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General News

BASIS - First Foundation Award in Organic Farming

Abacus Agriculture and OF&G successfully delivered the first BASIS Foundation Award in Organic Farming between 21 -24 September. This pilot course was taken by 8 candidates from a variety of backgrounds including organic and non-organic farmers and related industries. Following the success of this pilot Abacus and OF&G will launch the course officially in the coming weeks.

Stephen Clarkson (OF&G) said, 'This course will give the candidates a real grounding in the principles and practices of organic production'. He added 'We were really pleased to see such good interaction from the group, with everyone very engaged. The candidates came from a variety of agricultural backgrounds, making this a great pilot course on which we can now build.'

If you are interested in undertaking a



future course please send an email to admin@ofgorganic.org - the BASIS website has further information -

<https://www.basis-reg.co.uk/training?area=foundation-awards-courses&course=foundation-award-in-organic-farming>

The next course will take place between 18-21 January at the RAS building, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire.

Further dates are planned for late April, July and September 2022.

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OF&G's NOCC22
Save the date
5 July 2022

More details will be released soon.

Meanwhile you can read our report and watch videos from this year's event at:

<https://ofgorganic.org/news/of-gs-national-organic-combinable-crops-2021-report>



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Removal of UK Organic Control Bodies (OCBs) from Annex IV

As things stand the planned vote to remove UK OCBs from Annex IV at the Committee on Organic Production (COP) on 28th/29th September has yet again been cancelled, as Ireland has raised an objection. There are significant concerns within Ireland (and within other EU near neighbours) that the removal of UK OCBs would have significant impacts on the respective organic sectors principally through the loss of the UK trade route and the sourcing of feed raw materials.

There is a suggestion that COM were 'disappointed' with the Irish objection. However, in light of this development there is an indication that there may be a delay of six months (possibly longer) while a resolution is found, although COM could within the statutes proceed again with the vote in six weeks

The meeting is now planned by the EU COM on 18/19 October where this issue may be discussed with Organic CBs currently recognised on Annex IV. We have not yet seen the agenda.

While the fact that UK OCBs technically remain on Annex IV is good, as five of the six UK CBs still don't have access to their GB-BIO code on TRACES it means that we remain in a very unsatisfactory and quite frankly 'anti-competitive'

position. It is important to note that all six CBs do have access to TRACES but only for those products covered by the TCA - so excluding products not processed or 'further processed'.

UK Organic Certifiers Group will be writing to EU COM, subject to the outcome of discussions at COP, requesting the reinstatement of all six OCB's under their Annex IV GB-BIO codes onto TRACES as this is now a critical issue.

COM has indicated that previously they could not remove the SA due to a technical problem but clearly that has been overcome because if they had been successful with the vote to remove UK OCBs, they have indicated that the SA would be removed. The SA however remain on TRACES under their Annex IV recognition and so the other UK OCBs must also be reinstated until this issue is resolved. There is simply no justification for the continued disadvantaging of certain organic operators whose certifier, or whose supplier is certified, by one particular CB rather than another.

Regardless of the UK decision to leave the EU it is still in the interests of all parties to ensure trade is facilitated sensibly and effectively, and certainly not for it to be artificially distorted or unduly restricted through a bureaucratic failure.

Free Farming Resilience Advice

The Landworkers Alliance has been successful in a bid to DEFRA to deliver free Farming Resilience Advice to 500 farmers.



'Our advice aims to help farmers and land managers prepare for the Agriculture Transition. We will encourage and support the integration of

resilience into all aspects of farming systems; looking at agroecological land-management, shortening supply chains, and resilient financial practices.'

<https://landworkersalliance.org.uk/resilience-advice/>

Funding for small-scale food and farming enterprises: How LEAP can help

<https://www.sustainweb.org/blogs/sep21-leap-funding-farmers/>

For the attention of farmers/food producers/retailers set up as CICs, community benefit societies, cooperatives and other social enterprises looking for funds of between £20,000 and £100,000.

