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Defra support for the future of organic



George Eustice MP

UK organic leaders have said they feel encouraged after Defra minister George Eustice announced that the government would continue to offer the sector its support post-Brexit.

In a meeting with the English Organic Forum on 31 January, Mr Eustice told senior industry representatives that he was keen to see the UK organic sector continue to thrive.

He also said that he did not want to undo any existing organic regulations or standards which had so far encouraged UK organics to grow. The EU organic regulation would be incorporated into UK law.

In a positive meeting, Mr Eustice indicated he was keen to support farming systems which used a tailored approach to production.

This included soil management, legumes for nitrogen fixation and rotations, and farming systems which balanced traditional techniques with modern breeding practices.

He also said that he did not see the need to make any significant changes once the UK had left the European Union, as he wanted to ensure UK organics remained compliant with EU rules.

He confirmed that organic conversion and maintenance support in its current form would continue to be available under Countryside Stewardship until the UK leaves the EU, including windows in 2017 and 2018 for five-year agreements starting in 2018 and 2019.

The meeting was part of the English Organic Forum's efforts to clarify how government support for the sector may take shape in future, and to highlight areas of concern where the impact of Brexit might affect producers. Organic food consumption is growing strongly across the globe and this offers a significant opportunity both domestically and internationally for the UK organic sector.

EOF members present at the meeting included the Organic Trade Board, the NFU, Organic Arable, the Biodynamic Association, Organic Food Federation, the Soil Association, OF&G and the Organic Research Centre (ORC).

Forum chairman and ORC director Nic Lampkin said Mr Eustice's comments were extremely positive.

"With the right support, the organic sector can continue to provide valuable public goods and services, supported by the

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market, which Mr Eustice seemed to recognise.

"The Minister also recognised the value of the organic brand in developing trade opportunities for UK businesses.

"We hope that this is the start of a meaningful dialogue with government over how we can work together to help encourage organic producers post-Brexit."

Roger Kerr, our CEO, who attended on behalf of OF&G and as the current Chair of the UK Organic Certifiers Group added that "It would have been easy for the Minister to have offered platitudes and to have brushed off our concerns by referring to the up and coming green paper review on food and farming. But he didn't, he took time to discuss the key issues and outline his thought processes, some of which aligned well with organic principles. Given we are at the very beginning of a long hard road this was encouraging"



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Lorraine Trust

The Lorraine Trust is again offering grants of up to £2,500 each towards projects that aim to benefit your holding and its wildlife.

All you need is:

- to be a certified organic farmer or grower.
- to work between 1 and 150 acres of land.

- some horticulture.
- to have a yearly HOUSEHOLD income of no more than £21,000.
- to send full and specific details to the address below of your planned project showing its benefits to your holding and its wildlife before 31 March 2017.

The Lorraine Trust, C/o Cliff Carnell, Llystyn Farm, Brechfa, Carmarthen, Carm, SA32 7RB.



Grain Prices: Courtesy of Simon Tubbs, Saxon Organic:

01284 764915

Markets remain well supported as continued demand exceeds supply. While this is clearly favourable for those with unsold stock, there is concern that the lack of general availability is curbing future growth opportunities in the sector, and particularly so in the milling market. UK millers have been prepared to offer some very high premiums this season, but it is apparent that adequate stocks are simply not available. This is also being felt to some extent in the feed market, with one buyer who uses domestic origin grain only, now being forced to look to source from elsewhere. Whilst this adverse supply situation has been brought about by very average yields from the 2016 harvest, the reduction in UK cropped area has also tightened the supply chain year on year. We do expect some more offers of 2016 crop grain once the winter and spring drilling campaign is complete, and there is also evidence that these higher prices will stimulate some organic farms to return more land to arable production this year which is great news, and of course we hope that a better 2017 harvest output will improve the supply situation. It is up to all organic stakeholders - growers, merchants, and consumers - in the marketplace to work together to try to find ways to maintain and permit this growth potential in organics. It is important to note that these same challenges are being felt overseas, so this is not just a UK issue.

The political complexities of Brexit,

internal EU elections, and of course the new American administration will also provide some spice to the 2017 market, another factor to watch!

Current values, ex farm collection, subject location

Wheat £245, Barley £242, Oats £235/255, Milling Wheat £335, Beans £375

Organic Livestock Trends: OLMC

It is encouraging to report that there continues to be an improved trade for organic prime beef as supplies have marginally tightened from producers coupled with the consumer demand post Christmas continuing to increase. The quality of the finished cattle has been good with producers taking their animals to optimum weights without going too fat.

Most retailers have reported an increase in consumer demand although there continues to be a lack of full carcass utilisation within the processing sector. However, the next couple of months could well see a further improvement in price should the increase in consumer demand be maintained.

