

General News

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New FABBL Fees

FABBL have increased their fees as of 1st April 2006 which has resulted in a small price increase for all FABBL inspections.

	Fee charged by FABBL for standalone inspection and invoiced directly by FABBL.	FABBL fee for combined OF&G/FABBL inspection and normally invoiced by OF&G with Annual OF&G Fee
FABBL only	£95.00+vat	£75.00+vat
FABBL Crop Only up to 200ha	£120.00+vat	£100.00+vat
FABBL Crop Only over 200ha	£160.00+vat	£140.00+vat
FABBL and FABBL Crop up to 200ha	£175.00+vat	£155.00+vat
FABBL and FABBL Crop over 200ha	£215.00+vat	£195.00+vat
FABBL Pigs	£160.00+vat	£140.00+vat
FABBL Assured Produce	Prices on application.	

Please note. Applications/Renewals for FABBL Crop need to be received by 31st May 2006 for the 2006 harvest.

Are you making the most of the web?

The OF&G website has been greatly expanded in recent months and now contains a host of information and useful services.

You can take advantage of our free classified ad service by submitting your own advert through the website, read up on our latest Featured Licensee (or become one yourself!), keep up-to-date with news affecting your business and check out our event listings to see what's on when and where (and whether we'll be there...).

In addition to all this there is a database of pre-approved products for use in organic systems, which saves you the time and expense of a call to your Certification Officer if you want to check whether something is allowed, or find a product you need. You'll find it under the Farm Inputs link.

The site also contains our entire standards (in the form of the Control Manual) plus all of our regularly updated Technical Leaflets.

We're regularly serving up more than 30,000 web pages per month to licensees and other visitors. If you haven't sent us a link to your website for our online directory, you could be missing out.

Take a look a www.organicfarmers.org.uk to see how it could help you.

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Technical News for Producers

AVIAN INFLUENZA

Organic and Free Range Status

Organic Status

In the event of an order to shut birds in due to Avian Influenza organic birds will not lose their organic status as long as all other organic requirements are met, there is currently no time limit on this.

Defra have confirmed that this is the case and the EU Commission have agreed an amendment to the EU organic regulation that will allow this. The EU Commission will be reviewing this decision in October and may make changes to it.

However, please note that if you are required to keep your birds in you must meet all other relevant organic standards and in addition you must supply sufficient quantities of roughage and suitable material allowing each bird to take up roughage, scratch and dust bath according to its needs.

Free Range Status

Birds shut in for more than 12 weeks will lose their free range status. Therefore if your birds have to be shut-in for more than 12 weeks, after this time you cannot claim free range status and any reference to free range status should be removed from labels, packaging, promotional material etc.

Situation in Scotland

With no further cases of High Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N1 having been found, the **Wild Bird Protection Zone** in Scotland was lifted at 00.01 on 22 April. The Protection Zone was put in place on 5 April, following confirmation of highly pathogenic H5 Avian Influenza in a Whooper swan in Cellardyke harbour. This is 21 full days after samples were taken from the wild swan. The Wild Bird Protection Zone now becomes part of the Wild Bird Surveillance Zone.

Following completion of a programme of veterinary inspections, with negative results, of all premises with poultry in the **Wild Bird Surveillance Zone** and taking account of epidemiological advice, restrictions imposed in this zone will be lifted at 00.01 on 1 May.

It is intended that the **Wild Bird Risk Area** (east of the M90/A90 stretching from the Forth Bridge to Stonehaven) will lapse at the same time as the Wild Bird Surveillance Zone on 1 May, subject to a veterinary risk assessment.

For further information see:

Defra website <http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/diseases/notifiable/disease/ai/index.htm>

Scottish Executive website

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Agriculture/animal-welfare/Diseases/SpecificDisease/AvianInfluenza/AIIntroduction>

Technical News for Processors

Wood Treatment

Recent changes in legislation now require that all hard wood, such as pallets, imported into the EU must be treated in some way to prevent the introduction of various pests and micro-organisms.

Currently the two most popular methods of treatment are either heat treatment or fumigation with methyl bromide. There are no present plans to restrict or ban the latter treatment for organic materials, however due to concerns regarding possible migration issues, it is suggested that, wherever possible, heat treated pallets are used for organic goods.



Staff News

Katie Owens – Certification Officer

OF&G is delighted to welcome the latest member of its growing team, Katie Owens. As with all of our certification staff, Katie is highly experienced in the field and will be working alongside our producer certification officers, as well as being responsible for the Evaluation Scheme of pre-approved inputs.

With an MSc in Organic Farming from the Scottish Agricultural College and four-and-a-half years spent working with other certification bodies, Katie fits well into the experienced OF&G team.

Katie, 28, said: "I'm really pleased to have joined Organic Farmers & Growers. It's a really exciting time for organic food and farming and to be part of a team at the forefront of that development is very satisfying. It also helps that they're really friendly!"



