area near Buckingham	Farokh Khoroshi	07798 822524	Milton Keynes, Bucks
Organic Feed Wheat in 500kg bags	We can deliver organic feed wheat delivered in 500kg bags. Minimum order only 500kg. Please get in touch for delivered prices. Delivery Nationwide	Gemma Clarke	07792 600310	Sleaford, Lincolnshire
For Sale 2020 Organic 1st & 2nd Cut Round Bale Silage	For sale 2020 Organic 1st & 2nd cut Round bale silage. Please contact Tom 07712 770168 or Steve 07834 096966 for further details.	Thomas Harvey		Honiton, Devon
Oats	About 15 tonnes feed oats for sale. Make an offer	Richard Cooper	07738 121908	Congleton, Cheshire
Second year conversion silage and hay - good value	Silage and hay made from herbal Ley, second year in conversion. Both made this year. Good value - we are having a clear out - near Thame Oxon. 60 bales of 4 string hay. About 100 bales of silage.	Rose	07535 611919	Thame, Oxon, Bucks
Organic Seed Hay	Top quality Italian/Red Clover Hay in big square bales approx 550 kg each. Made 1st cut in June and barn stored. Please ring for more details	Harry Williams	07831 124968	Swindon, Wiltshire
Big Bale Meadow Haylage	40 round big bales organic meadow haylage. Can deliver if local or load. Please phone for further details.	Paul Hurford	07786 087411	Dundry, North Somerset
OTHER LIVESTOCK FOR SALE				
Deer hinds and calves, retirement sale	For sale due to retirement; 38 red deer hinds of various ages, running with Woburn stag (also for sale). Due to calf June onwards. Also available, 33 last years calves. Very smart looking animals.	Giles Maddever	07971 572111	Looe, Cornwall
SHEEP FOR SALE				
Ewe Hogs (Cheap Gimmers)	Well bred ewe hogs, good size, prolific and hardy make cracking gimmers. 42 available, can deliver to all areas, genuine sheep.	Alan Brown	07810 162897	Newton Stewart, Dumfries & Galloway
Store lambs for sale	50+ mostly Texel x store lambs for sale	John Wescott	07813 650758	Tiverton, Devon
Rare opportunity - 8 pedigree Hampshire Down Ewes with young lambs at foot	Genuine sale due to farmers injury, closed flock reduction. Hardy sheep from 1000ft old land pasture, born & bred on the farm. All ewes full mouthed with plenty of milk. 5 ewes with single gimmer lambs. 1 ewe with twin gimmers. 2 ewes with single wether lambs. Delivery possible depending on amount bought.	Janice Baker	07918 940133	Durham, Co Durham
MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE				
Poultry layers manure	Poultry layers manure available for collection from Worcester. Could deliver if local.	James Kent	07710 811805	Worcester, Worcs
Organic Poultry Manure available free for collection	Organic Poultry Manure available free for collection. (delivery may be possible at a charge) Minimum loads of 10T. Various Locations across Norfolk and Suffolk. INTERMITTENT ALL YEAR ROUND AVAILABILITY. Contact Agriculture Dept for further information.	Traditional Norfolk Poultry	01953 498434	Norfolk/Suffolk
Poultry Manure for sale	Approximately 15 tonnes of poultry manure	P J and C S Barrell	07816 490125	Hereford, Herefordshire