With the winter weather finally catching up, the demand from the consumer for manufacturing meat has increased and with numbers of cull cows coming forward post Christmas becoming shorter it has left abattoirs looking for supply. There could be further strengthening of price during the next few weeks.

Average R4L Organic UTM in spec @ 433p/kg deadweight

Average R4L Organic OTM Cow in spec @270p/kg deadweight

Following what has been a good Christmas period for the marketing of finished organic lamb there is currently an unexciting trade with numbers coming forward meeting demand with ease. Hopefully this will reverse as we get into February when the lamb trade traditionally improves. In many cases forward booking is necessary to ensure the lambs are moved in a reasonable time period.

Average R3L organic NSL in spec @ 390p/kg deadweight

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

Demand for organic store cattle continues to be strong as it was pre Christmas. The greatest demand is for the bigger stores that will finish inside before turnout. The smaller turnout cattle are going to be in strong demand in 2/3 weeks. This demand reflects renewed confidence in organic beef production after a very difficult last twelve months for finishers.

The condition of store cattle has generally been satisfactory with good supplies of forage still in place. It is important for organic cattle, as it is for any cattle, that they are marketed at the right weight for age and producers must be aware that it is key to the value of their store cattle.

We are always available for on farm advice and continue to require more suppliers of organic store cattle. Please call Peter Jones on 01829 730580 or mobile 07720 892922; for further details of cattle for sale check web site www.peterjoneslivestock.co.uk. We also have a following on Facebook.



Steve Clarkson 15 years at OF&G!

It is with great delight that we announce that our Certification and Compliance Manager, Steve Clarkson has just celebrated his 15 year anniversary with OF&G. This does demonstrate, if nothing else, his endurance and resilience. Joking aside, however, we are very proud of Steve and in the dedication and diligence he shows in what is a difficult role. He has over the years gained a huge amount of experience in the sector and in doing so hopefully this feeds out to you in the practical, pragmatic and consistent way we administer the regulation. I hope you will join us in congratulating him on achieving this milestone and we all look forward to working with him for at least another 15 years, if he can stand it!

Biofach

OF&G will be attending the annual organic food fair in Germany again this year. Our chief executive, Roger Kerr and our development manager, Steven Jacobs will be at the show in **Nuremberg from the 15-17 February 2017.**

And, Steven has been invited to speak at one of the IFOAM EU hosted sessions. He will be discussing Brexit: the impact on organic in the UK and Europe on Friday 17 February at 14.00. If any of you also intend coming to this well-known and extremely popular trade show and want to meet up let us know and we can have a chat over some of the finest food and drink from all over the world.

Event details - <https://www.biofach.de/en/events>

Oxford Real Farming Conference

The future of agricultural support post-Brexit, fair-trade farming systems and protecting soils were the talk of Oxford last month as hundreds of farmers and growers convened for the annual Oxford Farming (OFC) and the Oxford Real Farming (ORFC) Conferences. OF&G kick-started 2017 by being at both events.

Defra minister Andrea Leadsom opened OFC with a whistle-stop tour of the current state of British agriculture, touching on everything from issues around migrant workers and trade, to exports and the environment.

The first-ever joint event between the OFC and the ORFC saw delegates from both conferences get the chance to find out exactly how inputs can impact on food. The Grate Cheese Event involved a number of innovative dairy farmers – including OF&G licensee Hugh Padfield of the Bath Cheese Company – who guided delegates through a special cheese-tasting event. For more information on these events go to our website ofgorganic.org/oxford-farming-conferences-highlights-2017/

New Member of Staff - Jackie Pugh

Our new Office Administrator, Jackie Pugh, started working at OF&G at the beginning of January. She is the voice behind the general enquiries phone line and the person running our general email account, info@ofgorganic.org. At present she is getting to grips with the vast range of queries that we encounter during a typical week and also quickly learning about the procedures that we have for dealing with all the paperwork that comes into the office, both in the post and via email. Jackie comes to us with a wealth of experience in accounts administration in particular, working for companies as diverse as Marks & Spencers financial services to farm machinery. When not at work she can be found mountain biking or horse riding in the Welsh border counties, before putting her feet up to read forensic novels.

New OF&G Bank Details

OF&G have changed their bank details and whilst many of you have started to pay invoices into the new Triodos account, there are still quite a few licensees, who have probably saved our old bank details in their accounts, and are still paying into the Barclays bank account.

Please could you check to make sure that these payee details are changed to the following (also mentioned on invoices):

Triodos Bank:

Sort Code: 16-58-10
Account Number: 2060 5153

Licensee Questionnaire

At OF&G we are keen to understand how our operations impact on your business.