In a new series of short films, the Real Farming Trust @realfarming shares how its innovative funding programme @LEAPprogramme is plugging a gap in finance for small agroecological food and farming enterprises:

<https://youtu.be/N5yQKxFU2M0>

Register interest: <https://t.co/SDVdFfRwow>

OF&G and Organics in the News

How a living mulch can help farmers cut their fertiliser bill

Farmer and OF&G licensee Mark Lea is featured in the Farmers Weekly 31 August issue talking about his experiences with integrating a fertility-building ley in among his arable crops.

Also in the article, researcher at the Organic Research Centre, Dominic Amos, stresses the importance of getting a balance between

suppression of weeds and competition for the wheat. Dominic describes in detail about levels of nitrogen made available to a cash crop, the degree of weed control achieved and how these are influenced by management and season.

<https://www.fwi.co.uk/arable/crop-management/nutrition-and-fertiliser/how-a-living-mulch-can-help-farmers-cut-their-fertiliser-bill>

DAIRY SPECIAL: Mobile parlour gets dairy herd moving - Insights - Farmers Guardian

Farmer and OF&G licensee Tim May is interviewed for a Farmers Guardian piece that looks in detail at his mobile milking parlour.

Following the herd's once-a-day milking the mobile parlour can be moved to the next pasture ready for the next day.

Tim believes that this innovative set-up is helping his dairy herd restore soil fertility at Kingsclere Estate.

<https://www.fginsight.com/vip/dairy-special-mobile-parlour-gets-dairy-herd-moving-122400>

Arla pilots regenerative dairy farming practices on six farms

Dairy co-op Arla, have announced plans for pilot farms that will “create data-driven proof points of their impact on nature and climate”.

Also 114 organic farmers supplying Arla will “measure soil carbon and register practices that promote biodiversity”.

<https://news.arlafoods.co.uk/news/arla-digs-into-the-potential-of-regenerative-dairy-farming#>

Wildlife-friendly UK farms help Duke of Burgundy butterfly numbers take flight

And our apologies for missing this one earlier this year, farmer and OF&G organic licensee John Hiscock is one of the people featured in an article on wildlife-friendly farming that was published in the Guardian in May. Last year wildlife author, Martin Warren,

discovered what is now known to be one of the biggest colonies of Duke of Burgundy butterflies on a hill farmed by John.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/may/01/wildlife-friendly-uk-farms-help-duke-of-burgundy-butterfly>

Bill Allen Memorial Scholarship MSc Agroecology supported by OF&G

We are very pleased to announce that the most recent recipient of the OF&G Scholarship MSc. in Agroecology, Pilar Pampín, received her Master’s grades with a distinction from Harper Adams University on Tuesday 21 September.

We offer our congratulations to Pilar. It’s heartening to know that especially at this time agroecology has a new MSc to help build data and take the science forward.

Well done Pilar.

<https://www.harper-adams.ac.uk/apply/finance/scholarships/scholarship/201076/bill-allen-memorial-scholarship-202021-supported-by-organic-farmers-growers-cic>

We have submitted our response to sections of the UK government’s consultation on ‘Reforming the Framework for Better Regulation’

From our experience and knowledge and considering the impacts on businesses and communities working within food and farming and therefore the natural environment and human health, we would strongly recommend the UK government maintains a strict and appropriate set of legislative frameworks.

Read our response to the government here -

<https://ofgorganic.org/news/of-g-response-to-government-consultation-on-reforming-framework-regulation>

We are always keen to share good knowledge and experience so please do get in touch. Exchanging the insights of hard working organic farmers and food businesses is essential in helping us all continue to build the organic movement.

Market Information

Grain Prices: Courtesy of Andrew Trump, Organic Arable

Demand is starting to come into the market as winter feeding comes closer and autumn calving herds move to higher production levels. Farmers are busy conditioning grain and so selling has been slowed. Demand for wheat is good and values at £275 ex. The discount for feed barley and oats remain high but with one compounder reducing barley in their ration it is likely this discount will remain as volume buyers of barley are fewer.

