New report looks at redefining productivity and efficiency of UK farming systems


A report launched by OF&G on 11 October 2019 proposes a new approach to the way we assess productivity and efficiency of UK farm businesses, with the view of building a more resilient and sustainable system of food production.

While the current approach to UK agricultural economics focuses on a growth in outputs and optimising inputs, the report, written by independent consultant Christopher Stopes, states that a change in assessing the economics of food production must happen if we are to address the major environmental and social challenges we face.

With the Agriculture Bill due back in parliament with the new Government and the proposed New Food Strategy setting out clear aspirations that will require a systemic shift, the launch of this report comes at a crucial time.

“Business as usual isn’t an option,” says Roger Kerr, chief executive of OF&G. “We can’t carry on eroding natural assets to the point of no return. Despite a well-intended approach, driven by a profit and loss method of accounting, it has unintentionally led to serious negative consequences for the environment while not actually improving farm incomes.

“Although yields did initially increase between the 1960s to 1980s through the use of ‘modern’ farming chemistry, they have largely plateaued since then. Nutritional value has actually decreased; in fact, it was recently reported that we now need to eat twice as many calories to receive the same nutritional content which, among other things, is driving the obesity crisis.”

Mr Kerr says farmers’ quest to become efficient and productive in its current definition, clearly is not working and objectives must change. “In principle, if you can produce two things from the land where you once produced one thing, you’re doing a good job. But the question is, at what cost, and for what gain?”

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“Current conventional models of production mean we are failing to produce food within environmental boundaries, resulting in climate change, biodiversity loss and soil degradation. Continuing to mine resources in this way will ultimately provide results for no-one.”

The report sets out an alternative way of defining how we measure farm productivity and efficiency. “Like other business models, UK agriculture needs to change its financial principles and consider the entire balance sheet, including wider assets and liabilities. Rather than a traditional profit and loss approach there needs to be a focus on overall equity value or net worth,” says report author, Christopher Stopes.

“Factoring in non-cash outcomes in the context of the environment, such as soil carbon content, biodiversity and agricultural landscapes, resilience to flooding and rural vitality is essential to prompt the system shift required to address the challenges we face.”

Mr Stopes says organic is well-placed to address these challenges. “Organic defines a whole system approach to food production that can help reverse negative impacts on the environment by providing healthier soils and a more abundant and diverse mix of flora and fauna, while reducing pollution and nutrient overload.

“It’s clear, however, to address the broader challenges our food system faces that organic and agroecological approaches to food production must be accompanied by a reduction in food waste and more on-farm nutrient cycling - important for all crops especially when rearing livestock.

In a session called Our Daily Bread Steven hosted a conversation with a farmer - Mark Lea, a miller - Anne Parry and a baker - Lucy Watson.

Mark described how he got on the path to growing higher value food crops instead of commodity crops that are not always suitable in an organic situation and where global prices are extremely unpredictable.

“We’ve always grown wheat, but about 5 years ago I was losing my patience with wheat, modern wheats have been improved and improved and improved - selected for High Input Systems, and selected away from organic system requirements. They have become unsuitable for an organic rotation and as such they are unreliable. We were asked to grow the Organic Research Centre’s Wakelyns YQ Population 5 years ago and that injected enthusiasm for long straw wheats and led to us being introduced to millers and bakers. This gave us the opportunity to see wheat as food instead of simply a grain commodity that went into a lorry and off it went.”

During the two day conference, workshops and presentations were reported across social media. if you want to look further you can search Twitter under the hashtag #WRFFC19
ELM Update

Whilst government is paralysed by purdah and uncertainty, we must continue to work on the basis that Brexit will happen. Consequently the Agriculture Bill will be revived by the next government and will shape future farming landscapes in England. It is critical that the new Bill has the provisions of the fallen Bill, and aims to ensure that it better describes ‘public goods’ and how farmers will be fully rewarded for their provision in the future. The new Bill must include a coherent framework for rewarding farmers for their delivery of public goods through Environmental Land Management (ELM).

Organic farming operates on the basis of a very clear system of farming – one that depends on a living and fully functioning environment, where pesticides and fertilisers are avoided and high welfare livestock production are required. They offer a sensible and coherent component in the future Environmental Land Management scheme. “public goods” are assured and there is a well understood standard for annual inspection, verification and certification through a legally defined standard. This offers value for money and a scheme that is ‘ready to go’ for government. Whilst politicians are on the campaign trail civil servants continue to beaver away on the details of the ELM scheme. Before the announcement of the election we were working closely with Defra to outline a credible proposal for how organic provides an ELM opportunity. We are fortunate to have a good precedent in the organic agri-environment programme that operates currently. ELM provides the opportunity to shift to rewarding public goods far more effectively than at present.

The English Organic Forum represents the organic sector as a whole and is working on the organic ELM scheme, defining suitable payment options to provide sufficient incentive for more farmers to convert and maintain organic systems. We urge government to aim for a short term target of 10% of organically managed land. This could have a transformative impact on organic productive capacity, deliver the urgently needed public goods and rise to the increasingly intelligent demands of consumers.
OF&G Licensees in the News

Organic grower turns to sheep to control weeds

Shropshire organic grower Mark Lea was concerned that docks might become a nuisance weed on his farm and he turned to sheep as a solution. His 100-strong flock of ewes nibble away at docks and also have a liking for chickweed and charlock, and so help get his one-year grass leys into good shape without the use of any herbicides.