To that end we have included a questionnaire in this newsletter, or with the email if you receive newsletters that way, which we would appreciate you taking the time to complete and return to us. This way we can find out if there are any areas where we can improve our service and hopefully improve your certification with OF&G

Thank you, in advance, to those who help us with this. By giving your time on feedback this should provide some dividends to you in the future.

Avian Influenza Housing Restrictions

Since the beginning of the housing declaration requiring poultry producers to house their poultry or ensure they do not mix with the wild bird population OF&G have been keeping poultry producers up to date with the requirements via email. The latest news from the Defra Chief Veterinary Officer was that the housing restriction was being extended to the 28 February 2017 with the distinct possibility of this being extended beyond that date.

An extension beyond 28 February causes issues for anyone selling their birds/eggs as free range in addition to organic. The free range marketing regulation requires that in order to be marketed as such the birds can only be housed for a maximum of 12 weeks before they lose their free range status.

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If you have any questions please contact your certification officer.

Producers

Part-organic pullet approvals and non-organic poultry approval process

It is some time now since we discussed the requirements when bringing in non-organic day old birds or part-organic pullets. For some time now all requests to bring in non-organic birds have to be passed to Defra for approval prior to the birds being brought onto farm. This extra step has increased to time it can take to gain approval and so adequate time must be given to allow for this.

Whether you are looking to introduce birds for meat production or egg laying birds, in the first instance you must look for an organic source of these.

To check if organic animals are available there are a number of sources of information:

Classified section of the OF&G website <http://www.organicfarmers.org.uk/classifieds/>

Classified section of the SOPA website <http://www.sopa.org.uk/classifieds>

Soil Association Organic Market Place <http://www.soilassociation.org/organicmarketplace>

OF&G also produce a Technical Leaflet (TL122) that details producers of organic table bird chicks and organic and part-organic pullets.

If no suitable birds are available you must apply for approval to bring in non-organic chicks and/or part-organic pullets using Record Sheet 21A (available in your Certification Manual) making sure that all information requested in the form is also submitted. If you are applying for more than one batch of birds at a time you must also supply details of the numbers of birds in each batch and the approximate date of arrival of each batch of birds.

Where you bring in table bird chicks at less than three days of age these must undergo a minimum 10 week conversion under organic management before they may be sold as organic.

If you have brought-in part-organic pullets for egg production at 16-18 weeks they must undergo a 6 week conversion under organic management before the eggs may be sold as

organic (the birds themselves may never be sold as organic).

Please note that where birds have been brought in without the correct prior approval in place from Defra the status of the birds / eggs may be lost and they may not be eligible for sale as organic.

Imrestor

We have been approached by a number of licensees and their veterinary surgeons who have been looking to use a product called Imrestor on their dairy cattle. The use of Imrestor has been discussed by the Certification Body Technical Working Group (CBTWG) who have agreed that Imrestor should be classified as a chemically synthesised allopathic veterinary medicine and as such is subject to the restrictions on the use of such medicines described within the organic regulation. Veterinary treatments, other than vaccines, must not be used as preventative treatments.

It may be possible to use Imrestor to treat individual animals where other treatments have been exhausted and there is the possibility that the animal will be culled. It may also be used as part of a controlled programme, under the supervision of a veterinary surgeon, for a limited period of time where there has been a disease breakdown. The purpose of this programme would be with a view to reducing the incidence of mastitis and thus reduce the overall use of antibiotics.

In all circumstances where an operator is wishing to use Imrestor they should contact their Certification Officer to discuss the situation and whether this is an appropriate strategy. Where the use is allowed this must be detailed in the animal health plan with a justification for its use. As the stated withdrawal period for meat, offal and milk following the use of Imrestor is zero days, organic operators must withdraw these food products for a minimum of 48 hours following the last treatment.

Seed Approval Process

Single Seed Varieties

If no organic seed of the species you

wish to grow (barley, wheat etc...) is available an approval may be granted for non-organic, untreated, seed under certain conditions. If the variety you wish to grow is not available in organic form but another variety is available organically, you must be able to demonstrate why the available organic varieties are not agronomically suitable. In all circumstances a seed approval request form must be sent to your Certification Officer in good time before you wish to sow the seed.

Seed for Seed Production

In addition to the above information to justify your approval request, please also supply a copy of your seed contract or home saved seed plan.

Your Certification Officer will aim to contact you within three to five days of receipt of your approval request. Hopefully this will be to inform you that the request has been approved. However, if the forms have not been completed correctly or important information is missing, the process will be delayed whilst we obtain the relevant information.

Status of Livestock

We have recently been made aware of potential confusion over the status of livestock being sold into the food chain and whether these should be sold as organic or not. There is a small market for the sale of organic cull cows, however, if you are thinking of selling into this market you must ensure that you are supplying only organic cows and not those classified as converted breeding stock.

