



A weekly look at farming issues and our work on behalf of our members.

Dry weather - what you need to know



Livestock farmers in some parts of Derbyshire have been affected by low water pressure or even outages. The Regional Office has taken these supply issues up with Severn Trent Water. The NFU has agreed an alternative way of contacting the water company in an emergency if the main call centre is not working properly. Farmers with problems getting through to the Severn Trent call centre should contact their local Group Secretary or Paul Tame at the Regional Office for help, paul.tame@nfu.org.uk tel. 01572 824255. In addition we have set up a "one stop shop" of advice on NFUOnline.com [here](#). Farm fire advice has also been issued, [click here](#). We are also urging arable farmers to consider baling straw behind the combine rather than chopping to help alleviate the likely shortage of straw and fodder this winter. The [NFU's Fodder Bank](#) is open if you have supplies of feed to offer to those in need.

The NFU Fodder Bank is now OPEN



This free service helps our members find cattle feed and animal bedding for their farms - or lets them sell any surplus. Find out more [here](#)

'Stamp out BVD' funding for farmers



Defra have confirmed that a £5.7m funding package will be available to help farmers tackle Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD). The disease costs UK farmers an estimated £60m per year as it impacts animal welfare within affected herds and reduces farm productivity and profitability. As part of the rural development programme this funding enables farmers to apply for one-to-one farm advisory visits by a veterinary practitioner. It will also help groups of farmers (clusters) to work together, sharing best practice and tackle this disease as a group of like-minded individuals who share the goal of eradicating BVD from their herds.

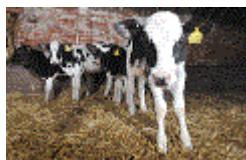
More information on BVD can be found [here](#)

Prince's Farm Resilience Programme open for applications



Family livestock and dairy farms in Lincolnshire can apply to the highly successful Prince's Farm Resilience Programme beginning in September and based at Louth Livestock Market. It is being run by the Lincolnshire Rural Support Network (LRSN) and applications are open until 28 September. Participants will be given benchmarking skills to evaluate their businesses' viability and make informed decisions about the future. Details of the programme and how to apply are [here](#).

Rearing dairy calves for the beef supply chain



Calling all dairy beef calf rearers!

The Royal Agricultural University (RAU) are conducting a project looking into the rearing of dairy calves entering the beef supply chain. The project aims to develop best practice and address some of the significant challenges that face the calf rearing sector. The RAU are keen to hear from producers who supply and rear calves for the dairy-beef industry - [**find out how to get involved here**](#)

Lincolnshire Police's new rural lead goes out on-farm



After meeting with members from across Lincolnshire last week, the new lead for rural crime in Lincolnshire, Superintendent Phil Vickers, went out on-farm. Mr Vickers spent the day visiting members in Boston and South Holland to hear what the real story is on the ground. Superintendent Phil Vickers said: "Lincolnshire is a beautiful county to live and work in and I am proud to serve the people here. Our focus will continue to be on prevention and we will achieve that by developing the close relationships we have with our communities, partners and other police forces."

Are you producing renewable energy on your farm?



If you haven't already, please let us know by completing this short online form. The NFU is collecting information from farmers and growers so that we can build on work to demonstrate the breadth and variety of on-farm renewable energy projects which help to tackle climate change and contribute to national energy security. [**Take the survey ...**](#)

NFU Dairy Farm Survey



In response to a number of proposals set out in Defra's Clean Air Strategy, which include the permitting of "large" dairy farms, the NFU have launched a survey to help inform our response to the consultation and identify where support can best be targeted to aid the mitigation of ammonia emissions from farm without imposing restrictive regulation. The NFU is extremely interested in hearing your views and would be grateful if you could take 5 minutes to respond on this important issue.

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The Customs and Trade Bills



The political cat and mouse game that has played out in Westminster this week will not have escaped your attention. Have a look at NFU EU exit and international trade adviser Rebecca Hesketh look at this week's events in Parliament and the significance of the latest debates on those 'Brexit Bills' for Customs and Trade, [**click here**](#).

New wool board chairman



A new British Wool Marketing Board newsletter has been published and features a message from the new chairman, Trevor Richards. If it has landed in your inbox it will be worth a read.

#YourHarvest



The NFU held an #YourHarvest event in Parliament on Tuesday. MPs were able to drop in and sample cakes and scones and try some beer, all produced in the UK by UK arable farmers, and talk to NFU Crops Board members about the combinable crop sector in the UK. A number of representatives from the arable supply chain were also present to explain their role to MPs and their support for cereal farmers. Those MPs present were encouraged to get out onto farms during harvest in their constituencies and around the region we are lining up meetings for our MPs during the summer recess. **Click here** for more information on #yourharvest and NFU lobbying for the combinable crops sector

Bovine TB: New NFU Business Guide



The NFU have produced a Business Guide on Bovine TB. Members can access the document by calling NFU CallFirst (0370 845 8458) and requesting either a paper copy or via email. Members can also **download the document** from the members section of NFU Online. This is for the benefit of all members, regardless of which risk area they are in, covering everything from testing, cross compliance, compensation, cattle movements and places to go for further information. The guide will be updated every 6 months.

Shows and events



For the latest on farming and countryside events around the East Midlands, including county and countryside shows, farmer information workshops and roadshows, **click here.**



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