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LARGE BALING CONTRACTORS COULD BE HIT BY PLASTIC PACKAGING TAX

Large-scale baling contractors could be at risk of fines from HMRC due to non-payment of the plastic packaging tax (PPT), with many unaware they are liable for it.

The tax applies to manufacturers or importers to the UK of more than 10 tonnes a year of baler twine or netwrap – deemed by HMRC to be ‘packaging’. “At present, only three companies which fall into this bracket are registered with HMRC and pay the tax due,” says Graham Robson, technical manager at Tama Europe (one of the three companies). “All the others either refuse to recognise it, feel they are not liable for it or simply refuse to pay it.

“Worse still, some of these companies are actively advising their customers that such a tax is not required for the baler twine and netwrap they are selling them. This has a two-fold effect. Firstly, it could make their customers liable for the unpaid tax and secondly, creates an uneven playing field for companies selling these products.”

The £210.82/t tax adds about £4.20 to the cost of a 20kg pack of heavy twine and about £6.50 to a 3,000m roll of netwrap. Agricultural companies paying the PPT are, therefore, finding themselves at a competitive disadvantage to others who aren’t paying it, effectively penalising those who are abiding by the law.

APE-UK, a not-for-profit company, aims to promote sustainable plastic products usage and develop national collection schemes for the recovery and recycling of used agricultural plastics. “At a recent APE-UK meeting, one

manufacturer representative, a member of APE-UK, said he disagreed with the tax and admitted to not paying it,” says Mr Robson. “The company recognised that the tax exists, but refused to accept it is liable for it. The tax is the law. Whether one disagrees with it or not, is irrelevant.”

Some international twine and netwrap producers are taking steps to avoid the tax by working with UK-based sales ‘agents’, says Mr Robson. “These agents solicit orders for the product, which are sent directly to dealer customers from the factories, mostly in Portugal and Germany, and invoiced directly to the receiving customers, putting the onus to pay the PPT on them.

“This makes the dealer directly liable for the tax. Similarly, large-scale baling contractors can easily order quantities of twine exceeding 10t in one season, making them, the end user, directly liable. Many merchants or contractors, buying via a self-employed ‘agent’ on behalf of a manufacturer, are totally unaware of their responsibility and legal duty to pay the tax.”

Steve Price, head of agriculture at Zeus Packaging, says his company is paying all the tax demanded under the PPT and has spoken to HMRC to clarify what is required. “Our understanding is that the tax covers netwrap and baler twine which are used for carriage and transportation; plastic used for fermentation like silage pit covers and bale wrap are exempt,” says Mr Price.

Although he is bothered by the lack of clarity surrounding the tax, Robert Thornborrow, aftersales manager at Krone, is paying it. “It has not been made clear - I found out about it from a dealer,” he says. “The clarity and guidelines relating to the tax we found vague. The reasoning behind it and how it is being implemented are not clear. I have seen nothing public on this tax anywhere, or the implications for pricing.

“We will pay it because we have to, but the farming community needs to be aware that it is another tax on a product they will buy,” he adds. “Companies not paying the tax are running a risk. Other companies that rely more than us on these products will be taking exception to it.”

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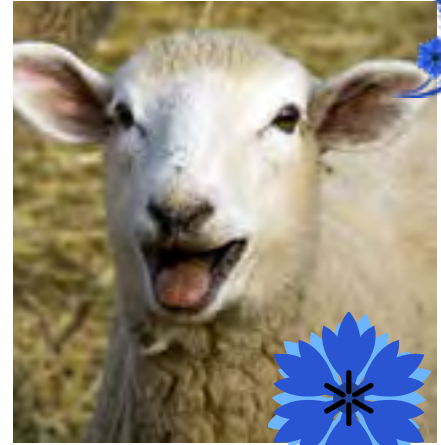
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NFU encourages shoppers to source local British turkeys



The National Farmers' Union (NFU) is encouraging the public to source local and British turkeys this Christmas.

Today (Friday, November 17) is the union's 'Buy my Turkey Day' and turkey producers across the country are urging the public to consider buying from their local producer using the NFU's online turkey finder.

NFU turkey group chair, Jonathan Smith said: "Even though it's only November, turkey producers across England and Wales have been busy rearing and caring for their birds and preparing for the festive season.

"Turkey is a fantastic choice for your Christmas dinner, providing a delicious and nutritious meal to share with the whole family.

"By buying a British turkey directly from the farm where it has been produced, you will be backing British farming, helping a local business, and providing a boost for the rural economy."

Smith said the NFU is aware of the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on families and is encouraging shoppers to buy a whole bird when selecting their turkeys this Christmas as it "represents the best value for money".

"The versatility of turkey meat means that once you've enjoyed your Christmas dinner, there are plenty of healthy, tasty dishes you can try with any leftovers to make sure all the fantastic meat is put to good use.

"Shoppers can use the NFU turkey finder to quickly locate their nearest producer and buy a turkey direct from the farm where it was reared.

"If you're buying a turkey from your local butcher, ask them if it's British and which farm it's been sourced from.

"If you're buying from the supermarket, make sure to look for the Red Tractor logo and the union flag to ensure you're getting a great tasting British bird for Christmas, reared to some of the highest standards."

Source: www.agriland.co.uk, 17 November 2023

Government revises energy efficiency targets for horticulture and poultry

Horticulture and poultry businesses will benefit from an extension to the climate change agreement (CCA) scheme after a new target period was negotiated.

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) had proposed a challenging 40.9% energy efficiency improvement target for horticulture and a 12% target for poultry.

Recognising that these proposed targets did not accurately reflect the energy efficiency of the sectors, NFU Energy and the NFU advocated for more achievable targets.

As a result, DESNZ has agreed to extend the CCA scheme by an additional two years until March 2027, with revised reduction targets now 13% for horticulture and 10% for poultry.

The CCA scheme is a voluntary agreement made between UK industry and the Environment Agency to reduce energy use and carbon dioxide emissions.

In return, operators receive a discount on the climate change levy, a tax added to electricity and fuel bills.

The Environment Agency administers the CCA scheme on behalf of the whole of the UK.

NFU Energy managing director, Tim Crocker called the change 'a significant victory' for horticulture and poultry businesses participating in the CCA scheme.

"By working collaboratively with both members and the NFU it meant that we could successfully advocate for revised reduction targets that accurately reflect the challenges faced by businesses.

"We, at NFU Energy, extend our gratitude to all those that have contributed to this achievement."

NFU deputy president, Tom Bradshaw added that the revision of the targets was 'a win' for collaboration and the commitment to sustainable energy practices.

"They are now fair and realistic for the horticulture and poultry businesses involved in the scheme," Mr Bradshaw said.

"The CCA is one of the few government incentive schemes that has consistently encouraged energy users to do the right thing and make positive changes to boost their efficiency and productivity and reduce their environmental impact.

"While we want to see this scheme continued long-term, we also believe any future replacement schemes should be more inclusive, reaching farmers and growers outside the current target sectors."

Source: www.farminguk.com, 15 November 2023

Glyphosate reauthorised for further ten years in EU



The European Commission has confirmed it will reauthorise the weedkiller glyphosate for another 10 years, subject to certain new conditions and restrictions.

During a vote at the Appeal Committee today, member states did not reach the required qualified majority to renew or reject its approval at the Appeal Committee.

In line with EU legislation and in the absence of the required majority in either direction, the Commission decided to renew glyphosate for a further ten years.

