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Why is the NFU running the Fodder Bank?

Farmers in some regions are finding themselves short of feed, fodder and bedding. Others may have a surplus of feed cereal which has proved difficult to market through the usual channels due to quality and volume as stipulated in grain contracts. The NFU fodder bank is designed to help these members.

How does it work?

Each region has a designated page for its members to list what they are looking for, or what they have available to sell. Members simply find their regional page, and click to add or remove a listing. The listing is uploaded by a regional co-ordinator within 24 hours.

The email address for all queries is: fodderbank@nfu.org.uk

What can members list on the website?

The scheme is intended for silage, hay, straw and surplus feed cereal.

What about when the goods have been sold/sourced?

It is up to the member to inform the NFU (on the same email address) that their listing is no longer needed.

Who is entitled to use the service?

Members only – this is checked by the membership team before the listing is published.

How much does it cost?

Nothing – it's a member benefit. The cost of the advertised product is to be left to the farmers involved and won't be advertised on the website.

What about members who don't use the website as much?

The website is the best place to host this information where it can be altered regularly and not become out of date. Word of mouth should help this, and regional offices will all have access to the pages.

Who do I call if there's a problem?

Problems with payment, transportation, quality or descriptions of goods are not the NFU's responsibility and should be dealt with by the two farmers involved. Problems with the service/website should go to NFU CallFirst, the first port of call for members – 0870-8458458.

IMPORTANT LEGAL INFORMATION: Disclaimer

It is vital that this disclaimer appears clearly on each regional webpage:

"This webpage provides a forum for NFU members to exchange contact and other details with other NFU members wanting to buy or sell fodder. The NFU does not check, verify or in any way expressly or implicitly endorse any of the postings on this webpage and the NFU is not involved in any transaction between the seller and the buyer. The NFU has no liability to either the seller or the buyer for any losses incurred by either party in the buying or selling of items through this webpage or incurred in any other way related to the use of this webpage."