Average wheat yields in his five-year crop rotation are 4.4t/ha, and his prices have not seen the falls faced by non-organic wheat, as he has just sold feed wheat from harvest 2019 at £260/t. “We are making more profit as an organic farm as it opens up a number of doors to adding value for our products,” he adds.

Mr Lea switched to organic farming in 2000 as it was proving difficult to survive as a relatively small arable farm of 223ha. His move was cushioned by the advent of environmental schemes which he was able to join.


Organic food producer reaps reward for outstanding efforts to boost farm wildlife

Mill Farm at Great Witchingham has won the 2019 Farm Conservation Award run by the Norfolk Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG).

Duncan and Mary MacGregor, of Mill Farm, Great Witchingham, were presented with the Ian MacNicol Memorial Trophy after being named winners of the 2019 Farm Conservation Award run by the Norfolk Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG).

Their 1,000-acre mixed organic farm is located south of Whitwell and in the headwaters of the Blackwater river. It has a seven-year arable rotation, with one third of the farm being in a fertility-building ley at any one time, and also runs a herd of pedigree Longhorn cattle and pedigree poll Dorset sheep.

After accepting the trophy, Mr McGregor thanked the team at Mill Farm, particularly his wife Mary and farm manager Leigh Nobes, and paid tribute to the wider farm conservation community at Norfolk FWAG’s AGM where the presentation was made.

“Everything on our farm starts with the insects, and we are trying to provide a habitat for them for 365 days a year. We can all provide lots of things when it is easy to do it, but at this time of year it is easy for us to destroy where these things are living. So we need to make sure it is there all year, not just some of the year.”


Here is an excerpt from John Pawsey’s Farmer Focus report in the Farmers Weekly 19 November 2019.

Farmer Focus: What are the unintended costs of GM crops?

The wet weather has meant we have begun tackling the long list of winter jobs early, including cleaning 130t of spring barley seed and 60t of spring oat seed.

These have been tested by NIAB (National Institute of Agricultural Botany) and have come back disease-free and with good germination scores, so perfect for home saving.

I feel cautiously positive that we will now not be crashing out of the EU, with the certification situation that a no deal could have left organic producers in.

I do, though, have concerns about the government’s rhetoric about new trade deals promising cheaper food for all and the possibility of lowering our food standards.

I also feel cautious about the enthusiasm for GM crops post Brexit, and although I am not against the technology – subject to environmental protection – I do think we have to be aware of the possible unintended additional costs of growing GM crops in the UK.

These include the cost of segregation in our own stores and in feed mills, issues of in-field and inter-farm contamination and the legal ramifications, as well as the potential loss of marketing opportunities.

The last thing we need is our margins to be eroded any more than they are now.

https://www.fwi.co.uk/arable/farmer-focus/farmer-focus-what-are-the-unintended-costs-of-gm-crops

OF&G organic and Pasture-Fed Livestock licensee and farmer Ian Boyd was interviewed by BBC Farming Today 20 November 2019

“We feed no grain to the cattle. We move them everyday to fresh grass. We get grass growing long, it can set seed, helps biodiversity and allows long root growth which sequestrates a lot of carbon in the soil. Its not the cow, its the how. This is a way of putting the carbon back into soil. Improves soil health, increases biodiversity, you’ve purer water run off the farm, and in extreme flooding events the soil acts like a sponge to absorb more of the water so you get less flooding.”

https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000bfjp

Licensees - if you have any news of interest that you think others would like to see in this newsletter, please send it to steven@ofgorganic.org and we will include it when we have space to do so.
**Market Information**

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

Poor autumn planting conditions have hampered both conventional and organic farmers over recent weeks with some farmers reporting they have not planted any organic winter crops. The loss of soil moisture through evaporation reduces sharply at this time of year and so opportunities to plant will reduce from now on unless hard frosts develop to allow cultivation and planting. This has led to a strengthening of conventional wheat values as markets foresee a far smaller UK wheat harvest as a result. The same has not been seen in the organic market for the following reasons:

1. The UK organic sector is far less reliant upon winter plantings with many organic farms have a reasonably even split between spring and winter planting.
2. The UK organic wheat market is largely driven by imported grain from the Black Sea. The Defra crop area figures published in 2019 indicate the organic wheat area down to just 8000 ha. If it is assumed the aggregate yield is down by 1t / ha it would require an additional 8000 t to replace this which is simply an additional cargo of Black Sea grain. The conventional market is far more geared to both wheat and winter cereal production therefore making the impact of the poor autumn drilling far greater.
3. The organic cereal market works on a physical market rather than a futures market to price grain (one of the differences that is misunderstood). Current supplies are readily available and so buyers remain confident they can source what they require. Why would they offer more now based on current UK conditions when prices next season will be influenced by currency and crop conditions in Eurasia?

So what does this mean for values? There is quite a spread in the market with some buyers paying more to support UK production. For these buyers a value of £250 ex farm for organic feed wheat is available but for those focussed on imported supplies a value of £235 is more likely. Feed barley is at parity with wheat with feed oats a further £5 discount. Beans are worth £355 ex farm but cheap offers of organic peas are eroding that value. Milling oats are trading at £260-£280 ex farm and so continue to outperform other crops.

Seed availability will be very tight for spring seed as land destined for autumn drilling is put into spring cropping. Conventional seed is also in very short supply and so recleaned-only seed will be very scare too. The UK is importing conventional seed at £500 per tonne in order to cover the spring demand. Organic growers need to get orders placed asap to ensure they have seed available to them.