Glyphosate, which is the world's most widely used herbicide, was approved for use in the bloc until 15 December 2023.

Its renewal comes with new conditions and restrictions, including a prohibition of pre-harvest use as a desiccant and the need for certain measures to protect non-target organisms.

A row over possible risks to the environment and human health has prompted numerous investigations in the US and Europe, forcing delays to re-licensing decisions.

However, a recent European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) [study](#) found that glyphosate was "unlikely to pose a carcinogenic hazard to humans".

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the European Chemicals Agency have also classified glyphosate as non-carcinogenic.

Responding to the EU's vote, NFU vice president David Exwood said the union had always lobbied for the regulation to be led by science and evidence.

He said: "In the EU, more than 11,000 pages of independent expert review of that evidence has concluded its safety and provides good reason for EU regulators to re-approve glyphosate.

"Glyphosate has long been one of those essential products to control weeds before planting and is vital due to the popularity of a regenerative, no-till or minimum till approach.

"Britain's farmers and growers will continue to use glyphosate as long as it is safe and legal to do so to ensure environmental sustainability and a

secure supply of high-quality affordable food.

However, a recent [IPSOS poll](#) spanning six EU countries showed that only 14% of citizens expressed support for the prolonged use of glyphosate.

In stark contrast, almost two-thirds (62%) of respondents said they were in favour of a ban on glyphosate due to health concerns.

Angeliki Lysimachou, head of policy at Pesticide Action Network Europe, said the Commission was 'turning its back' on citizens' concerns.

"There is alarming evidence highlighting the cancer risks associated with glyphosate, along with the myriad of other reported adverse effects," he said.

"Several member states have recognised conclusions of the independent science: this substance does not meet the safety criteria for reapproval in Europe.

"The independent science is clear, and we call on the Commission to remove this hazardous substance from the European market once and for all."

Source: www.farminguk.com 16 November 2023

Emergency authorisations granted for maize seed treatments

UK regulators have granted emergency authorisations for three seed treatments for the 2024 maize growing season, after a successful lobbying campaign.

An impending ban on maize seed treatments has been lifted with the granting of emergency authorisations, which allow seed treated with three key products to be imported and grown in the UK next year.

The products are: bird repellent Korit, fungicide, Redigo M, and wireworm product, Force ST.

Their use as seed treatments in imported maize seed would have been illegal at the end of 2023 as part of the end of the Brexit transition agreements.

This has raised questions about the future viability of maize being grown in the UK for livestock forage or as a feedstock for anaerobic digestion (AD) plants.

"Without a suitable bird repellent, insecticide and fungicide, there's a substantial risk that newly drilled crops could be completely wiped out by corvid grazing, or seriously hindered by insect damage and soil-borne pathogens," explains Tim Richmond, maize manager for Limagrain Field Seeds in the UK and Ireland, which set up an industry working group to lobby the government on this issue.

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Source: www.farmersguide.co.uk, 13 November 2023



In his introduction for to the Autumn Edition 2023 (no 53) of NIAB Landmark, NIAB CEO Professor Mario Caccamo discusses if regeneration agriculture is hype or hope...

Major food and drink producers, retailers, NGOs and even high street banks are moving rapidly and in serious numbers to embrace regenerative agriculture as the solution to a more environmentally responsible approach to farming, with associated benefits for improving soil and water quality, enhancing biodiversity, reducing synthetic input use and conserving precious natural resources.

A year on since our Landmark issue (no 50) devoted to the topic of regenerative farming, it is great to see how much the term is in everyone's mouth: it is mainstream. Some of the large food companies are making similar pledges about their commitment to use foodstuffs produced by growers following regenerative farming principles.

There has been much debate of late about what regenerative agriculture really means. The lack of clear definitions has led some to suggest that it is simply greenwash. Questions also persist over whether the economics of regenerative agriculture stack up at the farm level and, at a time of mounting concern over the impact of climate change and war in Ukraine on global food prices and security of supply, what impact a large scale switch to regen-ag practices would have on our domestic food production capacity without bringing more land into production.

Trials at Rothamsted Research since 2017, for example, involving 24 different cropping systems combining a variety of regen-ag practices have so far shown that, in the short-term, reduced tillage invariably results in lower crop yields, and that sophisticated soil management strategies alone cannot be viewed as the short-term fix for more sustainable food production.

As we mourn the recent passing of Dr MS Swaminathan, one of the fathers of the Green Revolution, it is important we reflect on the successes of agriculture. In the past five decades the global population has doubled to reach the iconic eight billion figure in November last year. About 10% of the world population will go to bed hungry today: this is unacceptable. But if we go back to the time when Borlaug, Swaminathan and other colleagues set the basis for the great leap in agriculture productivity that resulted in the Green Revolution, that figure would have been 30%. Not only have we managed to keep

up with massive population growth, but we also reduced hunger and extended life expectancy at a remarkable pace.

As we are facing the challenges of climate change and the requirements to grow crops that are healthier, environmentally friendlier and profitable, the question we should ask is: can we sustainably intensify the way we produce food? The technologies and strategies behind soil restoration and regenerative farming stand at the intersection of these challenges.

One of the strengths of regenerative farming is its lack of prescription, and flexibility, provided its guiding principles are observed. These guiding principles are founded on well-established farming practices, many of which have been studied by NIAB as part of our applied agronomy research programmes for many years, for example in terms of longer, more diverse rotations, use of cover crops, minimum and no till cultivation systems, and improvement of soil health.

Many progressive NIAB members I have spoken to about their experiences with introducing regenerative farming practices on a commercial basis are adamant that they need that flexibility, and all the tools in the toolbox such as glyphosate to control weeds, or novel genetics to increase productivity while reducing dependence on chemical pesticides and fertilisers.

But while the success of regenerative farming may lie in its flexibility, and the diverse range of ways in which its guiding principles can be delivered, there remains a lack of commercial-scale data to inform best practice – in other words a lack of independent science which will incentivise farmers to adopt soil restoration production practices, allow the industry to demonstrate its sustainability credentials to value chain partners, and to communicate with consumers the benefits that come from a more science-based approach to agricultural production.

As former Teagasc director Professor Gerry Boyle observed recently: “..fluffy claims are not enough, and robust scientific data is needed to assess the power of regenerative agriculture.”

In short, there is a need to provide the science which can scale-up and underpin the credibility of regenerative farming systems, based on a recognition that practices focused on increasing soil organic matter, avoiding erosion, and reducing disturbance to the soil are entirely compatible with sustainable intensification and precision agriculture.

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By Professor Mario Caccamo 24 Oct 2023

'UK must double fruit and veg production to divert from "bleak" future



The warning was issued in a report published today (Monday 6 November) by the cross-party House of Lords Horticultural Sector Committee.

Advice from the Soil Association for more research into sustainable farming practices was also included in the report, after the charity [submitted evidence in parliament](#) as part of the inquiry.

Calling for a "cross-departmental horticulture strategy", the report said: "The Soil Association called for better research and innovation funding to support a transition to more sustainable farming practices, including using fewer chemicals. The Soil Association's Ben Raskin told us that 'far too much of our R&D budget goes into high-tech robotic solutions... and not enough into enabling farmers to do more on the ground'"

In response to today's report, Soil Association Head of Farming Policy Gareth Morgan said:

"The declaration by the House of Lords that the future of horticulture looks 'bleak' is concerning but not a shock given the struggles our farmers and growers are facing. Fruit and veg are not being prioritised enough in farming or diet-related government policy. Ministers must listen to the warnings from the lords and from all of us who contributed to this inquiry.