OF&G Evaluation Scheme products

The following products have recently been accepted into the OF&G Evaluation Scheme as 'Product Approved for Use in Organic Systems' or 'Product Approved for Restricted Use, Derogation Required'

Category	Name	Supplier	Telephone	OF&G Status	Eval. Scheme Cert Expiry Date
Silage Additive	Axphast Gold	Biototal Limited	02920 475550	Approved	31/10/06
Silage Additive	Axcool Gold	Biototal Limited	02920 475550	Approved	31/10/06
Silage Additive	Bio Hay	Biototal Limited	02920 475550	Approved	31/10/06
Silage Additive	Wholecrop Gold	Biototal Limited	02920 475550	Approved	31/10/06
Silage Additive	Wholecrop Legume	Biototal Limited	02920 475550	Approved	31/10/06
Silage Additive	Bio Crimp	Biototal Limited	02920 475550	Approved	31/10/06
Silage Additive	Bio Grain	Biototal Limited	02920 475550	Approved	31/10/06
Silage Additive	Maizecool Gold	Biototal Limited	02920 475550	Approved	31/10/06
Animal Feed Supplement	Biototal SC Original	Biototal Limited	02920 475550	Approved	31/10/06
Insect repellent	Sticky Fly Catcher Paper	Nordic Star	01373 455585	Approved	30/4/07
Insect repellent	Sticky Fly Catcher Ribbon	Nordic Star	01373 455585	Approved	30/4/07
Insect repellent	Sticky Fly Catcher Ribbon refill	Nordic Star	01373 455585	Approved	30/4/07
Insect repellent	Sticky Fly Catcher Roll	Nordic Star	01373 455585	Approved	30/4/07



Advertisements

For Sale

For sale: 5500 Goldline, part-organic pullets available week commencing 1/5/2006. Delivery nationwide.
Contact: John Selwyn, Fridays Ltd Tel: 01580 710246 / 07747 534411 Kent (posted Monday, 24th April 2006)

For sale: CBS ewes with organic lambs. 17 CBS AngusX suckler cows with organic AngusXDevon calves at foot.
Contact: Bernie Worth Tel: 07977 461341 Devon (posted Friday, 21st April 2006)

For sale: 18 tons organic red clover / ryegrass silage / haylage. 400Kg square bales to collect. Very palatable, good quality. £60 per ton
Contact: J R Ward Tel: 01423 323564 Email: gillandjohn@btinternet.com North Yorkshire (posted Friday, 21st April 2006)

For sale: Angus X weaned calves. 9 steers, 8 heifers. Four months old, very well grown. 150-160 kg. Huskvac. Ready to turnout. Steers £230, Heifers £175.
Contact: David Thornley Tel: 01981 580305 / 07974 374027 Hereford (posted Friday, 21st April 2006)

For sale: 10 Organic Aberdeen Angus X bulling heifers. Quiet, well bred and TB free.
Contact: Michael Turner Tel: 07855 823373 North Buckinghamshire (posted Thursday, 20th April 2006)

For sale: Boswell McRobert grain cleaner and two augers.
Contact: Michael Turner Tel: 07855 823373 North Buckinghamshire (posted Wednesday, 19th April 2006)

For sale: Fresh calved Friesian Holstein pedigree heifers for sale
Contact: Steve Barker Tel: 01743 362979 / 07793 365518 Email: sam_barker21@hotmail.com Shropshire (posted Wednesday, 19th April 2006)

For sale: Organic round bale silage/haylage
Contact: Mark Lea Tel: 01952 581552 / 07930 925058 Shropshire (posted Thursday, 13th April 2006)

For sale: Belted Galloway X British Friesian calves (Organic) available from now in Wrexham/Chester area. For further information please telephone or email.
Contact: Clyde & Helen Parker Tel: 01244 570864 Email: beltiex@hemhouse.fsnet.co.uk Wrexham/Chester (posted Wednesday, 12th April 2006)

For sale: 20 MV accredited organic Suffolk x Border Leicester gimmer lambs (born March/April 2005)
Contact: Emma Barran Tel: 01653 695332 Email: emmabarran@aol.com North Yorkshire (posted Monday, 10th April 2006)

For sale: Organic dairy shorthorn bull calves
Contact: Graham Madeley Tel: 01952 541211 Shropshire (posted Friday, 7th April 2006)

For sale: New calved Holstein Friesian cows from Pedigree herd converted 11-05, choice of up to 8 available from 1st April, also selection of Belgium Blue X calves born Feb/March. Closed herd.
Contact: Mark Gornall Tel: 01200 422346 / 07812 857091 Email: mgornall@tiscali.co.uk Lancashire (posted Friday, 7th April 2006)

For sale: Organic blue and white Friesian bull, 4 1/2 years old, home bred, very good temperament, sire is 'Pineridge'
Contact: Mr Hedges Tel: 01454 413325 Gloucestershire (posted Tuesday, 4th April 2006)

For sale: Aberdeen Angus X store cattle TB free
Contact: Lyndon Edwards Tel: 01291 622421 / 07850 842101 Email: l.edwards@farming.co.uk Chepstow (posted Monday, 3rd April 2006)

For sale: Willow rollaway nestbox units, slatted floor, roxell automatic feeders, bell drinkers, galvanised feed bins. All in good order. Please ring for details.
Contact: Mr Cole Tel: 01797 362079 Kent (posted Monday, 3rd April 2006)

For sale: Organic poultry manure, free to collect. Loading can be arranged.
Contact: Mark Gorton Tel: 01953 498434 mark.gorton@tnpltd.com Norfolk (posted Monday, 3rd April 2006)

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