Please contact Kathy on 01638 744144 for seed availability and pricing and to place your orders.

**Organic Livestock Trends: OLMC**

The finished cattle trade has seen a continuation of prices weakening and cattle supplies starting to pile up with lead times to slaughter increasing. The Christmas period will further compound the situation with the loss of potential kill days unless things change dramatically. The slaughtering for Christmas is all but done, so it is even more imperative that producers keep a keen eye on ages and ensure they have a finishing plan for their cattle into the New Year.

The situation is similar with organic bull cows, where prices have dropped back and numbers waiting to go have built up. The demand could well pick up with the onset of colder weather and numbers shortening as we get toward 2020.

**Average R4L Organic UTM in spec @ 388p/kg deadweight**

**Average R4L Organic OTM Cow in spec @ 255p/kg deadweight**

The organic lambs have steadily increased in price over the past few weeks. The trade looks to continue like this into the beginning of the next year. The longer term should look reasonable as organic lambs are quite likely to be in short supply. However with uncertainty as to what outcome of the next round of Brexit will bring, sheep farmers are still sceptical of the future. The hope being that with reduced numbers available there will be a healthy competition for supplies of organic lambs into the spring.

**Average R3L organic NSL in spec @ 420p/kg**

For further information on the marketing of finished stock contact Tim Leigh office 01763 250313 or mob: 07850 366404.

After a slow start to the Autumn we have seen demand recover for organic store cattle. This applies mainly for cattle that will finish in the next 3 - 4 months but there is still also demand for cattle to be over wintered inside and turned out in the Spring. These are normally Spring born this year, weighing typically 250 - 350 kgs and will be in excess of 400 kgs at turnout. With the majority of beef cows in the UK calving in the Spring means that the flow of age and weight of cattle for turnout follows a similar pattern year on year. Looking forward to 2020 it is anticipated there will be an increase in demand for organic stores in January, February and March. The demand and price for finished cattle is less predictable but we look toward an improvement and this is mainly due to the political uncertainty of the last year or so and confidence could well return in 2020. During this period of uncertainty a number of large organic finishers have scaled back in numbers and that could well mean the overall organic finished cattle numbers will reflect that change and push the finished prices upwards. You will have seen that we are now marketing organic store lambs and for any information relating to buying or selling please contact Iain Turner on 01829 730580. Should you wish to discuss the marketing of your store cattle & store lambs please do not hesitate to ring the following Peter Jones office 01829 730580 / mobile 07720 892922 or David Bostock for all dairy cattle office 01829 730580 / mobile 07734 808050. In addition details of store cattle and store lambs are on [www.peterjoneslivestock.co.uk](http://www.peterjoneslivestock.co.uk)
Sir,

Mr Tasker’s article, “Switch to organic farming ‘would increase greenhouse gas’” highlighted findings in the recent research published in the journal Nature Communications, “The greenhouse gas impacts of converting food production in England and Wales to organic methods”.

OF&G (Organic Farmers & Growers) is disappointed with the research conclusions that state moving to organic would increase greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by off-shoring our food production due to lower yields.

The research appears to fail in several critical areas. Firstly, it fails to recognise the impact on GHG emissions from the manufacture of external agricultural inputs. A recent study by Sheffield University showed ammonium nitrate fertiliser alone used in wheat cultivation contributes to almost half (43%) of the GHG emissions associated with industrial bread production – dwarfing all other processes in the entire supply chain.

The percentage reduction in yield in organic systems cited in the research is also arguable, however, research undertaken by FiBL states that while organic may have lower yields, it represents part of a sustainable solution.

The research also fails to address significant structural issues in our current food system. It’s suggested around 30% of food produced in the UK is wasted and around 40% of the world’s cereal production goes to feeding livestock in intensive systems. 30% of the US cereal crop alone currently goes into biofuel production.

It’s a sobering thought that while 820 million people on the planet don’t have enough to eat, 2,100 million are overweight or obese according to the UN. If we reduced waste and focused on feeding people nutritious diets and not feeding cars or livestock, organic production could feed the world.

In the face of these statistics to simply dismiss organic on the grounds that it can’t fulfil the needs of a dysfunctional food system seem perverse. It seems, therefore, we need a new approach to defining productivity and efficiency - one which allows the benefits of a joined-up system approach.

OF&G recently argued for this in a report proposing a rethink of our definition of productivity and efficiency so that externalities are recognised in a balance sheet approach. Done this way, there’s every reason to believe an organic system is both efficient and productive, with significant benefits of cleaner air and water, and improved biodiversity.

The research in Nature Communications doesn’t recognise that the general farming approach over the last 50 or 60 years has led to impoverished soils and contributed toward a significant reduction in biodiversity. In the UK, there’s been a 56% decline in farmland birds since 1970 and it’s suggested there’s now only 100 harvests left in our soils.

Although the research recognises the benefits an organic system brings to soils and biodiversity, it fails to take a joined-up approach, which has proved to be great fodder for the advocates of ‘business as usual’ - something the IPCC and the UN has agreed is no longer an option.

Roger Kerr
Chief Executive, OF&G (Organic Farmers & Growers)
On Friday 22 November 2019, Whites Oats were awarded Best Breakfast Product for their ‘White’s Organic Jumbo Oats’ at the Quality Food and Drink Awards in London.