The impact of its reliance on imported protein is starting to impact upon the market as protein values remain at very high levels in part due to high freight rates. Shipping and cargo rates are high with little chance of reducing in the near future. The loss of bean production over the last 10 years has reduced supply

and beans are trading over £450 per tonne. The preference for some dairy companies to reduce or exclude soya from rations means beans will remain an important part of dairy diets and so demand we remain good. It is time to look at extending rotations by growing beans. 15 years ago a Cereal>Cereal>Bean>Cereal rotation was quite usual but this has been lost in favour of three straight cereals. For many this means 50:50 fertility building to cropping within their rotation whilst adding the beans moves closer to 40:60 and with bean values over £430 yields of 2t/Ha make sense.

Winter seed supply is tight following the loss of some crops so don’t delay ordering if you have yet to do so.

Please share your harvest experiences on Twitter using #organicharvest21

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

The trade for organic prim cattle has continued to strengthen. The supply remains tight and consumer demand for beef continues to be good. It would look that this trend will continue as we move toward the Christmas period, however, concerns still abound regarding staffing abattoirs and distributing product especially as we move toward what should be the busiest time of the year for the meat industry.

ORGANIC CULL COWS

The demand for cull cow meat is strong throughout both conventional and organic sectors. Numbers have

been short all summer, in some cases producers hanging on and putting weight on them as they tried to keep on top of the grass. It is likely we will see more come on to the market as the weather changes and cattle are brought in, especially from the dairy sector. But with demand for processing meat strong, prices will less likely spiral downwards rapidly.

Average R4L Organic UTM in spec @ 500p/kg deadweight

Average R4L Organic OTM Cow in spec @ 340p/kg deadweight

FINISHED LAMBS

A remarkable trade for lambs over the summer, prices have remained strong and consumer demand steady as British lambs like beef figured on the 'staycation' menu for summer holiday makers. Numbers of organic lambs coming forward have increased significantly which has weakened the trade as we came into September. But generally, lamb producers are seeing good returns for finished lambs and for quality stores.

Average R3L organic NSL in spec @ 510p/kg

For further details, please call:

Tim Leigh: 07850 366404

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.

The numbers are not adding up for organic dairy

We might not be able to take part because of Brexit, but nevertheless it's still worth a mention: the EU has announced that every 23 September will be deemed "EU organic day", with a programme of marketing activities to try and boost the sector. This follows up on its Action Plan for the development of organic production which was adopted by the Commission in the spring. Hopefully there will be a positive knock-on effect for British organic product too, as before Brexit exports of UK organic dairy products was a pretty lucrative market!

The organic milk price could certainly do with a boost from something, given the way on-farm costs are heading. Although Arla's organic price has moved up again, with a 0.3p increase for October, it isn't enough to propel its price over the 40ppl threshold again like it was back in June. So far this year that is the only month where its price has exceeded that threshold on a standard litre (4% fat, 3.3% protein) basis, although it is over on a manufacturing one (4.2%, 3.4%) at 40.98p. Muller's standard litre price is over 40ppl still, but only just. OMSCO doesn't publish its price but a fair assumption is that its price isn't over 40ppl either. Neither is Calon Wen's.

Meanwhile costs of production continue to rise, with organic raw material prices through the roof. Winter compound feed prices are up around £50 a tonne now, to well over

£400 for a 16% protein diet and over £430 for an 18% ration.

In contrast the average EU organic price, as measured by German, French, UK, Danish and Dutch prices, is over 40ppl, and estimated to be 41.31ppl for July (the latest figures that are available). This is up 0.5p compared to last year. Of the major EU organic milk producing states Germany is leading the pack with a price equivalent to just under 44ppl, with The Netherlands second at 41p. The UK and Denmark are similarly priced but both countries are at the top of the league when it comes to milk price improvements for the last quarter (April to June) compared to the one before (January to March).

So what of costs? Current estimates suggest that costs are up 3ppl over last couple of months alone, to somewhere near that 40ppl level. From March 2021 to March 2022 the cost increases are estimated to be around 5ppl. And that calculation does not include recent energy price hikes. Clearly the sums are not adding up on the organic milk front, and the upshot of all of this is that farmers will feed less compound feed and try and get more milk from variable forages. With numbers as they are it is hard to see the supply of organic milk doing anything but fall, unless the market price for organic dairy increases.