Converted Breeding Stock are those animals that were:

- On the holding at the start of the conversion;
- Born during the conversion of the land (if not undertaking a simultaneous conversion);
- Have been brought in as replacement breeding animals from a non-organic source.

These animals can be used to produce organic offspring or organic milk but must never be sold as organic meat animals.

Organic animals are those that are:

- Born into the organic system after the land completed its conversion;

- Born on the farm during a simultaneous conversion;
- Brought in from an organic farm where they were born onto that farm after the completion of the relevant conversion periods.

If you have any queries about the eligibility of your stock for sale as organic please contact your certification officer.

Processors

If you have any queries about the following articles please contact your processor certification officer.

Extension of import controls from Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Russian Federation

At the end of 2015 the EU Commission issued guidance on additional measures in force where products were to be imported from Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Russian Federation. The guidance issued at that time was in place for the whole of 2016 and required that anyone importing products from these countries was required to take a sample of each consignment at the point of entry into the EU. The samples must then be analysed for the presence of pesticide residues not authorised for organic production. These guidelines have now been updated and the controls have been extended for the period 1/1/2017 to 31/12/2017, however, the countries requiring the controls have been reduced to Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Russian Federation.

Fraudulent Organic Certificate

We have received the following alert from Belgium regarding a falsified Certificate of Inspection. It has listed that Control Union Certifications is the issuing body, the exporter is located in Peru and the first consignee in Taiwan.

There is also reference to the Belgian private standard Biogarantie (stamp in box 15).

This document was not issued by Control Union Certifications – who have no organic (or any other) activities on the address in Laageind, Antwerp.

Staff Profile

Barbara Pennington

Producer Certification Officer



We think that many of you will have had the chance to speak to Barbara as your new Producer Certification Officer, so we thought we would give you some background to the voice at the other end of the telephone.

Barbara joined OF&G in October 2016 and has quickly become an integral part of the team, liked by both her colleagues and licensees. Originally from Northern Ireland, Barbara moved to Sterling to attend university where she studied Business Law and Marketing. Although her studies were not related to farming her family do run an organic cross border farm on the borders of England and Scotland.

Prior to joining the OF&G team Barbara worked in communications for the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), she then moved on to SGRPID where she could be seen walking fields for remapping, completing cattle and sheep traceability exercises and checking farms for their SAF eligibility.

When not in the office Barbara still takes an active role in the family farm especially around the busy harvest period. She also enjoys exploring the countryside on long walks with her dog. If you haven't heard from Barbara already she'll soon be sending out letters to her allocated farmers.

Licensees can enjoy a 20% discount with streamlined BRC Audits

Acoura, OF&G's certification partner, are one of the UK's leading providers of BRC audits, working with food manufacturers of all sizes to provide audits for the 18 scopes of the latest BRC Food Safety standard.

Recognised internationally, having BRC certification has long been an essential retailer requirement and is often a major assistance in accessing a wider market. Through Acoura, OF&G licensees can benefit from integrated audits which combine BRC with their organic inspection, reducing hassle and saving licensees time and money.

Acoura's integrated audits also come at preferential rates, with an additional discount of 20% for all combined audits in the first year. Optional BRC modules and bolt-ons from retailers such as ASDA can also be provided where appropriate.

Emma Cottell, Acoura's Processing Technical Assistant, explains some of the benefits:

"We've been working with food manufacturers across the UK to provide BRC for several years now and have a wide network of trained auditors able to conduct combined BRC and OF&G organic audits.

"Integrated audits have saved our customers a great deal of unnecessary costs and hassle. For example, we have a multi-site customer who receives all their BRC, OF&G and retailer bolt-on audits at a single visit at each premises.

"This streamlined approach means they can focus on preparing for one combined audit per site rather than the two or three separate visits they previously had from multiple providers. This has given them extra time to focus on other aspects of their business while also saving them a significant four figure cost saving."

Companies already combining audits have received a positive experience from Acoura and OF&G, such as David Berryman Ltd:

"As any company will agree, going through any audit is a daunting task. David Berryman Ltd went through a combined BRC and Organic audit with Beverly from Acoura in December 2016. Beverly was a friendly yet very professional auditor. We would like to thank Beverly and Acoura for auditing David Berryman Ltd, and would highly recommend going through a combined BRC and organic audit."

To find out more about how Acoura can help reduce your audit burden and save you money through integrated audits you can contact Emma Cottell on 0131 335 6641, or brc@acoura.com.



Updated approved inputs

A full list of approved inputs appears on our website <http://ofgorganic.org>

Licensee in the News

The Edwards family and their organic dairy farm on the Welsh border feature in a fascinating article in the Farmers Guardian on 20 January.

Thomas Edwards is interviewed and the piece goes into some depth on how he has taken on the farm business and also shares ideas on best practice.