At a glitzy event far from the muddy fields of our organic farmers, our oats were receiving their just rewards.

Stuart Best (centre), White’s Business Development Manager, receiving the Quality Food Award for Best Breakfast Product.

Five years ago Organic Arable and Whites initiated a programme of work to improve the quality of the organic oats being supplied to Whites. This has involved a research programme, trials and knowledge transfer activity to help Organic Arable farmers produce the highest quality oats. The farmers now talk a different language of “hullability” and “marketable yield” as they seek to learn how to grow better quality oats.

Organic farmer, Peter Cheek said. “I like growing oats as they are a reliable crop and fit well in our system but it wasn’t too many years ago they seemed to go for feed. It seems perfect sense to work with our customer to understand what they need and do our best to grow it. And it works and every year we’ve achieved a premium because we grow what our customer wants.”

“Everyone’s hard work and the changes our farmers have implemented have paid off.” says Organic Arable Managing Director Andrew Trump. “Oats used to be something of a poor relation to other cereals and quality was variable. Focussing on what Whites require and producing oats to tighter than normal specification has not always been easy, but clearly this effort means our oats have improved the quality of the Jumbo Organic Oats Whites produce”, he went on.

“We have developed an innovative approach which rewards growers for the quality of the oat sample they produce and our farmers are focussed on not only growing the best oats they can but also on ensuring they are well conditioned post-harvest. Farmers are rewarded through a pricing mechanism that pays premiums for higher quality oats as is the case for milling wheat.”

Organic Arable’s Chair, farmer Sophie Alexander also commented:

“Organic Arable want to say many congratulations to the Whites team and our brilliant farmers that are involved in this supply chain. It isn’t often, as an arable farmer, that you know exactly what food product your grain is destined to become and I know our farmers take pride in knowing that their grain ends up in the Whites Organic Jumbo Oats bag. I love cooking my morning porridge knowing they could be my oats.”

“We are extremely proud to have developed this relationship and we are excited to see how it will thrive in the coming years. We still need more organic oat growers and so would be delighted to hear from organic farmers who would like to grow for us so they too can boast they grow award winning organic oats”.

For more information please contact Andrew Trump on 01638 744144 or 07980 955490

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General

Application for Recognition within the EU

As part of on-going planning and contingencies in the event of a no-deal EU exit, OF&G have been putting together an application to the European Commission for recognition as a control body working in a Third Country. However, applications cannot be submitted until such time as the UK officially leaves the EU. In order to speed up the process OF&G are ensuring their dossier of required documents is complete and will be sending it in ahead of the UK leaving the EU, the Commission will not look at it until they are given an official leave date though.

After the applications have been submitted we have to wait for the relevant authorities in Europe to assess and approve them before products can be exported into Europe.

The UK Control Bodies have also asked the Commission whether there is the possibility of a temporary “administrative recognition” that may be implemented whilst applications are assessed in order to avoid interruptions in trade. This would be granted on the understanding that the UK is currently compliant with the EU regulation and we would still require formal applications to be assessed before achieving full, on-going recognition.

Producers

If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact your certification officer.

Parallel production

Following discussions with all Control Bodies we have been looking at what can and can not be permitted regarding parallel production of organic and non-organic livestock on farms. Parallel production is identified where the farm has the same variety of crops that are not easily differentiated or having the same species of livestock on your non-organic land as on your organic/converting land. The organic standards permit parallel production in a small number of circumstances. These can be found at 7.2.13 and 8.1.24 of the OF&G Standards Manual.

The standards define the holding and production unit as follows:

‘Holding’ means all the production units operated under a single management for the purpose of producing agricultural products.

‘Production unit’ means all assets to be used for the production sector such as production premises, land parcels, pasturage, open air areas, livestock buildings, fish ponds, containment systems for seaweed or aquaculture animals, shore or seabed concessions, the premises for the storage of crops, crop products, seaweed products, animal products, raw materials and any other input relevant for this specific production sector.

If you fall within one of the following scenarios your system will not be classified as being in parallel production.

1. You have a non-organic farm with a separate holding number where the management of the farm is separate from your organic farm even if this is under the same ownership;

2. You have physically separate organic and non-organic farms that are clearly identified, self sufficient and not are not reliant on the other holding and are not deemed to be under the same management.

If you have organic and non-organic crops of the same variety (not easily differentiated) or organic and non-organic livestock of the same species your certification officer will check this against the two scenarios above. If your production falls within these this will not be identified as parallel production. You must ensure that each production unit is physically, financially and operationally separate from the other and be able to demonstrate this to your certification officer and at your inspection.

Antibiotic use - Using wormers and antibiotics (withdrawal periods)

We have discussed the use of veterinary treatments, be it wormers or antibiotics, many times over the years but we feel it is always advantages to remind everyone of their obligations with regard to their use in organic production. When converting to organic production the objective is to avoid the use of these types of treatments wherever possible and indeed the organic regulation states that ‘phytotherapeutic and homeopathic products, trace elements and products listed in OF&G Manual 8.4.33 to 8.4.37 must be used in preference to veterinary treatments’.

However, if an animal becomes ill you must use whatever means necessary to cure that illness and avoid any suffering even if that means the animal will lose its organic status. If you do have to use veterinary treatments a withdrawal period will be required where the animals or their products (milk, eggs, etc…) will not be able to be marketed. In most cases a product will have a specific withdrawal period stated relating to the livestock that is being treated; this is known as the statutory withdrawal period. When administering to organic/converting animals this statutory period must be doubled to give the organic withdrawal period. If the product being administered has a statutory withdrawal period stated as zero or no withdrawal period is identified the animal and its products must not be marketed as organic for at least 48 hours after the treatment has finished (see examples in the table overleaf).