Right now it looks as if the milk industry needs a promotional organic day every day, not just once a year on the 23 September!

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Staff News

Ella Powell

We recently welcomed Ella Powell to the Producer Certification Team. Ella comes to OF&G with a strong background in agriculture having been brought up on the family farm in mid Wales. Ella is settling into the role well and we are sure she will become a valuable member of the team. There is plenty to learn about certification and inspection during your first few weeks in the job so for now we'll let Ella settle in and give you a little more of an insight into the CO at the other end of the telephone in a few months.

Alice Keenan

It was with sadness that OF&G said goodbye to Producer Certification Officer Alice Keenan earlier this week as she moved on to pastures new. Alice had been with us for 3 years and had become an exceptional member of the OF&G team who was liked by all staff and respected by her allocated producers. I'm sure you will all join us in wishing Alice the best in her new endeavours.

Charlotte Benbow has taken on Alice's workload. If you haven't already had the pleasure of speaking to or emailing Charlotte I'm sure you will in the not too distant future.

Items for sale

Classifieds

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				
Hereford x Aberdeen Angus x Store cattle	Hereford x Aberdeen Angus x Store cattle. TB4 area. Please phone for further details.	Ray Calvert	01748 886412	Richmond, N Yorks
Pedigree Holstein & Viking X heifers	15 x 9-13 month old Pedigree Holstein and Viking cross heifers for sale. Johnes, BVD free, IBR vaccinated. Please contact for details	Phil Brooke	07838 381317	Leominster, Herefordshire
Organic certified PFLA certified Store Cattle	Selection of single suckled, PFLA certified, Angus X and Hereford X store cattle and weaned calves. For more information please get in touch.	John Tims	07927 208480	Brackley, Northamptonshire
Aberdeen Angus Bull 26 months	Pedigree registered Aberdeen Angus Bull, tb tested clear so ready to move. Has produced good calves from our traditional hereford cows this year. Only for sale as we have found another hereford stock bull.	Jack Cockburn	07970 081432	Lampeter, Ceredigion
11 Organic store stabilisers	11 organic store stabilisers, 9 steers 2 heifers, average 422kg. Tb tested ready to go, quiet bunch	Shane Lewis	07887 697535	Llandrindod wells, Powys
11 Organic store stabilisers	11 organic store stabilisers, 15 to 17mths, 9 steers 2 heifers, average 422kg. Tb tested ready to go.	Shane Lewis	07887 687535	Llandrindod Wells, Powys
Organic suckler cows with calves at foot	7 suckler cows with calves at foot and back in calf to top polled South Devon bull. Due to calve mid February 2022 onwards. Mostly Hereford x British Friesian cows with strong South Devon calves at foot. Calves are 6-7 months old and no horns. Farm assured, tested and ready to go. Selling due to being out of calving pattern.	John Cullimore	07808 306812	Gloucester, Glos
Organic British Blue X Calves	15 X British Blue X calves 1-2 months all named AI sires. TB restricted	Jeremy Barlow	07901 687625	Middlewich, Cheshire
Store cattle	10 18 month old charolais and south devon cross steers and heifers out of proper beef cows, tb tested and ready to go.	Ian Richard Smith	01566 86155 / 07779 987580	Launceston, Cornwall
Store cattle	60 organic Charolais suckler calfs very well grown, all out of proper beef cows. All dehorned. Please ring for more details.	Ian Smith	01566 86155 / 07779 987580	Launceston, Cornwall
Heifers and calves for sale	20 Hereford and hereford x heifers with March/April Angus x calves at foot and scanned back incalf again. TB4 BVD vaccinated	John	07789 352330	Carlisle, Northumberland