"Too few people can access healthy food, and rising fuel and electricity costs, labour shortages and low profits mean many growers are considering throwing in the towel. But these problems are solvable – government urgently needs to get the promised horticulture strategy back off the scrap heap.

"We want to see UK fruit and veg production doubled – through agroecological, nature-friendly methods – to support British growers and healthy diets."

The Soil Association is calling for manifesto commitments from all political parties to:

Double investment in nature-friendly farming across the UK – making sustainable farming

more widespread and profitable by delivering economies of scale.

Produce an ambitious horticulture strategy whilst supporting British fruit and vegetable production and consumption.

Double British fruit and vegetable production and consumption to support healthy diets, through nature-friendly farming.

Ensure that at least half of food in schools and hospitals is British, local, and sustainable, including organic, and improve the quality of the school fruit and veg scheme.

Ensure food retail pricing – from farm gate to supermarket shelf – that provides a fair return for farmers.

Intervene in supply chains so that retailers take greater responsibility and provide contracts that incentivise farmers who look after the environment across their entire farms and business, accounting for impacts on wildlife and soil as well as carbon.

Invest in local food partnerships that work to tackle food insecurity, supply chain disruption and inequity, and the climate and nature emergency, following the example of Sustainable Food Places.

Source: www.hortnews.com, 7 November 2023



The Horticultural Trades Association (HTA) has submitted a comprehensive set of proposals to the Chancellor of the Exchequer ahead of the 2023 Autumn Budget. The asks, urging action on trade, peat-free transition, and SME support, are vital to ensure environmental horticulture can continue to deliver its potential for the UK economy and environment.

Environmental horticulture – from gardens to full-scale landscapes in rural and urban areas – is a crucial part of the nation's economic and environmental landscape. Contributing £28.8bn to the UK economy, supporting 674,000 jobs and playing a central role in underpinning the UK's environmental and net-zero goals.

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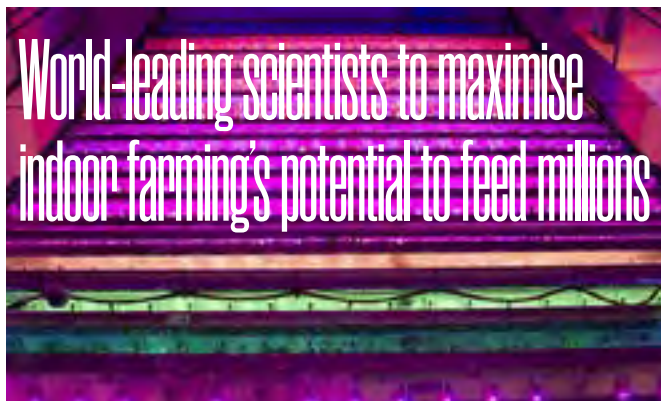


Fran Barnes, Chief Executive of the HTA, said:

"Our members – right across the supply chain, from growers to garden centres and manufacturers – have shown remarkable resilience in dealing with volatility and challenges around climate change, high inflation, access to a workforce and changes in regulations. However, government action is essential to help our businesses flourish. We have set out realistic proposals to acknowledge the economic challenges faced by the country, and we strongly believe with targeted investment and a reduction of red tape, we can facilitate growth within environmental horticulture and benefit the broader UK economy and environment.

"Principally, we need to see better regulation around the ease of trading across borders, support for a sustainable transition to peat-free, and a reduction in the regulatory and financial burdens on SMEs. Environmental horticulture touches everybody's lives, whether in private gardens or public parks and in addition to its economic and environmental delivery, it has been proven to be invaluable to the nation's health and wellbeing. It is vital that government recognises and acts upon that."

Source: www.hortnews.com, 8 November 2023



A world-first international research network designed to bring together leading minds in crop and data science as well as multiple engineering disciplines has been established to drive innovation in vertical farming, a technology that can dramatically improve global food security.

Vertical farm infrastructure enables producers to grow crops regardless of climate, weather or environmental conditions such as soil health. It is a crucial tool in helping the world sustainably feed a growing population, improving food security and reducing food miles while catering to local needs and tastes.

Launched by agritech infrastructure business and vertical farm innovator, Intelligent Growth Solutions (IGS), the research network so far spans four continents, bringing together the brightest minds in plant science, data science horticulture, forestry and engineering to continue to broaden the application of vertical farming technology and the range of its applications.

Its aims include maximising and defining optimum conditions to grow regionally important crops, speed

breeding, new variety development, establishing best practice to reduce energy and water consumption as well as proving the technology's capabilities to efficiently grow novel crops.

Source: www.hortnews.com, 17 November 2023

Perennial asks the horticultural community to share their views



People working in horticulture are being asked to voice their opinions in a Perception Survey from Perennial to help the charity improve its impact within the industry.

Designed to capture views and feedback, the short survey will help Perennial understand how it's perceived by its valued community. The insights gathered will identify areas for improvement and shape future strategies to help present the charity in the most optimal way to reach those in need and raise awareness.

"We're committed to making a difference to the lives of those working in horticulture and feedback is extremely valuable to us. Our Perception Survey won't take long to complete, but it could make all the difference in reaching individuals and their families who need our help," said Anita Bates, Director of Marketing & Fundraising at Perennial. "It's all about being there for all those who work with plants, trees, flowers or grass in the right way and in the right places."

Participants who are working in or retired from the industry and are interested in sharing their experiences are also invited to join Perennial's new 'Lived Experience' Online Panel. This is an opportunity to give their views on key topics such as health issues, managing money, career aspirations or a new service the charity is thinking about offering.

"Your journey will give us invaluable insight and enable us to understand, address and raise awareness of the evolving needs of people in horticulture. Together we can provide even more impactful assistance to those who need it most," said Anita Bates.

Help Perennial to have a lasting impact on the lives of all those who work with plants, trees, flowers or grass.

Take part in the Perception Survey at perennial.org.uk/perception and share it with your industry peers.

Source: www.hortnews.com, 26 September 2023

LIVESTOCK, POULTRY & DAIRY NEWS

New Defra Secretary urged to ensure live exports ban is 'top of in-tray'

Campaigners at the RSPCA have welcomed Mr Barclay to his new post at DEFRA, which comes just days after plans for an Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill were included in the King's Speech.

However, plans for a ban have already hit the buffers once during this Parliamentary term - after the UK Government binned its Kept Animals Bill, which has been anticipated to be the cornerstone of its animal welfare agenda.

Now, the new DEFRA Secretary has been urged to ensure a new bill is "at the top of his in-tray" and to finally get the long-promised ban over the line.

Kerry Postlewhite, assistant director of campaigns and prevention at the RSPCA, said: "We welcome the new Secretary of State to his position, and are committed to working with him to make this a better country for animals to live.

"It is imperative that this UK Government bans the live export of animals - outlawing the long, crowded journeys, mental exhaustion, physical injury, dehydration and stress that are a reality for farm animals on these unnecessary journeys. "While we were bitterly disappointed when the Kept Animals Bill was dropped, last week's King's Speech was a real moment of celebration for our 50 year campaign to end live exports. "We urge the new Secretary of State to get this issue at the top of his in-tray and ensure this law finally becomes a reality." Mr Barclay has previously shown strong support for the need to legislate against the live export of animals. In 2019, he posted on Twitter, now X, that leaving the European Union would allow live animal exports to be banned, and said his party wanted to "get on with the job of protecting animal welfare once we leave the EU". The following month, he said that the "Conservatives have pledged to stop this cruel practice once we leave the EU". Kerry added: "It is great that the new DEFRA Secretary of State has shown such strong and enthusiastic support previously for a ban on live exports. "While the last export to leave the UK was on 31 December 2020, with no law in place this could start again at any time, which is why a ban is so crucial and overdue. "Ending live exports has long been touted as a major Brexit benefit for animals. Years after we left the EU, it's time the outdated and cruel export of live animals is finally consigned to the history books, protecting animals at home and sending a big statement about this practice internationally, too."