Where products are used outside of the statutory authorisation (off-label) please contact your certification officer for information.

For your Organic Business
If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact your certification officer (CO).

**Labelling post Brexit**

The EU organic logo belongs to the European Commission. In the event of a no-deal Brexit the EU organic logo will not be permitted on organic products produced within the UK under UK organic certification.

If an agreement is reached and equivalence achieved or the food business are certified by a CB recognised by the EU to operate in the UK, then the EU logo would be permitted on organic products produced and/or packed within the UK, although this requirement would be optional.

For products placed on the UK market if we leave without a deal, these changes include:

- The EU emblem (European flag) must not be used on goods produced in the UK unless a company has been authorised by the EU to do so;
- The EU organic logo must not be used on any UK organic products, unless the UK and EU reach an equivalency arrangement – where both still recognise each other's standards - before exit day; and
- It will be inaccurate to label UK food as origin 'EU'. Additional information such as signage in shops and online.

Information will help clarify to the consumer the origin of the food. Food and drink products that have already been placed on the UK market on or before no-deal can continue to be sold through until the stocks are exhausted.

For goods placed on the UK market after no-deal where, as a result of EU Exit, the information is technically incorrect (for example UK products labelled as origin ‘EU’), the UK government will encourage enforcement officers to take a pragmatic approach to enforcement, which fully protects the interests of consumers while ensuring industry are able to manage the scale of labelling changes required.

The EU and other non-EU countries may require wholly accurate labelling for access to their markets. In these instances, it is recommended that labels are replaced or over-stickered as required to ensure they are fully accurate.

A 21-month transition period has been agreed to give businesses more time to make other labelling changes such as ensuring there is a UK address for the responsible Food Business Operator or importer on the label.

**Product used** | **Stated (statutory) withdrawal period** | **Organic withdrawal period**
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| Cydectin 1% w/v solution for injection of sheep | • 70 days for meat | • 140 days |
| Panacure 10% Oral suspension | • 120 hrs (cattle – milk) | • 240 hours (10 days)  
• 12 days (cattle – meat) | • 24 days  
• 15 days (sheep – meat) | • 30 days |
| Tetra-Delta intramammary suspension | • 108 hrs (cattle – milk) | • 216 hrs  
• 7 days (cattle – meat) | • 14 days |
| Multiject IMM intramammary suspension | • 108 hrs (cattle – milk) | • 216 hrs  
• 7 days (cattle – meat) | • 14 days |
| Excenel 50 mg/ml suspension for injection | • 0 days (cattle – milk) | • 48 hrs  
• 6 days (cattle – meat) | • 12 days  
• 2 days (pigs – meat) | • 4 days |
| Metacam injection | • 120 hrs (cattle – milk) | • 240 hrs (10 days)  
• 15 days (cattle – meat) | • 30 days |

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OF&G do not endorse the use of any veterinary medicines

**Staff News**

Nic Maiden-Padfield

For the majority of licensees the name Nic Maiden-Padfield will not be one you have come across in your dealings with OF&G.

Nic joined OF&G on a part-time basis just over three years ago, at the time her role involved assisting Andrew in the Quality Systems team batching up and sending out inspection packs to the inspectors and producers.

Before coming to OF&G, in Nic's own words, she has 'held many different roles in the insurance and banking sectors', and most recently run her own business in Portugal.

During her time with us Nic has increased her hours and is now working full time, taking on the task of overseeing the Woodland Carbon Code and Peatland Code schemes undertaken by OF&G.

Outside of work Nic enjoys spending time with her young family (including two dogs) camping in the Welsh countryside, apparently without the usual comforts of home, and taking part in organised off-roading events in their various Land Rover 4x4's.
## Items for sale

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### SHEEP FOR SALE

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<td>North Of England Mule ewe lambs</td>
<td>Please phone for further details</td>
<td>Ray Calvert 01748 886412</td>
<td>Richmond, North Yorks</td>
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<tr>
<td>Swaledale ewe lambs</td>
<td>Please phone for further details.</td>
<td>Ray Calvert 01748 886412</td>
<td>Richmond, North Yorks</td>
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<tr>
<td>Easy care Ewes, Gimmers &amp; Ewe lambs</td>
<td>100 Mixed Age Ewes &amp; 45 Gimmers available. Ruthlessly selected for early lambing, good constitution and performance from pasture. Run in a paddock grazing system.</td>
<td>Charley Walker 07825 838924</td>
<td>Duns, Berwickshire</td>
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<tr>
<td>Texel Ewe Lambs</td>
<td>From an established Organic flock. Maedi Visna Accredited. High health status. Full Heptevac P Plus system. Born March/April and very well grown.</td>
<td>Harry Williams 07831 124968</td>
<td>Swindon, Wilts</td>
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<tr>
<td>Texel Shearing Ewes</td>
<td>From an established Organic flock. MV Acc. Heptevac P Plus System. Good Strong ewes reared on the Marlborough Downs ready to go to the ram. Up to 25 available but will sell in smaller lots.</td>
<td>Harry Williams 07831 124968</td>
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### ORGANIC STORE LAMBS