DAIRY CATTLE FOR SALE				
20 Friesian bulling heifers	20 very well grown, Friesian bulling heifers for sale. Please contact for further details.	Henry Edmunds	01980 629203	Salisbury, Wilts
Xbred dairy heifer calves for sale	20 xbred dairy heifer calves for sale, Lic sires, 6000l at 4. 2f 3.4p bvd and johnes free, grass based system.	Keith Drake	07881 980286	Shaftsbury, Dorset
British Friesian Bulling Heifers	25 Organic Pedigree British Friesian Bulling heifers. Full Pedigree.	Sam Howarth	07885 487178	Pickering, N Yorks
3 friesian holstein heifers	Due 18/10/21, 29/10/21, 11/11/21. In calf to Angus. BVD vaccinated, TB 4 area.	Andrew Sanderson	07732 034582	Preston, Lancs
Pedigree British Friesian bull	Home bred, 22 Months old from Dam Lakemead Pinnacleand Sire Winnoch Umpire	Mark Fear	07854 980954	Lampeter, Ceredigion

FEEDSTUFFS AND FORAGE FOR SALE				
Small bale organic hay	Organic hay cut in mid July	Michael Snead	01982 551848	Builth Wells.Powys
Triticale	About 7-8 tons triticale. More available later.	Philip Wadsworth	07974 387663	Thirsk, N Yorks
Organic Forage	Organic forage for sale. Red clover & ryegrass in bulk. Red clover & ryegrass in squares. Permanent pasture in squares.	Nick	07788 251551	Reading, Berks
Lucerne silage	Good quality round bale lucerne silage. Excellent value source of protein. Ideal for dairy cows. Analysis available.	Michael Abbatt	07778 056639	Cheltenham, Glos
Organic Haylage	Large round bales, made late June 2021. Excellent quality; 75 good grazing mix grasses and white clover and 75 italian ryegrass/ whiteclover mix.	Rosalind Garratt	07966 420822	Hay-on-Wye, Powys
Organic Cereals	Approx 30 tonnes of organic winter oats variety Southwark. Approx 30 tonnes of organic winter barley variety Orwell. Approx 30 tonnes of organic spring oats variety Delphin. All in store	Claire Hargreaves	01653 658250	Malton, N Yorks

FEEDSTUFFS AND FORAGE FOR SALE CONT./

2021 Forage for Sale	2021 Silage, Haylage and Hay available. Italian Ryegrass and White Clover Silage in 120x70x6ft High Density Squares 700kg/bale. Italian Ryegrass Haylage 120x70x6ft high density squares 600kg/bale. Perm Pasture Hay 120x70x8ft Squares. Limited Quantity of Spring Barley Straw in 120x70.	Simon Best	07816 386945	Tetbury, Glos
2021 Hay	Euro bales 70-50 8 ft long. Made in July.	John Hatton	07803 721236	Chelmsford, Essex
Organic oat straw	50 bales of Organic Oat Straw. 80/90 bales 8 ft long	John Hatton	07803 721236	Chelmsford, Essex
Round bale silage	250 round bale silage/haylage 2021	Kelly Chappell	07983 523487	South Molton, Devon
2021 Hay	2021 Made Pasture Hay. Cut end of June baled in 120x90 8ft bales. Made from sweet, old fashioned Permanent Pasture. 2021 Conservation Hay. Cut in August after being grazed early season. A mix of fescues and cocksfoot along with numerous herbs, clovers and wildflowers. Baled in 120x90 8ft bales.	Simon Best	07816 386945	Tetbury, Glos
Red Clover Haylage Bales	100 Good quality Red Clover Quadrant Haylage bales for sale Somerset/Wiltshire border. Weigh about 500kg. Open to sensible offers. High in Protein. 55 bales fit on an artic bed.	David Horler	07889 974528	Radstock, Somerset
Mixed Wheat and Beans	Wheat and beans grown together. Approx 20 tons. Approx 15-20% beans	Philup Wadsworth	07974 387663	Thirsk, N Yorks