Today, across the continent, around 1.6 million farm animals – cattle, sheep, pigs and horses – are transported huge distances across Europe annually, some for slaughter, others for further fattening, on gruelling journeys that can last tens of hours, exhausting the animals and causing suffering and even death. Journeys often also involve overstocking, vehicle or ship malfunctions and journeys involving animals too sick or injured to be exported in the first place.

Over the last half a century, the RSPCA has seen millions of signatures on petitions, thousands attending protest marches, and weekly demonstrations from members of the public at UK ports. Over half of the public (54%) support a ban with only 10% opposing it. More information on the RSPCA's campaigning for animals can be found online.

Source: www.farming.co.uk 15 November 2023



Hundreds of dairy farmers have quit the industry this year due in part to declining farmgate milk prices, AHDB's latest survey shows.

In the survey of major milk buyers, it is estimated that there were 7,500 dairy producers in Britain as of October 2023.

Year-on-year, this is an estimated decline of 350 dairy producers (-4.5%), although no change reported from AHDB's previous survey in April.

A major driver in the fall has been farmgate milk prices. In September, the UK average milk price stood at 36.36ppl, a drop of almost 13ppl compared to last year.

Paired alongside this, despite inflationary pressure on key farm inputs easing, farm costs such as energy, fuel, feed and fertiliser remain historically high.

Freya Shuttleworth, AHDB's senior analyst, said this had resulted in the tightening of farm margins.

"Average milk production per farm has grown year on year but remains steady compared to volumes calculated in April this year," she noted, adding this indicated a shift towards larger farms.

"In addition, with high milk prices in the latter part of 2022, many farms pushed their cows for increased yields to maximise benefits.

"However, as 2023 has progressed, farms have been focused on improving efficiency and reducing on farm costs."

www.farminguk.com, 16 November 2023

Kent farmers within 10km bluetongue zone asked to comply with legislation Farmers within the 10km temporary control zone (TCZ) set up after an outbreak of bluetongue in Kent are being asked to continue to comply with the legislation and guidance.

Defra set up the TCZ around the farm near Canterbury after a single case of bluetongue virus 3 (BTV 3), a notifiable exotic disease, was confirmed in a cow.

The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) says it is continuing to undertake further investigations following the [outbreak on 11 November](#).

Dr Joseph Henry, chair of the Ruminant Health & Welfare bluetongue working group, has urged farmers within the TCZ to continue to comply with the legislation and guidance.

For farms within the zone, he said animal movements will not be licensed within or out of it until APHA has a better assessment of the disease situation.

However, specific licences can be applied for if movements are deemed urgent due to a genuine welfare need.

If farmers within the TCZ feel they are in this situation, they must apply to APHA for a specific licence to move animals to a holding within the TCZ," he said.

Farmers within the TCZ also need to prepare to be contacted by APHA who will be carrying out surveillance testing on-farm.

Dr Henry said: "To prepare for testing, APHA is asking farmers to have their documentation and records up to date, including movement records and medicine

use records. It may help to have paper copies of these to hand."

BTV 3, a new emerging strain, has been spreading rapidly in European countries in recent months.

There is currently no current vaccine for this strain, with Dr Henry pleading with farmers in the UK to remain vigilant.

"Our advice and recommendations remain centred around supporting affected farmers as quickly as possible, with the main focus on surveillance," he said.

"Farmers need to beware when buying or moving animals in, take action to report any suspicious clinical signs and prioritise biosecurity, and always, remain vigilant.

"Surveillance and close monitoring of livestock is key," Dr Henry said.

For farmers applying for movement licences, he stated that all applications are reviewed and assessed on an individual basis.

He advised that to avoid delays, farmers should ensure all information requested is included in applications.

"Depending on the nature of the application and the number of applications, you may not have a response for five days.

"It's recommended that if you wish to move animals, you should apply promptly as soon as it is indicated that a licence is or likely to become available."

Source: www.farminguk.com 15 November 2023

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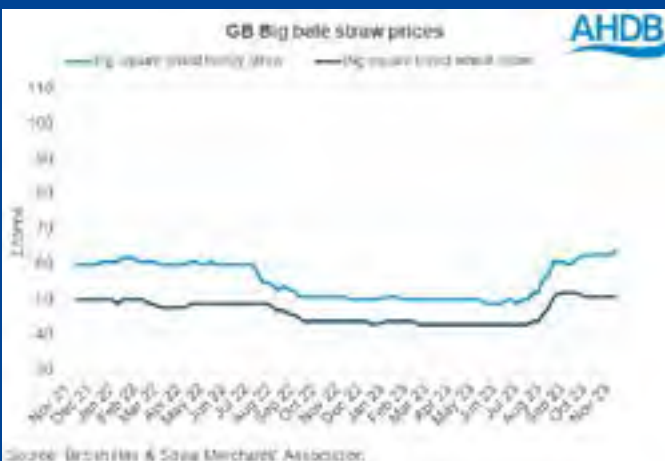


HAY AND STRAW PRICES

These figures, from the British Hay and Straw Merchants' Association for Great Britain show average merchant buying prices and are available on a monthly and weekly basis. [The downloadable Excel file also shows weekly prices for the key regions across GB.](#) Prices include big bale hay and big square baled barley and wheat straw.

Commodity (ex-farm)	12/11/2023	06/11/2023	Weekly change	12/11/2022	Annual change
Big bale hay	83	80	3	78	5
Big square baled barley straw	104	103	1	101	3
Big square baled wheat straw	53	51	2	49	4

Source: British Hay & Straw Merchants' Association



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AHDB: Latest grass growth commentary

8 November 2023*

An extremely wet end to the season with rain for much of the country forecast over the next two to three weeks. However, it is still important to utilise grass where possible. How you finish the last round is important; cows on concrete bear a cost. If this can be reduced in late lactation cows, then it can positively impact your business in terms of the cow feeding herself and spreading her own waste.

Grass crude protein levels are 20% plus; this will reduce protein requirement, save silage, and help set up the platform and wedge for next spring and season. On-off grazing works extremely well, but there is a fine balance between utilisation and damage. Take a walk and see what your conditions are like; two clients last week were surprised by ground conditions, but another was not, so I won with two and lost with one.

Examine your position in terms of average farm covers and wedge but also in terms of cow body condition. Some herds have lost a little condition in the last month, so bear this in mind. It is about weighing up the positives and negatives and making an informed decision for your circumstances.

Now is the time to review performance, firstly with paddocks which performed and which did not. If using Agrinet, look at your paddock reports to assess which paddocks did well and why and which underperformed and why.

For quality information, you need a minimum of 30 plate meter recordings per paddock per year. If a paddock has underperformed, why? Is it pH? Sub-optimal pH can have yield impacts of 5–30%; pH is logarithmic, so the difference between 5 and 6 is ten times. Is it P and K status, or is it soil structure? Did the paddock get poached twice in one season? If so, what are you going to do about it?