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<td>Organic Store Lambs</td>
<td>80 Swaledale wethers , well grown.</td>
<td>Emily Irving 016973 71217</td>
<td>Wigton, Cumbria</td>
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<tr>
<td>Store Lambs</td>
<td>Upto 140 Suffolk cross mixed lambs males all castrated Weight between 28kg -32kg, ovalvac P twice. Healthy lambs reared at 1300 ft</td>
<td>Trevor Wheeler 07799 681134</td>
<td>Craven Arms, Shropshire</td>
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<tr>
<td>Store lambs</td>
<td>60 mule wethers ovalvac p twice</td>
<td>Lyndon 07985 604440</td>
<td>Llandrindod Wells, Powys</td>
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### FORAGE & FEEDSTUFFS FOR SALE

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<td>Organic Meadow hay</td>
<td>We have about 40 x five foot bales cut in July 2019 for sale. Not seen any rain. Certified by the Soil Association. Can help load. The fields were grazed by our own organic sheep in the winter. Ragworth free.</td>
<td>Darokh Khorooshi 01296 711107</td>
<td>Buckingham, Buckinghamshire</td>
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<tr>
<td>Square bale silage</td>
<td>We have approximately 150 big square bale of silage.</td>
<td>Philip Wadsworth 07974 387663</td>
<td>Thirsk, North Yorks</td>
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<tr>
<td>Organic Round Bales Silage</td>
<td>Organic round bales for sale second cut good solid bales made with McHale fusion baler.</td>
<td>Richard Thompson 07753 910818</td>
<td>Armagh, Armagh</td>
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<tr>
<td>Meadows Hay in Big Squares</td>
<td>Hay made from traditional, soft-stemmed grasses grown on our River Avon flood meadows. None of that nasty coarse seygrass or ragwort or thistles. Well made and baled in the sun. 300 bales 4’x3’x8’ available weighing about 500kg. Three miles from M5 Junc 9.</td>
<td>Carl Gray 07771 985908</td>
<td>Tewkesbury, Glos</td>
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<tr>
<td>Baled Forage Clearance</td>
<td>Organic 4ft Round Bale Silage made 3rd week of May from Ryegrass &amp; Clover leys - £20/bale. Organic Permanent Pasture Hay in 4 string 80x90 square bales baled 3rd week of June - £25/bale. Organic 4ft Round Bale Ryegrass Haylage made 2nd week of June - £20/bale. Organic Ryegrass Haylage in 6 string 120x90 square bales approx 600kgs £30/bale. Organic Barley Straw in 4 string 80x90 square bales - suitable for feeding or bedding £20/bale. All great access for loading lorries. Loading no issues. Based 10mins from J18 of M4.</td>
<td>Cotswold Bale Co. 07816 386945</td>
<td>Tetbury, Glos</td>
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<tr>
<td>100 bales organic silage</td>
<td>100 bales of excellent quality organic silage</td>
<td>John Lloyd 07870 748933</td>
<td>Newtown, Powys</td>
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<tr>
<td>top quality organic meadow hay</td>
<td>Quantity of organic soft meadow hay from permanent pasture ground. 6 string quadrant bales that weigh 2.78/tonne. All made good June and July 2019 and well stored. Good facilities for loading and good access. Price dependant on quantity.</td>
<td>Jamie Cullimore 07717 534933</td>
<td>Gloucester, Glos</td>
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<td><strong>Silage for Sale</strong></td>
<td>Round and Square bale silage for sale. Choice between early cut rocket fuel (2nd week of May) and later cut haylage (cut 2nd week June). Call for more info.</td>
<td>Simon Best</td>
<td>07816 386945</td>
<td>Tetbury, Glos</td>
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<td><strong>Meadow hay (organic)</strong></td>
<td>Good meadow hay, 78 round bales made in July and stored in the barn. Good dense bales. Buyer collects from the farm, near Monmouth South Wales.</td>
<td>Teona Dorrien-Smith</td>
<td>01600 780501</td>
<td>Monmouth, Gwent</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Square Bale Organic Hay for sale</strong></td>
<td>180 bales of double wrapped Organic approved hay. Bale size 5ft long 4 ft wide (6 string) 1 1/2 ft 3 inch high. Buyer to collect we can load. Please phone for details.</td>
<td>Jim Gould</td>
<td>07802 173214</td>
<td>Chester, Cheshire</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Organic Lucerne Round Bale Silage</strong></td>
<td>34 bales of high protein, well made, lucerne silage</td>
<td>Michael Abbatt</td>
<td>07778 056639</td>
<td>Cheltenham, Glos</td>
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<td><strong>Organic Round Bale Grass Silage</strong></td>
<td>Good quality 1st cut grass silage (with white clover). 175 available. Made middle of May. Full straw analysis available.</td>
<td>Michael Abbatt</td>
<td>07778 056639</td>
<td>Cheltenham, Glos</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Organic feed oats</strong></td>
<td>For sale 90 tonnes or organic feed oats, please call to discuss.</td>
<td>Mr. Graham Rutherford</td>
<td>07761 191434</td>
<td>Morpeth, Northumberland</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>1st and 2nd cut Round Bale Silage.</strong></td>
<td>Well wilted McHale Fusion Bales. 250 Bales available</td>
<td>Simon Hayes</td>
<td>07711 616303</td>
<td>Shifnal, Shropshire</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Organic Round bale haylage/silage</strong></td>
<td>1000 + Organic round bales of Silage/Haylage for sale. 1st and 2nd cut, well made/ no rain. Baled with Fusion bale, good solid bales. Free loading this end, delivery can be arranged. Price by negotiation, discount for large quantities.</td>
<td>Martin Glover</td>
<td>07860 835754</td>
<td>Exeter, Devon</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Organic Big Bale Hay For Sale</strong></td>
<td>300 Claas 3300 bales (120x90x250) for sale. Barn stored and baled dry; good quality and price. Bales 330kg approx. Good access and loading available. North Gloucester/Oxon border.</td>
<td>Simon Bing</td>
<td>07912 487317</td>
<td>Stow on the Wold, Oxfordshire</td>
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<td><strong>Oats near Monmouth</strong></td>
<td>About 20t organic feed oats (buyer collects and weighs) near Monmouth</td>
<td>Teona Dorrien-Smith</td>
<td>01600 780501</td>
<td>Monmouth, Gwent</td>
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<td><strong>Fodder and straw sale</strong></td>
<td>Retirement sale of organic hay, silage and straw. 290 Claas quadrant bales of 2019 hay, made in June. 92 large round bales of first cut haylage made from perennial ryegrass in June, 2019. 170 Claas quadrant bales of 2018 wheat straw. Access for artics, loading with JCB without spike if required. To be held at Manor Farm, Maiden Bradley, Warminster, Wilts BA12 7HY on Tuesday, 10th. December at a time to be announced soon. See Symonds and Sampson website.</td>
<td>Martin Brown</td>
<td>01985 844236</td>
<td>Warminster, Wiltshire</td>
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<td><strong>100 Square bales hay</strong></td>
<td>100 square bales of organic hay (460kg)</td>
<td>Llewelyn Statton</td>
<td>07917 458286</td>
<td>Liskeard, Cornwall</td>
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<td><strong>Organic litter</strong></td>
<td>Poultry litter from laying hens approximately three ton per week.</td>
<td>John Richmond</td>
<td>07789 714749</td>
<td>Ballymoney, Antrim</td>
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<td><strong>Chicken manure</strong></td>
<td>Chicken manure for sale in Builth Wels area.</td>
<td>Viv Powell</td>
<td>01982 570332</td>
<td>Llandrindod Wells, Powys</td>
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<td><strong>Organic Turkeys</strong></td>
<td>Fully organic traditional turkeys available for Christmas. We are rearing a mixed herd of 5 breeds, Norfolk Black, Cambridge Bronze, Bourbon Red, Slate Blue, Narragansett and their cross breeds. Based in Staffordshire. Please get in touch for more information. Up to 40 available.</td>
<td>Katie Rubython</td>
<td>07753 801369</td>
<td>Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs</td>
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**CATTLE FOR SALE**