SHEEP FOR SALE

North of England Mule Ewe Lambs	North of England Mule Ewe Lambs. Please phone for further details.	Ray Calvert	01748 886412	Richmond, N Yorks
Swaledale Ewe Lambs	Please phone for further details.	Ray Calvert	01748 886412	Richmond, N Yorks
Poll Dorset	50 Registered Poll Dorset Shearling ewes from The Blackhill Flock. Fully organic, M.V. Accredited and Signet recorded. Also a selection of Autumn 2020 born rams	Joe Dufosse	07525 208053	Warminster, Wilts
Store Lambs	Texel x and aberfield tups and ewe lambs for sale. Quality lambs, weaned. Phone for more details and price.	Martin Harding	07711 859202	Machynlleth, Powys
store ewe lambs llynn cross	150 lambs approx 30k	Andrew John Smith	07960 738791	Launceston, Cornwall
Pedigree Lleyn Ewe Lambs	20 Organic Pedigree Lleyn Ewe Lambs	Rob Burrough	07967 343731	Chippenham, Glos
Organic, pedigree, four-horn Hebridean ram lambs	2021 born. Damien UK 220155 04822 (twin). Dominic UK 220155 04815. Ovivac vaccinated, wormed and Clik treated. Hebridean Sheep Society registered. Please contact for more information.	Helen Muir	01223 208987	Royston, Cambs
Pure Highlander Ewe Lambs	30 Pure Highlander Ewe lambs out of elite rams. All born out doors. Born April 2021. Shorn.	Rob & Liz Priest	07810 717248 07887 886354	Holsworthy, Devon
Ewe Lambs Aberfield	30 Three Quarter Aberfield Ewe Lambs, born March/April out of Elite Rams. All shorn.	Rob & Liz Priest	07810 717248 07887 886354	Holsworthy, Devon
Welsh Mule Breeding Yearling Ewes	45 Organic Welsh Mule Strong Breeding Yearlings ready to go to tup.	Alun Lloyd Davies	07771 928147	Betws-y-Coed, Conwy
For Sale Warwickshire/ Worcestershire Border	101 organic Lleyn and Lleyn x Charolais breeding ewes (born April 2020). Would prefer to sell as one group. 31 organic pedigree Lleyn breeding ewes (aged 2-4). Available in numbers to suit. 2 pedigree Charolais rams. 4 pedigree Lleyn rams. 1 NCM Ram.	Kathy Collins	01789 491391	Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire
Blue Faced Leicester tups	Home reared on a hill farm, sturdy pedigree tups looking for new home	Sharon	07818 081293	Newtown, Powys
New Zealand Romney	Shearling rams, draft ewes and ewe lambs	Alan Robert Derryman	07976 624611	Sidbury, Devon
44 strong welsh ewes	Good under, brokers, 4 to 5 years old.	Keith Allen	01597 860491	Llandrindod wells, Powys
Whiteface improved welsh ewes	18 whiteface improved welsh ewes, full mouth, correct in the bag, had fluke and worm+ mineral drench. On bravoxin 10. Strong ewes that have reared mostly twin Aberfield lambs this year.	Sion Maiden	07900 538889	Machynlleth, Powys
Highlander x Aberfield SR ewe lambs	Organic Highlander x Aberfield SR ewe lambs born April 2020. Ready to tup now. Minimum weights 40kg. Recently shorn and received Enzovax vaccination. For more details or viewing please contact.	James Mutton	07787 184226	Bodmin, Cornwall
Organic draft ewes for sale	40 Herdwick draft ewes for sale, correct. 60 Swaledale draft ewes for sale, correct below	James Irving	01697 371217	Wigton, Cumbria

SEED FOR SALE				
Wild Flower Seed Hay	Four Large round bales of flower rich meadow hay, ideal for spreading to enhance a wildflower meadow. Contains the seed of over twenty wild flowers together with yellow rattle.	John Hussey	07597 914677	Callington, Cornwall
OTHER LIVESTOCK FOR SALE				
Pedigree saddleback weaners	8 week old, birth notified saddleback piglets. 2 or 3 good enough markings to register. The spotty ones are a rare recessive genetic throwback! Both parents can be seen. All reared outside and used to electric fence. Good healthy stock, growing well and ready to go now.	Madeleine	07711 687831	Arundel, West Sussex
Poultry manure	Poultry manure for sale.	Viv Powell	07886 964331	Llandrindod Wells, Powys