Time to look at your underperforming paddocks – what is the percentage of ryegrass in the sward? To do this, pick several places in the paddock and mark out 25cm by 25cm. Look for the red base of the ryegrass plant to determine what proportion is ryegrass. If it is below 50%, then consider reseeding. Weed grasses yield less, have a lower response to nitrogen and do not have the quality in terms of energy and crude protein.

Options for improving grassland – as mentioned already, check your soil pH and indices. Also, take time to reflect on grazing management. Did you graze the underperformer when it was too wet?

While grazing in wet weather conditions, back fencing and free-running drains are fundamental. Take time to assess your drains. Are they blocked? Is the ditch cleaned out to allow natural drainage? I saw a farm radically changed a few years ago simply because the new tenant cleaned the ditches out so water could drain away, leading to earlier and later grazing, adding two rounds and, as such, an extra 2.6 t of dry matter utilised and the disappearance of rushes. This is dramatic, but now that we have had so much rain, have a look at where you have water sitting and make a note.

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When conditions are right, check for blocked drains and compaction. If required, consider mole ploughing from the wet spot to a ditch.

How did clover perform for you this year?

Clover loves fertile soils, pH 6+ and P & K 3; it also needs a firm seedbed, drilling depth of 10–12 mm and good soil contact.

A good organic farmer said to a discussion group I work with, "You have to keep topping your farm up every year with clover seed."

If introducing clover into a sward, do not let pre-grazing cover get higher than 2800–2900 kg DM/ha and hit residuals so light can get in and encourage stolon growth and graze early season to stimulate the plant.

Review your stocking rate

The drier summers over the last five or six years have meant lower production yield per hectare and more weeks of demand above growth. Are you having to feed the last twenty or so cows fully on bought feed? If so, are they profitable? Do you need to review stock numbers and stock rate?

To end this year's comments, I will quote a particularly good grass-based farmer. When asked about the secrets of success, he said, "The correct stocking rate, the correct average cover and body condition score all year and a zero tolerance of lameness."

Grass utilisation explains 42% of profit (Teagasc), and cost of production explains 80% of profit (AHDB, DairyCo Milkbench), something to always bear in mind when making decisions. Thanks all, and best wishes for the remaining part of the year.

*Commentary source

Pasture for Profit consultant, Piers Badnell, will provide comments (usually, every two weeks) throughout the main grass growing season.

Disclaimer

This data set also includes grass growth and quality data from the AHDB-sponsored beef and sheep GrassCheck GB contributors in England.

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FUEL PRICE OVERVIEW

Monthly

These figures give an overview of the fuel markets, focusing on crude oil and diesel prices on both a monthly and annual basis.

Month	OPEC price (£/bbl barrel)	OPEC price (£/l barrel)	UK red diesel (ppl)	UK diesel (ppl)
Oct-23	81.73	70.42	87.47	102.30
Sept-23	84.85	74.56	85.18	104.38
Month-on-month change	-3.12	-4.14	2.29	-2.08
% change	-3.6%	-5.4%	2.7%	-2.0%
Oct-22	85.42	74.54	100.36	102.38
Year-on-year change	-1.64	-7.12	-12.89	-18.77
% change	-1.9%	-9.6%	-12.8%	-18.3%

Source: OPEC, UKIC, AHDB, EIA

*Red diesel duty = 11.14ppl from April 2011 to March 2022, 10.18 from April 2022



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 Figures Courtesy of: www.ahdb.org.uk

FUEL NEWS

UKIFDA's winter campaign launches

Ken Cronin shares news of the industry's vital 'Be Winter Wise' campaign.

Winter wise

The unpredictable weather and ongoing cost of living challenges are also significant concerns. To help customers, UKIFDA and OFTEC have recently introduced the "Be Winter Wise" winter campaign, which aims to encourage customers to plan ahead and avoid last-minute orders. It also offers information on where to seek help for those struggling with their bills.

'Be Winter Wise' is a five-point plan that assists heating oil users in preparing for and navigating winter 2023-2024. It provides guidance to the 1.7m off gas grid households, offering practical advice to help them save energy, get the most out of their heating, and prepare for uncertainty.

Furthermore, the campaign contains information about UKIFDA's Cold Weather Priority (CWP) scheme, which identifies those most at risk from the cold and takes proactive steps to prioritise their deliveries. UKIFDA customers aged 75 or over are eligible to join the CWP scheme at no cost.

For heating oil users who are struggling to pay for their heating oil, the campaign includes resources such as the Government's Help For Households initiative and its Help With Your Energy Bills guide, which offers helpful advice on this year's Winter Fuel and Cold Weather payments.

Prioritising those at risk

The [Be Winter Wise](#) campaign also offers information about UKIFDA's [Cold Weather Priority \(CWP\)](#) scheme, which identifies those most at risk from the cold and takes proactive steps to prioritise deliveries to them. UKIFDA customers aged 75 or over are eligible to join the CWP scheme, which will cost them nothing. They simply ask their usual UKIFDA heating oil supplier to include them in it.

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Hampshire startup, Caldera has developed a unique type of heat storage system, which takes cheap on-site solar power and stores it as heat in specially designed cells made of scrap aluminium and volcanic rock.

These cells then deliver heat when required as hot water or steam, the main energy source for many processes in pharmaceuticals, food manufacturing and brewing.

This allows businesses to switch off high-cost gas and electricity and use cheap on-site solar instead.

Save money on fuel bills

Independent analysis by energy consultants, Gemserv shows this system could slash fuel bills by 45%, saving a typical business hundreds of thousands of pounds a year.

The calculations are based on a real-life British food factory using its own on-site solar array, where Gemserv predicted an annual energy

saving of £915,000 and a reduction of more than 1,000 tonnes of CO2 emitted per year. Installation of the system could pay for itself in less than six years, according to the analysis.

In June, Caldera was awarded £4.3 million from the UK Department for Energy Security & Net Zero to build a full-scale demonstrator at their Southampton site, where they will showcase the technology.

The company is currently crowd raising on Crowdcube and has already surpassed 150% of their target raise.

Low-cost solar

"Energy bills are a major headache for industry, and in particular the high and volatile price of gas," explains company co-founder and CEO James Macnaghten.

"In contrast, solar power is getting cheaper by the month. Our technology allows factory owners to use low-cost solar electricity which can be stored in super-insulated cells to be used when required."

Caldera has targeted its technology at factories which use industrial steam – which accounts for 31% of all UK industrial energy use.

"Many businesses have not yet realised the huge potential for installing a dedicated solar farm – even where little roof space is available," adds James.

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All-electric UTV to debut at LAMMA 2024



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Polaris Off Road will be at LAMMA 2024 and is set to showcase the long-awaited, all-electric RANGER XP Kinetic, the hardest working, smoothest riding UTV ever built

Richard Coleby, National Sales Manager at Polaris UK & Ireland said: "We're really pleased to be going back to LAMMA next year; it enables us to continue building our strong relationship with the agricultural community, and for this show in particular, it's great that we're able to showcase our brand-new RANGER XP Kinetic; a vehicle that's been highly anticipated by both new and existing customers and one that we're really excited to exhibit here in the UK, especially as, for many customers, this will be the first time they will be able to see the vehicle in the flesh."