**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, North Yorks**

**Aberdeen Angus x & sim liming bulling heifers**
- 16-20 months old TB4 all BVD vaccinated in Premium Cattle Health Scheme
  - **Philip Nixon**
  - **07802 37553**
  - **Hoxham, Northumberland**

**60 AAX & HEX suckled calves**
- 60 AAX and HEX suckled calves for sale, approx 6 months old.
  - **John Moffat**
  - **07789 352330**
  - **Ponteland, Northumberland**

**Limousin x and Aberdeen Angus x Store Cattle**
- Limousin x and Aberdeen Angus x Store Cattle for sale. Please phone for further details.
  - **Ray Calvert**
  - **01748 886412**
  - **Richmond, North Yorks**

**Suckled Calves for sale 6-8 months old**
- 40 fully organic suckler calves for sale, 6-8 months old, avg 270kg, fully beef bred, Aberdeen Angus and Black Limousine sires. TB4 and BVD FREE.
  - **Pete**
  - **07813 216477**
  - **Windermere, Cumbria**

**Charolais cross sucker calfs for sale**
- 25 Charolais x heifers for sale, around 7 to 8 months, out of proper beef cows. Well grown, all black legged and dehorned - by a show winning pedigree Charolais bull. Ring for more details.
  - **Ian Smith**
  - **01566 86155 / 07779 987580**
  - **Altarnun, Cornwall**

**In calf heifers**
- 9 heifers running with the bull. Pedigree beef shorthorn and in the SAC health scheme
  - **Martin Reynolds**
  - **07966 371558**
  - **Cardiff, Vale of Glamorgan**

**Pedigree organic herd of Longhorns for sale**
- We are exiting our rented land and have for sale our fully organic, pedigree, registered herd of Longhorn cattle. This is a reluctant sale and we are getting excellent performance and prices from our finished cattle. There are 12 cows and calved heifers for sale, Nine cows aged 3-6 years are PD’d in calf to our pedigree easy calving Limousin bull, due to calve from February to early April 2020. There are also 3 calved heifers with 1-2 month old Angus or Limousin calves at foot. Vaccinated Lepto, BVD and TB clear.
  - **A & DE Baker**
  - **01948 820547 / 07966 988665**
  - **Malpas, Cheshire**

**Organic stores for sale**
  - **Charles Morrish**
  - **07971 230728**
  - **Barnstaple, Devon**

**10 Organic store cattle**
- 3 Hereford x bullocks, 1 British Blue x bullock, 4 Angus x bullocks, 1 Hereford x heifer, 1 Angus x heifer. 10 - 12 mths old.
  - **Andrew Sanderson**
  - **07732 034582**
  - **Preston, Lancs**