See more 'Organic dairy farmer taking lessons from his travels'

<https://www.fginsight.com/vip/vip/organic-dairy-farmer-taking-lessons-from-his-travels--18229>



SUPPLIER	TELEPHONE	CATEGORY
Nico Orgo Manures	01923 854224	Fertilisers
Legume Technology Ltd	0115 824 0585	Plant Health Products
Lallemand Animal Nutrition UK Ltd	0800 731 0005	Animal Health Products, Animal Feed Additives
EM Effective Micro-Organisms Limited	01823 673344	Manure Treatment, Compost Additive, Silage Additive, Animal Feed Supplements, Bedding Materials
The Salt Seller Ltd	07828 046616	Additive
Paddocks Farm Partnership Ltd	0870 850 2313	Animal Health Products
Natural Feeds and Fertilisers Ltd	01970 820149	Animal Feed Supplements, Vitamins, Minerals & Trace Elements, Fertilisers, Pest Control
Ball of Madley Ltd	01981 250301	Vitamins, Minerals & Trace Elements
Herban UK Limited	0191 497 5577	Animal Feed Supplements
Gromax Industries Ltd	01473 657555	Weed Control
Crossgates Bioenergetics Ltd	01756 749444	Animal Feed Supplements
Arden Wood Shavings Ltd	01675 443888	Bedding Materials
Agrimin Limited	01652 688046	Vitamins, Minerals & Trace Elements
Realistic Agri Ltd	01952 433644	Processing Aids
Celtic Sea Minerals	00353 214 378727	Vitamins, Minerals & Trace Elements, Fertilisers
Greenworld Sales Ltd	01553 772590	Soil Conditioners, Compost
George Holland Ltd	07761 411412	Fertilisers, Ingredients

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Items for sale

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MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT FOR SALE				
Sheep equipment various.	Various sheep equipment for sale due to ceasing to keep sheep. 10 x ring feeders, adopter crates - polden vale type, assorted hurdles 4ft and 6 ft painted. All in good condition.	Jamie Cullimore	07717 534933	Gloucester
4000 ltr Fulwood DX Bulk tank for sale	Approx 4000 litre capacity Fulwood DX Bulk Milk Tank for sale c/w Auto tank wash (Hotwash) VGC. Regularly serviced under contract and only for sale due to recent retirement from Dairy Farming. £3750 + VAT (Delivery possible)	Martyn Glover	01392 461302 or 07860 835754	Exeter, Devon
16 X ATL Galvanised Feeders for sale	16 X ATL Galvanised feeders for sale c/w individual controls. Approx 2 years old, only for sale due to recent retirement from Dairy Farming. Offers please.	Martyn Glover	01392 461302 or 07860 835754	Exeter, Devon
15 Ton Uttley Ingham feed bin	15 Ton Uttley Ingham feed bin. £1000 + VAT.	Martyn Glover	01392 461302 or 07860 835754	Exeter, Devon
Artic lorry freezer body	40 ft Tri - Axle Artic lorry Freezer body with Donkey engine and auto standby. Barn doors. Clean, dry and tidy inside. £2500 + VAT.	Martyn Glover	01392 461302 or 07860 835754	Exeter, Devon
8/16 ALFA LAVAL MILKING PARLOUR	8/16 Alfa Laval Herringbone milking parlour, Jars, ACR's with Auto milk release, Track over, Vacuum Gates front and back, Mangers, Vacuum pump, Pulsators, Plate cooler etc. Complete system ready to go. Old but very efficient and reliable, only for sale due to recent retirement from Dairy Farming. £2500 + VAT	Martyn Glover	01392 461302 or 07860 835754	Exeter, Devon
IAE Sheep handling equipment	Full IAE sheep race and extensive penning hurdles etc. Fully galvanised with coupling rods. Complete with drafting gate and 2 large footbaths to fit in race. 2 x guillotine gates included. Includes some curved hurdles. Very good condition - been used in a building largely.	Jamie Cullimore	07717 534933	Gloucester
KONSKILDE SUCKER-BLOWER	Konskilde Sucker- Blower. PTO driven and in good working order. Complete with 50 foot of straight pipes, 3 bends, 1 flexible, distributor head, hoover end and joining clamps. £850+VAT.	Carl Gray	07771 985908	Tewkesbury, Glos
PARMITER DISC HARROW	PARMITER DISC HARROWS. Mounted or trailed 3m discs in good working order. Rear drawbar and rear 3 point linkage frame. Wheel weight carriers. Bearings all good, plenty of metal on discs. £725+VAT.	Carl Gray	07771 985908	Tewkesbury, Glos
SPRING TINES	MF 9 foot spring tines. Good reversable points but 3 tines missing hence £250 + VAT. Photos available.	Carl Gray	07771 985908	Tewkesbury, Glos
POST HOLE BORER	Tractor mounted, PTO driven. 12' auger. £200 + VAT. Photos available.	Carl Gray	07771 985908	Tewkesbury, Glos