Set to arrive in UK dealers in the coming weeks, the RANGER XP Kinetic delivers uncompromised capability, unrivalled durability, and refined performance. With its all-electric powertrain, engineered for off-road use through Polaris' exclusive 10-year partnership with Zero Motorcycles, the RANGER XP Kinetic offers the most horsepower and torque ever found in a utility side-by-side, with a class-leading 110 horsepower and 140 lb-ft of instantaneous torque that delivers maximum power and quick acceleration when it's needed, including the ability to effortlessly tow up to 1,134kg and boasts an industry-best 680kg payload capacity. Thanks to being fully electric, the RANGER XP Kinetic also delivers smooth, precise control when operating at low speeds, especially useful in scenarios like towing or backing up to a trailer.

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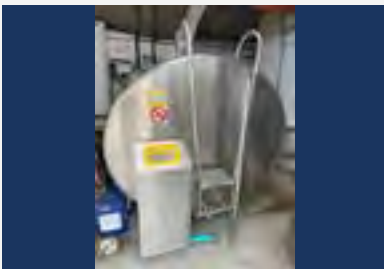


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All adverts for used machinery/equipment listed for sale and wanted are subject to an admin fee of £20 for 2 months in the newsletter, which includes an initial 2 weekly circular emails and a Facebook post. For items over £500, commission is applied at 1.5% (up to a maximum of £150) on the sale of your listing via RAMSAK.

Please ensure you advise us if you have sold/purchased an item through us (or elsewhere) to help avoid outdated adverts, saving us all time and charges being made.



£2,000

5000 LITRE DARI-KOOL BULK TANK, automatic wash, regularly maintained

Location: BN8 10/23



£5,000 +VAT

IFOR WILLIAMS TRAILER

12 x 6 flatbed trailer with detachable cage sides and ramps. Tyres new or in good condition. Always stored under cover More photos available.

Location: TN12 10/23



£7,500 NEW LISTING!

RANGE ROVER SPORT

- 2010
- 3 litre
- 113,500 miles
- MOT until Aug '23

Serviced and MOT'd in August and not used since

10/23



£4,500 +VAT

QUAD

2021 Honda Quad ATV TX420 FM1 petrol 4wd auto gears Datatag registered.

Location: TN3 9/23



£61,500 +VAT

2019 JCB 536-70 Agri-Super TELEHANDLER

- Very low hours - just 1418 Operating Hours
- Main dealer serviced
- Only used on light work, no dairy work
- 40 KPH Transmission
- 3600 KG (3.6 Ton) Lift
- 7 Meter Reach
- Selectable 4WD
- Q-Fit Carriage with Hydraulic Pin

Locking

- Aux to Front
- C/W Forks
- Smooth Ride System (SRS)
- LSD Front Axle Diff Lock
- Proportional Joystick Controls
- 3 Steering Modes (2WS 4WS and Crab)
- New Type Hydraulic Pick Up Hitch
- 1 x Double Acting Rear Hydraulic Aux
- Front Recovery Hitch
- Front and Rear Work Lights
- Boom Work Lights
- Sun Blinds
- Tilting and Telescopic Steering Wheel
- Load Control
- Air Suspension Seat
- Air Conditioning
- Flashing Beacon
- 2 programmed Keys, master key & deadlock
- Operators Manual
- Data Tag
- Thorough Examination certificate to 30.12.2023

Located TN26 9/23



£1,500

IFOR WILLIAMS FLATBED TRAILER

1235 litre capacity. Always kept under cover – so no UV damage and is fully bundled.

Location: BN26 10/23

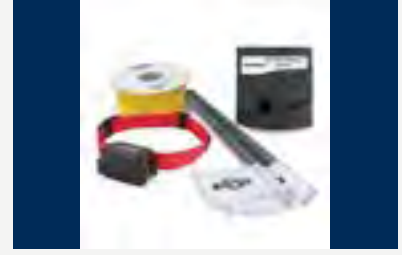


£29,995 +VAT

TRACTOR

Deutz Fahr 5125 4WD Tractor with Stoll 30.6 Loader 5200 Hrs. Photos and Video available.

Location: TN19 10/23



£OFFERS

PetSafe Stubborn Dog In Ground Invisible Fence & Collar Radio Receiver and Extra Wire & Flags (300m total)

NEW/UNUSED Contact Lynsey for more info lynsey@ramsak.co.uk

Location: ME17

A RAMSAK member has the following available surplus to requirements in TN27 following a build:

GENIE LIFT – GR15 MAST LIFT

6.52 metre working height. Width 75cm. Year 2004. 0 turning radius. Hours 557. Ideal for barn conversion work, barn erection, solar panel installation, roof work, guttering. Very safe and stable. Works from level concrete base.

£2900.00 plus VAT ONO

OAK & TIMBER & VARIOUS BUILDING MATERIALS AVAILABLE

Lots of new Oak beams.
Lots of old Oak beams.
Various sizes of soft wood timber.
Large pack of wood wool insulation.
Some Celotex.
Underfloor heating pipe.

£OFFERS

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR SALE - PHOTOS AND LOCATION AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

- 3 **NEW LISTING** POA
 - 9T FEED HOPPER. Very good condition Located BN8 (10/23) £2,500
 - Indian Sandstone Patio Slabs (Grey) 600x900 **NEW LISTING** £22.99 per m2
 - 3 sets aluminium cavalletis (horse jumps) unused **NEW LISTING** POA
 - 3m cleft chestnut rails (reclaimed) £40 for bundle of 10
 - BUCKET - Strimech x bucket with cone and pin fixing. Suitable for repair POA
 - Cotswold tank wash auto cleaning system. £500
 - POULTRY PANELS 80 to 100 panels for poultry wired up and ready for construction. Located TN27.
 - 8 Black Mild Steel Flat Bars - 40mm x 5mm x 2555mm. Weight approx 4kg each. Un-used. Left over from a project. Cost £120 but any sensible offers considered. OFFERS
 - MOUNTED SPRAYER Blanchard 800 litre tractor mounted sprayer. Excellent condition. Located TN19. £995 +VAT
 - PHOTOCOPIER Canon Image Runner Advance. Very low usage. £250
 - HEAVY DUTY EXTRA LONG 1.5M PALLET FORKS C/W JCB TELEHANDLER FITTINGS £500 +VAT
 - **SNOW PLOUGH, to fit Landrover Defender. 8' Bunce . Ex MOD. Un-used.** **£1,600 +VAT**
 - Road barriers £10 each +VAT
 - Reclaimed Kent Peg Tiles, Orange tinge £1 each
 - 3m cleft chestnut rails (reclaimed) £40 for bundle of 10
 - Block Paving 300 x 150 Light Grey (new) £39.70 per m2 + VAT
- Reclaimed cleaned and palletised bricks. Several thousand available
Various colours from £1.50 each + VAT



WANTED

We have members looking for the following items. Please contact us if you have anything available, with information, price and photograph to: lynsey@ramsak.co.uk

- Generator 30-40 kVA electric start silent generator required by RAMSAK member.
- Power harrow and/or rotovator required by a RAMSAK member; either would need to be 1.2-1.4m wide.
- Laddingford [Newman] engineering single leg subsoiler with PTO drive. Do you have one lying around? Call us!
- Portacabins/Caravans

FOR SALE - SECOND HAND PRESSURE WASHERS

[Karcher PC 100/M1](#)

£718.80 inc. VAT

SECOND HAND, Karcher PC 100/M1, a new innovative solution for removing oil, grease, soot, etc. from all kinds of parts. A water based non-toxic, PH neutral cleaning detergent without solvents is used to achieve excellent cleaning results. Organic particles like oil, lubricant and other greases from the parts biologically degenerate.