Items wanted

LAND AND GRAZING WANTED				
Wintering for 200 ewe lambs wanted	We are looking for wintering for 200 ewe lambs from the middle of October to the end of March.	Tegwyn Jones	07788 705934	Machynlleth, Powys
Sheep share farming	Wanted! Organic Ewes or store lambs to be share farmed. Large amount of acreage available and all equipment available to run alongside current flock of ewes.	Rob Davie	07801 597703	Crediton, Devon
Grazing required for sheep	Winter organic grazing required. Please phone to discuss further.	Ray Calvert	01748 886412	Richmond, North Yorks
Land to buy wanted	Wanted land or farm to buy Cornwall or Devon	Andrew John Smith	07960 738791	Launceston, Cornwall
Grazing wanted	Grazing wanted for 50 to 150 organic ewe lambs	K Wright	07970 030524	Aberystwyth, Ceredigion

CATTLE & DAIRY CATTLE WANTED				
Organic Store Cattle Wanted	The Organic Livestock Marketing Co-operative (OLMC) have customers looking for all categories of organic store cattle throughout the UK.	Peter Jones	07720 892 922	Tarporley, Cheshire
Organic friesian bull calves/ weaned calves	Wanted: Organic friesian bull calves or weaned calves, ideally off one farm. Devon area	Frank Davies	07746 036233	Chagford, Devon

SHEEP WANTED				
Sheep keep	Sheep keep wanted for winter must be fenced	Andrew John Smith	07960 738791	Launceston, Cornwall
Store lambs	Wanted: 50/60 jacob or jacob x mixed store lambs	Robin Turner	01684 833391 /07787 758340	Malvern, Worcs

MISCELLANEOUS WANTED				
Tractor Driver	Full time tractor driver/general farm worker required on large mixed organic farm	Jim Dufosse	07977 121169	Warminster, Wiltshire
Kingston Black apples	Kingston Black apples - we'd like your surplus or unwanted fruit, preferring organic although unsprayed/unfertilised would also be ok. We are organic farmers but don't certify the apple juice or cider due to getting fruit from many people. We will fetch (and harvest), but quantity is relevant! The closer to SE Somerset (Wincanton) the better although we would go significantly further for larger quantities.	Oliver Dowding	01749 812652 / 07966 456244	Wincanton, Somerset
Farm Manager for 250 acre Organic Beef and Sheep farm in Peak District National Park	Accredited organic farm is seeking an enthusiastic stockman and farm manager with good knowledge of organic farming and an interest in conservation and wildlife. The successful applicant will be responsible for the day to day husbandry of the farm's pedigree poll Hereford cattle and Dartmoor Sheep. A more detailed role description and accommodation details is available from: Info@lowerhurstfarm.co.uk	Nicky Stonebridge	01298 84900	Buxton, Derbyshire
Part Time Stockman / General Farm Hand	Part time stockman/general farm hand wanted to help run an established organic poultry layer farm, and also with a fledgling suckler herd. Experience not essential but must be prepared to work some un-social hours. Location - West Sussex	Rupert or Robyn	07973 621678 / 07534 301223	Bognor Regis, West Sussex
Organic food warehousing required	We are looking for a local facility which is food safe and Organic certified in West Sussex or Hampshire. We grow and import hemp raw materials and ingredients. Our requirement is for pallet spaces mainly, plus potential fulfilment, but this is not essential.	Nathaniel Loxley	07825 160141	Chichester, West Sussex

Approved Inputs

New Fee structure for Approved Inputs

OF&G have made the fee structure for Approved Inputs initial assessment and annual assessment easier to understand and work out. You can find a copy to download on our website under 'Useful Information' and then choose Documents - Filter by 'Charges Sheet' <https://ofgorganic.org/useful-info/downloads?q=&filter=charges-sheet>