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE				
Organic Poultry Manure for Sale	Large regular amounts of Organic Poultry Manure from Organic Meat Birds for sale. Farm near Crediton, Devon. Collection only.	Tom Browne	07855 311274	Crediton, Devon
Business Opportunity	Business opportunity Organic Xmas Turkeys or Geese, land plus buildings available for rent or JV. 8000 birds capacity. North Devon	Georg van den Berg	07977 206530	Umberleigh, Devon

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SHEEP FOR SALE				
Organic in lamb yearlings for sale	20 yearlings (10 Suffolk/Texel X & 10 Halfbreds) for sale. They ran with a good quality Suffolk tup since the end of October 2016 and have been scanned as in lamb with singles. Willing to split into groups. If interested in having a look please give Mike a ring	Mike Lewis	07901 710882	Llandrindod Wells, Powys
Organic yearlings for sale	24 yearlings (12 Suffolk/Texel X & 12 Halfbreds) for sale. They have been running with a good quality Suffolk tup since the end of October 2016. Willing to split into groups. If interested in having a look please give Mike a ring	Mike Lewis	07901 710882	Llandrindod Wells, Powys
120 Store Lambs	120 store lambs, lley n x charollais & pure lley n. average 34kg please ring for more info.	Shane lewis	07887 687535	Llandrindod Wells, Powys

CATTLE FOR SALE				
Weaning Steer Calves	14 seven month old calves off pedigree herd in SAC health scheme	Martin Reynolds	07966 371558	Barry/ Cardiff, Vale of Glamorgan
In Calf MRI Heifers	16 in calf MRI organic heifers due to calf Jan-Feb 2017. In calf to pedigree registered angus sire.	Sean	07917 358084	Petersfield, Hants
Hereford Steers for sale	25 Pedigree Organic Hereford steers for sale, 9-11 months old.	Mark Steele	07717 366560	Pershore, Worcs
Pedigree Hereford heifers for sale	15 Pedigree Hereford heifers for sale. All out of Shraden Bull, heifers aged 8-11 months.	Mark Steele	07717 366560	Pershore, Worcs
Aberdeen Angus cross Limousin maiden heifers	40 Aberdeen Angus cross Limousin maiden heifers. Available March onwards. Quiet fully vet inspected . Please ring Stoker Frater for details.	Stoker Frater	07977 441381	Alnwick, Northumberland
Organic Bulling Heifers for Sale	Four 28-30 months old heifers for sale (2 Simmental X, 1 Welsh Black X and 1 Welsh White). All good strong animals. Two 18 -20 months old Welsh black heifers also available both with a lot of potential. If you are interested in having a look please give Mike a ring.	Mike Lewis	07901 710882	Llandrindod Wells, Powys
Dairy Heifers	15 March Born dairy Heifers, BF and Kiwi x Breeding. Fit and Healthy. TB Free and Fully Organic. From Very Healthy Fertile Herd.	Toby	07785 397678	Barnstaple, Devon
40 Store	40 - 18 to 21 month old store cattle. Charolais and Hereford crosses. Steers or heifers, can pick the what you want out of a group of 60. TB restricted, just been tested, so are free to move under licence if you can get one.	Philip Hopper	07917 633955	Bude, Cornwall
Organic Suckler Cow	Aberdeen Angus X 4th calver, with month old Stabilizer steer calf at foot. Cow vaccinated for Lepto, BVD and IBR. Selling as out of sync with our herd. £1150	Bob or Liz Priest	07810 717248	Holsworthy, Devon
Converted breeding cows/ heifers	Saler x cows and saler x and sim x in-calf heifers for sale all converted breeding stock have been running with Aberdeen Angus bull since mid september	A Smith	07960 738791	Launceston, Cornwall
20 Organic Beef Shorthorn stores	20 April/May born 2016 beef shorthorn steers. Well grown. Will split. Viewings welcome. Based in west sussex. Phone for more information	Paul Crawley	07970 149467	Chichester, W Sussex

