

Welcome to the regular Agri-Business Update from P&L.

We want to help keep you updated with news, information and the latest important advice, for Farmers and Agri-Business.

Diary Dates 2020

20th August 2020

EFA Catch Crops must be established by this date and retained until 14th October 2020 (this is regarding your BPS 2020 application).

1st September 2020

Tree & Hedge Cutting restrictions are lifted.

1st September 2020

Farming Recovery Fund (FRF) - Applications Close

(Please note if you have received an offer from FRF- you must ACCEPT offer via online portal).

HEADLINES

BPS 2021 UPDATE

Grass Check

Covid-19 Schemes

BPS 2021 UPDATE

Defra have confirmed that the Greening requirements for England will not apply from 2021.

Therefore NO Crop Diversification ('3 crop rule') and NO Ecological Focus Areas (EFA's) for 2021

The changes will not affect the overall payment received- as the greening part of the payment will be added to the current BPS entitlement value.

PLEASE NOTE GREENING REQUIREMENT STILL APPLY FOR THE REST OF 2020.

NEW ELMS Scheme

The new Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMS) is due to be rolled out late 2024 to replace the current BPS. With a focus on hedge and tree planting, flood management and creating or restoring wildlife habitats.

More details are expected to be released in Autumn 2020.

Grass Growth

- UK AVERAGES (as per AHDB 10th September 2020)

Grass Growth Rate
62 kg/DM/Day (Over 20% above 2018 and 2019 growth)

Grass ME Content
11.8 MJ/kg DM

Grass CP Content
23.4%

- Grass Growth has been significant in the past month and is set to continue- therefore you must ensure enough grass is grazed or cut going into the winter.
- Although grass quantities look plentiful ensure livestock are receiving adequate Dry Matter, especially Fresh/Autumn Calvers.

Covid-19 Schemes

- Self Employment Grant- PART 2- This should be available to claim from 17th August 2020- Check at gov.uk to see if you are eligible.
- CBILS Schemes and Coronavirus Bounce Back Loans are still available.
- Covid Grants for Small and Medium sized businesses in England- From £1,000 to £5,000 for new equipment and technology and specialist advice- available through local growth hubs- More details to follow- <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/20-million-in-new-grants-to-boost-recovery-of-small-businesses>

Speak to your P&L Consultant for more information.

Farming Connect Funding

If you are based in Wales eg. have a welsh holding number, then you may be still entitled to subsidised Funding for Business or Technical Advice.

This funding is due to finish by the August 2022 (or before if demand is high).

Speak to your P&L Consultant for more information- We have consultants that are farming connect registered for both business and technical reports.

Did you know P&L AgriConsulting can help you to complete the following items;

- Farm Assurance Documentation
- Soil Management Plans
- Manure Management Plans
- Nutrient Management Plans
- Biodiversity Plans

(These items are now required for some red meat and milk contracts)

All information in this newsletter is correct as of 11th September 2020