

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

30th June 2020

NEW Mid-Tier Agreements 2021- Countryside Stewardship- Deadline to request an online application pack- must be done **online** through your RPA Account.

31st July 2020

New Mid-Tier Applications must be completed.

1st September 2020

Tree & Hedge Cutting restrictions are lifted.

1st September 2020

Farming Recovery Fund- Applications Close

HEADLINES

Farming Recovery Fund

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Farming Recovery Fund (FRF)

Flooding Grant- Available for Shropshire, Staffordshire and Herefordshire (other counties also included) for those farms affected by Flooding in February 2020.

- **Eligibility-** To check if you are eligible all you need is your SBI number to check online:
<https://farmingrecovery.org.uk/application/>
- **Grant Items-** These include items such as reseeding costs, fencing, gateway relocation and livestock water-trough replacement (full list of items in FRF handbook).
- **Grant Value-** The minimum grant available through the FRF is £500, with the maximum grant available being £25,000.
- **Application Window-** The grant window is open NOW- if approved you will be told within 6 weeks- **Closing Date for applications- 1st September 2020.** If successful you then have an allocated time to complete your grant work and claim your grant.

If you need more information, then please check the FRF handbook
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/farming-recovery-fund-february-2020-handbook-and-application-portal>

Or contact your P&L Consultant.

Grass Growth

- UK AVERAGES (as per AHDB 2nd July 2020)

Grass Growth Rate
74 kg/DM/Day

Grass ME Content
11.71 MJ/kg DM

Grass CP Content
24.8 % (an increase to previous weeks- with recent rain helping to utilise fertiliser)

Covid-19 Schemes

- Self Employment Grant- Extended (as previous newsletter)- Available to claim in August 2020.
- CBILS Loan Schemes and Coronavirus Bounce Back Loans are still available.

Calculating Winter Forage Quantity

With second cut and in some cases third cut on its way into the clamp- now is the time to calculate your winter forage quantity. Please see an example template below on how to calculate this:

Clamp Length (m)	Clamp Width (m)	Clamp Height (m)	Clamp Capacity (m ³)	Silage Density	Fresh Silage (tonnes)
A	B	C	D= AxBxC	E= See Below	F= DxE/1000

Silage Density= E

Silage DM %	Clamp Height (m)			
	2	2.5	3	4
20	780	840	890	950
25	690	730	775	830
30	620	660	690	740
35	570	600	625	670
40+	520	540	570	610

(Source; DairyCo)

To convert **FRESH SILAGE TONNES** into **DRY MATTER SILAGE TONNES**
Multiply fresh silage tonnage by Dry Matter eg. 25-30.
Then divide by 100 to give you **Silage Dry Matter Tonnage**.

Forage Requirements

You then need to calculate dry matter requirements for all stock going to be on farm from September 2020 to April 2021, not forgetting this summer's buffer feed requirements.

This will give your total dry matter requirement.

There will be a surplus or a deficit between total requirement and total production.

From here you can assess whether extra forages or forage extenders are needed.

Speak to your P&L Consultant for more information.