LAND AND GRAZING FOR SALE				
Organic 20 acre Smalholding for sale in West Wales	Retirement has brought on the sale of Penbanc, Capel Dewi, Llandysul after over 50 years. 15 years certified organic. Tucked away in a Welsh valley near to a friendly village. Full details on agents Dai Lewis, Llandysul Ceredigion web site or direct from Mike and Wendy Walden, Penbanc, Capel Dewi, Llandysul Ceredigion SA44 4PP.	Mike and Wendy Walden	01545 590 660	Capel Dewi, Llandysul
Poultry Opportunity	For rent or JV; Organic 30 acre, 10,000 layer unit for rent (in 2 static sheds) in North Devon.	Georg van den Berg	07977 206530	Umberleigh, Devon
16.19 acres of Organic Pasture to let at Grafton Flyford, Worcestershire	Approximately 16.19 acres (6.55 hectares) of gently sloping organic pasture split into three equal enclosures, located adjacent to the A442 in between North Piddle and Grafton Flyford. To let by tender on a 12 month Farm Business Tenancy commencing the 25th March 2017. Tenders to be submitted by 12 noon Wednesday 1st March 2017. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT HALLS KIDDERMINSTER ON 01562 820880	Ellie Watkins	01562 820880	Worcester

FEEDSTUFFS AND FORAGE FOR SALE

Organic Big Bale Hay	2016 Organic Big Bale Hay, made well in early July, nice and green.	Paul Phillips	07971 184580	Wincanton, Somerset
Horse / sheep hay for sale	Approx 300 bales of top quality meadow hay in quadrant 6 string square bales. All made good in 2016. transport can be arranged and access for lorries is excellent.	Jamie Cullimore	07717 534933	Gloucester, Glos
Round bale silage	100 round bales of well made silage. Made 2016	Rob Herrod	01984 667479	Taunton, Somerset
Organic Round Bale Silage	200 + Round bales of excellent quality Organic Silage, £22/bale. Also approx 350 Tons good quality Organic Clamp silage. Can help with loading this end.	Martyn Glover	01392 461302 or 07860 835754	Exeter, Devon
25 Organic silage/haylage round bales	"We have 25 large round Organic silage/haylage for sale. The fodder was harvested mid-August 2016 and are double wrapped. Good mix of species. Collection only. If interested please give Mike a ring	Mike	07901 710882	Llandrindod Wells, Powys
Organic Meadow Hay	Round bale certified organic Meadow Hay for sale. Made beautifully, clean, soft & green with lovely smell. Can deliver nation wide.	Julian Godwin	07872 964814	Tenbury Wells, Worcs
Round Bale Haylage etc. For Sale	Varying quantities and qualities all well made and feedable Round Bale Haylage, Silage and Hay 2016 From £30-£40 /bale. Also 55 big square big bales 4 string, 2015 made.	James Blair	07774 874989	Falfield Wotton under Edge, Glos
Meadow Hay	Finest meadow hay made from our Avon flood meadows. Baled on the hottest day of this summer, not rained on. Big square bales stored inside. Easy lorry access with loading available 3 miles from M5 junction 9. 50t available. £80/t.	Carl Gray	07771 985908	Tewkesbury, Glos
Organic Haylage - Large round wrapped bales	100+ bales available. August cut. Large round bales with three layers of wrap. £35 each. Organic certified with Soil Association.	Svante Larsson	01437 741144	Haverfordwest, Pems
Haylage	Good quality haylage for sale. 370kg triple wrapped square bales. Can deliver locally.	Mr P Huxley	07799 840370	Shifnal, Shrops
Haylage for sale	Round bale meadow haylage suitable dry cows etc. Local delivery possible for full loads. POA.	Colin Maddever	07899 964605	Liskeard, Cornwall
Large Round & Square Bales of Haylage - West Devon	250+ large bales, well-made & wrapped 6 times, smells fantastic. £20 per bale - discount possible for quantity. Delivery arranged at cost. We are between Okehampton, Launceston & Holsworthy.	William Whitbread	01837 871100	Beaworthy, Devon
Round Bale Silage	100 Organic round bales silage for sale, 1st cut, made June 2016. Good solid bales no rain.	Rob	01984 667479	Taunton, Somerset
Organic Barley	Approx 5t organic spring barley. Evilina. Summer 2016 harvest in good conditions. Located North Devon. Willing to break load for collection or delivery in 1/2 tonne dumpy bags.	Wayne Copp	07818 011591	Ilfracombe, Devon

