

East Midlands Policy Update

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BPS 2017

You can still apply/amend your submitted BPS 2017 claim, without penalty before 31 May if already submitted or if not submitted a 1% penalty per day over the 15 May. See our useful briefing at www.nfuonline.com/bps for more. Need help? Contact NFU CallFirst on 03708458458.

NFU POTATO FORUM APPOINTMENTS

Alex Godfrey and Tim Papworth have been re-appointed as chairman and vice chairman respectively of the NFU Potato Forum for another two years. [Read more here.](#)

TRADE STAND OF THE YEAR AT NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SHOW

NFU's Nottinghamshire County Show stand won the Best in Show trade stand award this year! And it was a double celebration as we promoted poultry as our main theme, just as the main Avian Influenza restrictions were being lifted this week. [Read more here.](#)

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT GUIDE (RB209)

On May 24 AHDB will publish the 9th edition of RB209. The new edition will be called the Nutrient Management Guide (RB209) and will be available as seven sections. The new guide features updated recommendations, additional crops and aims to maximise yield and quality whilst minimising environmental impact. For more information visit the AHDB [RB209](#) page.

FARMING WORK EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

First year Cambridge Veterinary Medicine student, Bethany Kirwan is seeking 2 weeks work experience in a number of farming businesses between 27 June – 29 September 2017 (excluding 15-30 July): a commercial sized pig farm, a commercial sized dairy farm, an equine facility (ideally riding school), a cat and dog facility. Bethany lives 10 miles south of Lincoln but has her own car and willing to travel and willing to 'live in' if required. Please contact bethany.kirwan@btinternet.com or phone 07747 676847 if you can help.

HERDSMAN REQUIRED

Herdsmen required for a 200 cow pedigree dairy herd at Old Dalby, nr Melton Mowbray. Full time position with alternative weekends off. Enquires to William on 01664 822437

EVENTS

MARKET HARBOUROUGH HUSTINGS – 23 MAY

The Market Harborough NFU has arranged a general election hustings event with candidates from Conservatives, Labour, Liberal Democrat and UKIP standing for the Harborough Parliamentary seat. This takes place at the Old Grammar School, 40, The Square, Market Harborough, LE16 7PA at 7.00pm on Tuesday 23rd May. Good opportunity for NFU members to question and inform the candidates about farming issues in the Harborough constituency

EAST LEICESTERSHIRE LEADER FUNDING EVENT – 24 MAY 2017

The next funding call for East Leicestershire LEADER will open on 12 June 2017. If you are in the East Leicestershire LEADER area ([Check that out via this link](#)). If you would like to hear more, there is an Information and Sharing Event on Wednesday 24 May 2017 6-8pm Café Ventoux, Tugby, Leicestershire LE7 9WE. Book via this link: [LEADER Information and Sharing Event](#). Look out for a funding call in the autumn covering farm productivity and diversification.

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East Leicestershire LEADER can also be contacted by email eastleicestershireleader@leics.gov.uk or call 0116 3056298.

FAS COUNTRYSIDE STEWARDSHIP EVENTS

Natural England have organised a series of Countryside Stewardship Mid-Tier events around the region. [More details here.](#)

CONTAGIOUS OVINE DIGITAL DERMATITIS (CODD) IN SHEEP – WHAT DO WE KNOW? AHDB WEBINAR

Join AHDB Beef & Lamb and Dr Joseph Angell to find out about the latest knowledge on CODD, including how to diagnose, prevent and treat the disease. 30 May, 7-8pm. [Join here.](#)

R.A.B.I CHARITY EVENTS

The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution are hosting a Golf Day at Beedles Lake Golf Club, East Goscote, Leicester LE7 3WQ on Friday 23 June and a Garden Party at Spring Barrow Lodge Farm, Whitwick, Coalville LE67 5UT with a chance to view Longhorn Cattle on the 1 July. [Read more.](#)

LRSN CHARITY GOLF DAY

Join LRSN on the 30 May at Blankney Golf Club for a charity golf day, [read more here.](#)

[Please click here](#) to view our events page.

- Rogation Sunday – Southwell Minster – **21 MAY**
- Woodhall Spa Country Show – Woodhall Spa – **21 May**
- Peak District Hill & Uplands Group Meeting – Taddington – **22 MAY**
- CSF Countryside Stewardship event – Bakewell & Newark – **23 MAY**
- Farming Fit For Food Nuffield Conference – Nottingham – **8 JUNE**
- Open Farm Sunday – **11 June**
- Cereals 2017 – Lincolnshire – **14/15 JUNE**
- CSF Soil Quality & Crop Production Workshop – Walgrave - **19 JUNE**
- RABl Garden Party – Coalville – **1 July**

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