**Organic Belted Galloway youngstock**
- Group of well grown Belties, 4 heifers aged 15 - 21 months, 1 steer (dun) aged 19 months. Fabulous grazers for rough ground / out wintering; bred from Halstock (Dartmoor) cows & sired by Hatherland Dogstar. Registered with breed society. Location Gwendraeth valley near Carmarthen. Prefer to sell as a group.
  - **Sue or Tony Mathews**
  - **01269 870720**
  - **Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire**

**DAIRY CATTLE FOR SALE**

**Organic Dairy cows**
- Fully Organic Dairy cattle from Denmark, Fresh milking and In calf heifers.
  - **Ryan Spackman**
  - **07375 542536**
  - **Oxford, Oxfordshire**

**Organic friesian x holstein heifers**
- 14 Organic Friesian x Holstein spring calving heifers for sale. Cubicle trained. TB free area based in North West Wales.
  - **Dylan Williams**
  - **07900 564175**
  - **Pwllheli, Gwynedd**

**5 Organic Dairy Heifer Calves**
- 5 Organic 2-3 month old dairy heifers from Genus Holstein Friesian bulls Optimal and Foxx and crossbred dairy cows producing upwards of 6700 litres on extensive grazing system. Genuine sale due to surplus. All BVD check tagged negative.
  - **Katy Lowe**
  - **07872 664582**
  - **Sandbach, Cheshire**

**25 in calf jersey cross heifers**
- 25 in calf organic jersey cross heifers for sale. Herd is Johnes/BVD/IBR free, TB free for the past 6 years. In calf to jersey cross due to start calving 10th March 2020. Must be collected by 28/01/20. Herd average BF 5.1%, P4.1% 6 week in calf rate 97%.
  - **Nick Cavill**
  - **07890 091207**
  - **Glastonbury, Somerset**

**15 BF X KIWiX ICH**
  - **Toby Ansdei**
  - **07785 397678**
  - **Barnstaple, Devon**
LAND AND GRAZING FOR SALE

Leasehold Opportunities on an Organic Farm
We have leasehold organic land available and an outlet for produce via our farm shop in Bristol. We would be interested in discussing any agricultural or horticultural project you have in mind that requires organic land. On site accommodation and workshops available to rent. You will need knowledge of organic farming and regulation, relevant training and experience and a credible business plan.

| Richard Fox | 07908 088369 | Bath, Somerset |

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Ashclyst Farm Hostel
Accommodation available at Ashclyst Farm Hostel, 5 bedroom house on a 90 hectare organic arable Farm, part of the National Trust Killerton Estate at Broadclyst, near Exeter in East Devon. Accommodation let as whole house (sleeps 10) or per twin/double room. For more details please contact us.

| Martyn Glover | 01392 461302 | Exeter, Devon |

Farmyard Manure
Looking for offers on farmyard manure.

| Anna Bryant | 01225 752253 | Trowbridge, Wilts |

Hen manure
Hen manure- available every 3rd day - 3 tonne approx every 3rd day - collection only - £45 per tonne.

| Fiona mellin | 07762 779138 | Moffat, Scotland |

Poultry Manure
Poultry manure from 6000 bird unit in BD23 North Yorkshire. Please phone for details.

| Malcolm Pearson | 07980 576866 | Skipton, North Yorks |

Items wanted

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SHEEP WANTED

Organic Lambs Required
Dalehead Foods are looking for organic finished lambs and organic store lambs, from Jan-June. If you would be interested in supplying or in being an organic finisher, please call us on 01834 869 043 or email lambsuppychain@dalehead.co.uk

| Dalehead Foods | 01834 869 043 | UK |

Store lambs
The Organic Livestock Marketing Co-operative (OLMC) are looking for store lambs throughout the UK

| Peter Jones | 07720 892922 | Chester, Cheshire |

Blackface sheep
Full mouted ewes up to 40

| Trevor Wheeler | 07799 681134 | Craven Arms, Shropshire |

CATTLE WANTED

Hereford X heifer calves wanted
Hereford X heifer calves wanted for suckler herd replacements

| Richard Gwynne | 01559 384289 | Pencader, Sir Gar |

Organic store cattle
Wanted 50 + organic store cattle, between 6-18 months of age. Would prefer continental animals but would consider native breeds. Please call to discuss further.

| Mr J McClory | 07763 825799 | Banbridge, County Down |

LAND & GRAZING WANTED

Winter organic grazing required for sheep.

| Ray Calvert | 07748 886412 | Richmond, North Yorkshire |

Grass keep/ winter tack required
Grass keep/winter tack required. Please phone rather than email.

| Rhysian Davies | 07792 280191/01597 870253 | Rhayader, Powys |

Sussex Land Wanted
Seeking under 2 acres for rent in Sussex for organic crop variety research.

| Gabriella Harman | 01273 329774 | Brighton, East Sussex |

Farm Partner
Unique opportunity for a young farmer to take increasing responsibility and share in the farm business. Farm partnership on a well established, organic, 60 ha. hill farm in the West Midlands. Pedigree beef and sheep, some cropping and exceptional conservation interest. Potential for local sales. Accommodation available. Contact mark.ecom@btinternet.com for further details.

| Mark Measures | 01588 640118 | Craven Arms, Shropshire |

Organic Farms wanted
Are you looking for a second income? Organic Farms wanted to grow Organic Chicken. 10 acres required per farm with long term growing contracts.

| Viran Abeyesena | 07832 854012 | UK |