DAIRY CATTLE FOR SALE

40 Crossbred April/May Calving Cows	40 cows, mainly LIC and Norwegian Red breeding for sale. Due between 29 March and 30 May 2017 to Pedigree Aberdeen Angus bulls. Most are 1st and 2nd lactation. From grazing herd averaging 6000 lts with 4000 lts from forage. Cubicle housed. Nice group in excellent condition.	Tom Appleby	07725 740041	Evesham, Worcs
i/c dairy heifers for sale	20 organic h/f heifers in calf to h/f bull calving feb/march. bvd/ bluetongue/husqvac from 4 yr tb tested herd.	Ian Bowman	01892 824778	Tunbridge Wells, Kent
organic dairy cattle for sale	40 dairy cows, mainly British Friesian, all year rounds calving, plus in calf heifers, bulling heifers and calves, TB free, good hardy cattle.	Ian Buse	01208 862680 07790 257139	Wadebridge, Cornwall
19 Organic British Friesian Dairy Heifer Replacements	15 British Friesian Dairy Heifer Replacements ranging from 18 to 27 months. 3 British Friesian / AAX Dairy Heifer Replacements from 15 to 20 months. 1 British Friesian / Ayrshire Dairy Heifer Replacement 20 months. Red Tractor Assured. £1,000 each	Alan Simpson	07922 163717	Leek, Staffs
20 January calving dairy cows	20 January calving dairy cows for sale. Please contact for details.	Richard Moseley	01994 231641	St Clears, Carmarthen
Organic Pedigree Dairy Cows	Calved Pedigree Holstien Friesian Dairy Heifers and cows for sale.	Rob Carr	07808 586950	Carlisle, Cumbria

Items wanted

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CATTLE WANTED				
Cows Wanted	Cows wanted deadweight. Cows wanted dead weight. Prompt payment, collected direct from farm, Small or large numbers taken.	John Fitzpatrick	07496 214560	Carmarthen
Store cattle wanted.	Forward stores required. 20 months +. Native or continental breeds preferred. Dairy bred accepted 0+ and above. Can take non assured cattle.	Nigel	07977 485770	Plymouth, Devon
Organic Cattle and Cows wanted	Organic cattle and cows wanted. Prompt payment. Collected direct from farm. Most areas covered. Small or large numbers taken.	Midland livestock	01889 566774	Uttoxeter, Staffs

LAND & GRAZING WANTED				
Organic grazing wanted.	Organic grazing wanted on a grass keep or share farming basis. The nearer to Liskeard, Cornwall the better but willing to travel further afield. All size parcels of land considered. Please call Jason.	Jason Kendall	01579 320509	Liskeard, Cornwall

FEEDSTUFFS AND FORAGE				
Small bales of organic hay wanted	Organic small bale hay needed urgently. Requiring upwards of 100 bales. Supplier must be able to deliver. Please contact by phone. South-east Herefordshire.	Miss E Vice	01432 861000 / 07749 880277	Welshpool, Powys
Fodder beet	I am looking for a load of fodder beet or other root crop . East Midlands. Glad to hear from anyone with a surplus.	Jo Bradley	07749 879530	Nottingham, Notts
Wanted Organic Hay	Organic & Conventional Hay in square bales. Will collect.	David Thorley	07973 860211	Doveridge, Derbys
Organic Hay	Organic Hay in conventional or big bales. Also wanted Good quality Timothy Hay. We will collect. Payment made in 7 days.	David Thorley	07976 921775	Ashbourne, Derbys
Organic Hay	Organic hay (mini hestons & 4ft 6 rounds). All made in July 16 and of good quality.	Jeremy Newman	01666 823499	Malmesbury, Wilts

DAIRY CATTLE WANTED				
Wanted Dairy Cattle	Looking for 20/30 young dairy heifers/cows freshly calves asap.	Adrian Hosie	07971 590540	Sherborne, Dorset

MISCELLANEOUS				
Coffee	We're looking for organic coffee beans, probably about 3-5kg at a time.	Catriona Snaddon	08458 387381	Stirling
Experienced organic farm worker	An experienced organic farm worker (mainly vegetables) seeks work anywhere in the UK. Current references are available. workerorganic@post.com	Paul Smith		
Organic white eggs	We seek certified Organic White eggs on a weekly basis. N London / South Hertfordshire area. Must be white-shelled.	Rob Pearce or Leon	07403 779 056	Barnet, Herts

JOBS				
Dedicated small - scale organic grower seeks new venture	I am a dedicated organic grower of 15 years experience growing veg, fruit, herbs, cut flowers, always with a strict emphasis on organic methods and a lo-tech approach where possible. Now seeking a fresh challenge, within south east/ eastern England. Up to 7 acres.	Rik Humphreys	07517 091025	Dorking, Surrey
Head Gardener for Organic Kitchen Garden	Beautiful Oxon Hoath Country Estate Retreat requires an experienced Horticulturalist/Kitchen Gardener to take over our Georgian Walled Garden which has full organic status.	Tina	07754 353147	Hadlow, Kent
Vegetable Gardener wanted	We are looking for an experienced veg grower to maintain our productive 1 acre vegetable garden and assist with the ornamental gardens at other times. Please visit our website for more information www.croxton-park.com	Camilla Bowkett	01480 880345	St. Neots, Cambs
Estate Worker wanted	We are seeking an enthusiastic individual to work across the estate assisting the farm manager and head gardener and undertaking general estate work. Please visit our website for more information www.croxton-park.com	Camilla Bowkett	01480 880345	St. Neots, Cambs