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

Updated approved inputs

SUPPLIER	WEBSITE / EMAIL	CATEGORY
Anglo Peruvian Trading Company Ltd	http://www.anglo-peruvian.com	Fertilisers
Pharm Fertilisers Ltd	https://pharmfert.com/	Fertilisers
Enva Wood Recycling	https://www.hadfield.co.uk/	Bedding Materials
Pasion Ag Ltd	https://www.passionag.com/	Silage additive, Plant Health Products
Food Alive	https://naturesfoodalive.com	Ingredients
John Hall Fertilisers Limited	https://www.vitax.co.uk/	Fertilisers
ECOSpray Ltd	http://www.ecospray.com/	Pest Control, Plant Health Products, Animal Feed Additive
Unibio A/S	https://www.unibio.dk/	Animal Feed Additive
Omex Agriculture Ltd	http://www.omex.com/	Fertilisers, Pest Control, Soil Conditioners, Plant Health Products
PelGar International	https://www.pelgar.co.uk/	Pest Control
Venture Foods (UK) Ltd	http://www.venturefoods.com/	Ingredients
Salutaris, Unipessoal Lda	bsalvador@salutaris.pt	Ingredients
Dostofarm GmbH	https://www.dostofarm.de/	Animal Feed Additive
Sea-Chem Ltd	https://www.sea-chem.co.uk/	Plant Health Products, Compost additive
Natural Stockcare Ltd	http://www.naturalstockcareshop.co.uk	Slurry Treatment

Recently awarded approved inputs

SUPPLIER	WEBSITE / EMAIL	CATEGORY
Greenfence Ltd t/a plantNatural	https://www.slugless.com/	Pest Control
Greenfence Ltd t/a plantNatural	https://www.easymulch.co.uk/	Soil Conditioners
Westland Horticulture Ltd	https://www.gardenhealth.com	Pest Control, Plant Health Products
The Crop Smith Ltd	info@thecropsmith.uk	Plant Health Products
Swiss Medicare Ltd	http://www.swissmedicareltd.com/	Fertilisers, Plant Health Products

OF&G Organic Conversion Information Page

We have assembled information online to help guide people who are considering converting their farm businesses to organic.

<https://ofgorganic.org/of-g-organic-conversion-information>

If you have any queries please contact the OF&G office.



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

Processors

Extension of the STAMNI agreement

On 6 September the UK government announced an extension to the Scheme for Authorised Movements to Northern Ireland (STAMNI). The scheme allows registered and

approved operators to move goods to Northern Ireland without the need for an Organic Certificate of Inspection (COI) produced within TRACES NT. The UK government previously announced

an extension to the scheme beyond 31 March 2021. Following this latest announcement the scheme will continue until further notice.

Importing Organic Goods into GB

Defra has recently updated the documentation and guidance relating to the import of organic goods into Great Britain. Prior to this latest update a copy of the COI could be sent to the Port Health Authority (PHA) via email prior to the consignment arriving. However, the original paper copy of the COI, signed and stamped by the Control Body of the exporter, was required to be sent to the PHA within 10 days of the consignments arrival at the port of entry. The specific paperwork required for importing to GB remains unchanged and the

COI must be stamped/signed by the Control Body of the exporter prior to the goods leaving the export country. However, Defra has confirmed within the guidance that the original paper copy of the COI will now no longer be required and a pdf copy (signed/stamped as detailed above) emailed to the Port Health Authority will be acceptable. Further information and relevant documents can be found here

<https://ofgorganic.org/news/importing-and-exporting-organic-food>

Defra has also announced an extension to the easements on the requirement for a COI for organic goods imported into Great Britain from the EU, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland. The original easement had been due to expire and require COIs from 1 October 2021. This new extension will now mean a COI will not be required for organic goods imported into GB until 1 July 2022.

Sesame Seeds Originating from India containing Ethylene Oxide

We have been informed by the Food Standards Agency of concerns highlighted by the EU regarding sesame seeds originating from India due to a significant volume of products being contaminated with ethylene oxide (ETO).

A worrying number of detections of very high levels of ETO in products have been reported by EU member states. This contamination constitutes a serious risk to human health. ETO is not approved as an active substance for use in plant protection products in the EU or UK.

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

Fraudulent Certificates

Kiwa BCS Organic

Forever Ready Trading Pty Ltd. Valid until 31st December 2021

LACON GmbH

Forever Ready Trading Pty Ltd. Valid until 31st December 2021

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