[Nilfisk MC 8P 180/2100](#)

£1400 +VAT

SECOND HAND High-flow Nilfisk MC 8P pressure washer for tough routine work. The high power premium class line – combining high pressure and high water flow levels for routine cleaning in agriculture, transport or food industries. The MC 8P is a machine with high water flow – quick to install, easy to move around and comfortable to use.

[Karcher BR 75/140 ride on scrubber dryer](#) POA

The Karcher BR 75/140 Ride On Scrubber Dryer offers superb performance and high versatility. The Karcher BR 75/140 R Ride On Scrubber Dryer features a 750mm roller scrubbing head and has a maximum cleaning width of 1140mm and despite of the Karcher BR 75/140 R Ride On Scrubber Drier's capacity of 140 Litres they are narrow and extremely manoeuvrable, easily fitting through doorways or high bay warehouse aisles View the video: [Karcher br 75/140 scrubber dryer](#) 4/23

[Nilfisk MC 6P-170/1600 cold pressure washer](#)

£1,200 inc. VAT

The MC 6P range of cold water pressure washers brings together an unbeatable working life and durability, high cleaning performance and optimal ergonomics for the most demanding heavy duty cleaning tasks for industry, agriculture, shipping, transport sector and food industry.

The MC 6P is equipped with the NA6 wobble disc pump with 4 ceramic pistons and robust construction optimised for intense use greater than 5 hours per day. The NA6 pump is inspired by our longest lasting and renowned pump and offers unbeatable lifetime.

[V Tuf Torrent 3](#)

£660 inc VAT

Prepare to transform your cleaning routine with the remarkable V-TUF Torrent 3. This versatile cleaning powerhouse has undergone meticulous engineering to completely redefine the concept of portable cleaning. Featuring an 'easy-pull' frame, a cutting-edge 15HP engine, an oversized pump, and comprehensive thermal protection, the Torrent 3 is tailored to effortlessly tackle demanding tasks with exceptional ease and efficiency.

[PC 15/250 petrol pressure washer](#) £900 inc VAT

Second hand PC 15/250 petrol pressure washer.

A true embodiment of versatility. This powerhouse is designed to excel heavy-duty, industrial, and commercial cleaning applications, making it your go-to solution for various cleaning needs.

The heart of this exceptional machine lies in its reliable Honda GX engine. Which in turn will ensure unwavering performance and durability. It is equipped with a 2:1 gearbox and a 1450 RPM Inter pump, the pressure washer is built to endure and deliver top-notch results.

All of these machines have been fully tested by engineers. Refurbished machines offer excellent value for money and comes complete with a three-month warranty. Please click on the blue title for links to more information and photographs. Contact lynsey@ramsak.co.uk for info.



WINTER-READY EQUINE FIELD SHELTERS!

Derby & Ascot: 2 shelters (7.2m x 3.6m) and 3 shelters (3.6m x 3.6m). One date left this year - December 15th, the next dates are end of January 2024 for delivery and installation.

Last one's available in both ranges. There are a few slots left in October for installation.

Ascot Range

Mobile Field Shelter – 3.6m x 3.6m
Total including delivery and installation:
£2,508 ex. VAT

Mobile Field Shelter – 7.2m x 3.6m
Total including delivery and installation:
£3,535 ex. VAT

Derby Range

Mobile Field Shelter – 3.6m x 3.6m
Total including delivery and installation:
£2,043 ex. VAT

Mobile Field Shelter – 7.2m x 3.6m
Total including delivery and installation:
£3,018 ex. VAT

For the full specifications, please contact
lynsey@ramsak.co.uk

CLASSIFIED ADVERTS

JOBS, LIVESTOCK, PROPERTY

SITUATIONS VACANT AND WANTED

PLUMPTON COLLEGE APPRENTICESHIPS
The full offer of apprenticeships currently available can be found [HERE](#).

HOLIDAY RENTAL - IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY



HOP HOUSE, OAD STREET NR SITTINGBOURNE - IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY FOR PERSONAL BOOKINGS

Thinking of a getaway in rural Kent for a celebration, family anniversary or birthday

or just for time to relax with friends? “Hop House” accepts up to 14 people on a self-catering basis
Please contact 07709 425298 for full details for a restful stay. Property also for sale, please see property section.

PROPERTY & LAND



FOR SALE - WOODGATE FARM OAST, OAD STREET, NR. SITTINGBOURNE

OFFERS OVER £ 1,575,000

GDV £ 3m; Up to 25% ROI; Currently used as 4 bedroom own residence, separate 7 ensuite bedroom guest accommodation and self-contained commercial office; Opportunity to convert into flats or holiday lets; Subject to change of use application easy conversion to 2 substantial residential dwellings.

[Full details available on Rightmove HERE](#)

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CLASSIFIED ADVERTS CONTINUED...

PROPERTY & LAND cont'd...

BUILDING & YARD REQUIRED - KENT

A RAMSAK member currently based in South East Maidstone is looking to move location to somewhere closer to the M20 corridor between Wrotham and Hollingbourne. Building circa 5-6000 sqft required, with yard space and parking for approximately 20 vehicles. They are happy to carry out building works and modifications (i.e forming of offices) Preferably to purchase or would consider renting.

Contact lynsey@ramsak.co.uk for info. 11/23

FLAT TO RENT - TONBRIDGE AREA (TN11)

Unfurnished flat for rent on farm in Shipbourne, near Tonbridge available from 1st December (or thereabouts) for six months. Could accommodate two people. £725 per month plus utility bills.

Please ring 07771 507310 for further details. 11/23

RESIDENTIAL FLAT TO RENT - ASHFORD AREA

1 bedroom residential flat available in working commercial yard in Ashford area. £700 pcm including services & rates, but excluding telephone & internet.



Please contact enquiries@ramsak.co.uk for more information.

OAST AND YARD TO RENT - RYE, TN31 (IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY)

Converted Oast formerly used as a paint shop and storage and yard for a hoarding company, which is now quitting... due to having outgrown the site.

The Oast is on 3 floors - ground floor 1,444 sq ft, first floor 900 sq ft plus loo and kitchen, second floor 727 sq ft which has 2 Offices and storage area. Total area 3,071 sq ft.

Outside is a good size L shaped yard with added storage both open and secure.

The property has security gates as does the whole farm.

There is added storage available if necessary 3 phase electricity

Fibre optic to be installed.

The unit is on a working farm with a residential element and another commercial site.

This property is available to lease immediately. Please contact lynsey@ramsak.co.uk for more information.

LAND RENTAL WANTED - TONBRIDGE AREA

RAMSAK Member looking for approximately 70 acres of land in the Tonbridge area for longer term rent for hay-making enterprise. Will consider arable land to re-seed for grass. Tonbridge area preferred. Please contact enquiries@ramsak.co.uk for more information. 11/23

SHEEP KEEP WANTED

Winter grazing and maybe longer for 25 Romneys, ideally within a 20 mile radius of West Malling. If further would be happy to consider. Ideally fenced and safe from footpath dog walkers.

WANTED - WINTER SHEEP KEEP - ANY AREA

Please contact enquiries@ramsak.co.uk for more details

OTHER

WELL ROTTED HORSE MANURE WANTED

Collected using 8 wheel grab lorries. Contact RAMSAK on enquiries@ramsak.co.uk

CHARCOAL FOR SALE

Contact RAMSAK for more information on 01622 815356.

WANTED—LARGE VOLUMES OF STANDING OAK/TIMBER Various members seeking to purchase all grades and species of standing timber. Ref: 1254/P & Ref: 1506/P

CHALK AVAILABLE

Chalk available coming out of the Medway area.

Please let us know if you are interested:

enquiries@ramsak.co.uk

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

£20 for 2 consecutive months in the newsletter and minimum two consecutive weeks in the circular emails.

Plus a social media post and share where relevant.

Additional charges apply to non-members.

Please contact lynsey@ramsak.co.uk to place your advert.



NEW MEMBER FEATURE



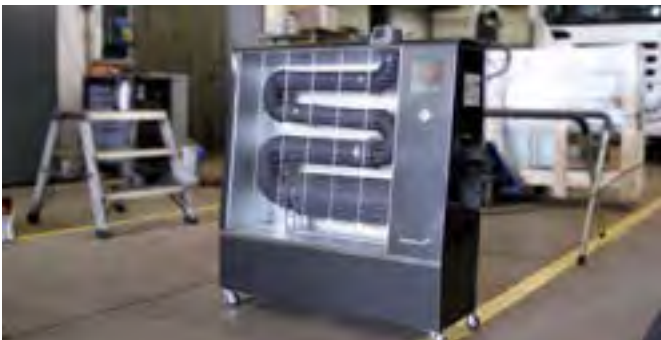
NEW RAMSAK MEMBER - Autoquip

About Autoquip

“Established in 1968, Autoquip Garage Equipment is a family run company based in Canterbury, Kent currently in its 3rd generation, specializing in workshop equipment such as vehicle lifts i.e. Scissor lifts, 2 Post Lifts, tractor lifts and 4 Post Lifts through to standard MOT Equipment. Autoquip is the obvious choice for all your Garage Equipment being local and family business to its core. Smaller parts of workshop equipment such as specialist hand tools, heating, diagnostics, wheel alignment, air conditioning machines, tyre changers, wheel balancers, presses, benches, cleaning equipment, brake testers, jacking beams are also catered for. We also offer a vast range of Commercial Equipment for truck workshops and everything in between!”

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED PRODUCT OFFERS FOR RAMSAK MEMBERS!

BIOFUEL/HVO/RED DIESEL OR WHITE DIESEL HEATERS – available in small, medium, and large!



Special offer to RAMSAK members - FREE GIFT with your order (Medium sized pictured).

AIRREX BATTERY-POWERED FUEL TRANSFER PUMP

A battery-powered fuel transfer pump with an automatic stop function. With this pump, it is very easy to transfer fuel from one canister to another.



The pump is able to transfer about 4000 litres of liquid with two D-series (LR20) batteries and is suitable for transferring petrol, diesel, water (not drinking water) and other light liquids.

The suction pipe of the device is injected into the container where the fuel is to be sucked and the end of the filling hose into the tank where the fuel is to be moved. The pump is then started from the circuit breaker and the pump starts automatic operation. The pump stops automatically when the sensor in the filling hose detects that the level of the fuel tank to be filled is sufficiently increased.

RRP £40 + vat + carriage, but discount available for RAMSAK members.

TEXA AGRICULTURAL DIAGNOSTICS – a diagnostic kit that will plug into all makes of agricultural vehicles, combines, tractors and industrial engines



Contact Lucy Day now for more information, a quote or to order on lucy@ramsak.co.uk



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- TRAINING SERVICES & MORE!

Helping our members manage, support and grow their business is at the heart of your co-operative and we are able to cover a diverse array of professions from legal services to accountancy, land agents to energy consultancy, insurance advisors to training bodies.

We are constantly working on increasing the range of advisors and consultants available to you as a Member of RAMSAK with just one call to the office on 01622 815356!

GULLANDS: Make sure your collection is covered by your Will

Whether it is art, pottery, classic cars or vintage farm machinery, a collection can be a valuable asset.

Many people build up both important and valuable collections during their lifetime, so deciding what happens to it after you pass away is important.

Leaving a collection as a whole can be difficult if Inheritance tax (IHT) isn't planned for correctly, and also if it is valuable because of its need for ongoing management and possible maintenance and storage.

Discussing plans with loved ones is important as they might not want the responsibility of the collection. It might be hard to find someone within the family who loves and cherishes the collection as much as you do. Some people choose to divide a collection in their Will whilst others may approach museums and other collectors to see if they would be interested in keeping it together.

Practical considerations

Think about how you secure, move, insure and store your collection after your death and leave specific instructions for your executors.

A collection of firearms for example would need to be moved and held by someone with an appropriate firearms licence and the secure storage to keep the guns.

Tax

If you have a collection then it will form a part of your estate and it will need to be professionally valued. This could mean your estate attracts IHT of 40%, so planning ahead is important otherwise beneficiaries will be left with a large tax bill.

If the collection could be sold or gifted to the nation, then this can be useful in reducing IHT. For example collections such as of art can be transferred under the Acceptance in Lieu scheme, which can offset IHT liabilities.

Dividing it up

The emotional attachment to certain items should not be underestimated and can be the cause of many a fall out, so leaving clear instructions if a collection is to be divided up and who gets what is important. It might be worth circulating a list and asking your beneficiaries to indicate which pieces they would like, so that you can make a final decision.

You may choose to divide the collection up according to value, so one beneficiary might get a larger share whilst the others get fewer, but more expensive items. Again, explaining your decision making can help to prevent a fall out. The value of individual items may vary over time, so allowing some flexibility within this approach might be needed.

Are all the items in the collection in working order? Speaking to a car mechanic recently who specialises in classic cars was enlightening as with a small number of repairs, a car's value might be greatly increased. He regularly works with estate executors to help them realise a greater value for cars which may have been garaged or off the road at the time of the owner's death.

Leaving a collection in trust

If you would like to leave your collection to a future generation then you could set up a Discretionary Trust. One benefit of the Trust is the transfer of ownership of your collection to the Trust itself and an assurance that the trustees would care for the collection with no single beneficiary having any right to it. It may also be possible to generate an income from the collection if for example it was loaned to a museum and put on display. Individual items from the collection could also be allocated to certain beneficiaries when the trustees decide, such as to help provide a deposit for a first home, pay for education etc. There will be tax implications to setting up a Discretionary Trust so specific tax advice should be sought.

If you would like to make a Will and would like advice on making provisions for your collection, get in touch with our team. Alex Astley can be contacted at a.astley@gullands.com

www.gullands.com, 20 September 2023

EVENTS THE FARMERS BALL '23



THE FARMERS BALL
Farming and Rural Social Event

2 DECEMBER
20:23

at High Rocks, Tunbridge Wells TN3 9JJ

3 Course Dinner and Dance
Charity Auction and Raffle in aid of Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance

Tickets: £60* per PERSON (including VAT)
Individual and whole table bookings available
*Credit card bookings are also available via Eventbrite and subject to a credit card fee



Dress Code: Black Tie or Best Tweed
Welcome drinks from 7pm, carriages at 1am
Shuttle minibus service to Tunbridge Wells hotels, town centre and station

To register your interest please email Lynsey@grapevine.events

*Ticket payment is required in full 6 weeks prior to the event, after which your tickets will be released for re-use. Tickets are non-refundable less than 2 weeks prior to the event, as we are committed to the venue. If the event is cancelled by the organizer of venue, payment will be refunded less a £15 per ticket admin fee.

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Contact lynsey@grapevine.events to be added to the waiting list!
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