

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

### Dates for the Diary

#### 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021

If you are in a Nitrate Vulnerable Zone (NVZ), then from this date you can apply organic manure with a high, readily available nitrogen content (for example, slurry, poultry manures or liquid digested sewage sludge) to grassland and tillage land on all soil types if conditions are suitable and you adhere to the quantity restrictions for applying the manures

#### 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021

If you are in an NVZ, this date marks the end of the quantity restrictions for application of organic manures with a high readily available nitrogen content

#### 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

You must not cut or trim hedges or trees from this date.

All information in this newsletter is correct as of 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021

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#### ENGLAND COUNTRYSIDE STEWARDSHIP- OPEN

- **MID TIER STEWARDSHIP-** Applications open until 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021- this offers options, supplements & capital items.
- **HIGHER TIER-** Applications open until 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021- covers more environmentally significant sites, commons & woodlands (more complex than Mid Tier).
- **CS CAPITAL GRANTS-** Applications opens until 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021- Capital Grants offer 67 standalone capital grants within 3 groups; Air & Quality, Water Quality & Boundaries, Trees & Orchards

WILDLIFE OFFERS ALSO AVAILABLE

**CONTACT YOUR P&L CONSULTANT FOR MORE INFORMATION**

#### ENGLAND NVZ's

*The Environment Agency recently concluded its 4-yearly review of Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (NVZs) for the period 2021 to 2024. It advised the Secretary of State that there has been no substantive change in patterns of nitrate pollution in England, concluding the NVZs should remain the same as the final zones for the previous 2017 to 2020 cycle. The Secretary of State has agreed with this recommendation and the relevant maps will be updated shortly to reflect the new time period. The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) will be contacting affected farmers in writing to advise them of this and the process going forward.*

### Covid-19 Schemes

**WITH ALL COVID-19 SCHEMES YOUR BUSINESS MUST HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY CORONAVIRUS**

### BOUNCE BACK LOANS

- Still available until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

### SELF EMPLOYMENT GRANT

- Details for the 4<sup>th</sup> Round will be open 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

### **FARM WITH CALF REARING FACILITIES WANTED**

(Farm to provide labour and buildings- calves supplied)  
Cheshire or North Shropshire area preferably  
To rear batches of calves up to 12 weeks of age  
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## **The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021- (Welsh NVZ's )**

*There will be a phased introduction of regulations, as follows;*

**By 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021** • Closed periods for spreading manufactured nitrogen fertiliser • on grassland, from 15 September to 15 January\* • on tillage land, from 1 September to 15 January\*

**By 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023** • Nutrient Management Records, Plans & Risk Maps must be produced annually • Limits on the amount of N per hectare spread- via manure & manufactured fertilisers • Limits on how organic manure can be stored \*

**By 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024** • Closed periods introduced for a slurry (not manure) • Slurry Capacity Rules Apply- 5 months of slurry storage will be required for most livestock (6 months storage for Pigs & Poultry)

\*exemptions apply- More information can be found at: [The Control of Agricultural Pollution Regulations \(gov.wales\)](https://www.gov.wales/government/agricultural-pollution-regulations)

## **WELSH GRANTS**

Scheme	Window Value	EOI open	EOI close
<b>Sustainable Production Grant</b>	<b>£8,000,000</b>	<b>1 February 2021</b>	<b>12 March 2021</b>
Farm Business Grant	£5,000,000	1 March 2021	9 April 2021

### ***Sustainable Production Grant***

- *The main aim of this grant is to assist farm businesses, to meet the requirements of The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2020 (The Regulations).*
- *Where you produce slurry, if selected and to ensure eligibility for payment, you will be required to demonstrate how the grant will enable you to reach compliance with the slurry storage capacity requirements of The Regulations by 1 August 2024.*
- *The Expression of Interest (EOI) has been developed digitally and is available through the RPW Online service*
- *The grant provides a maximum 40% contribution*
- *The maximum grant award is £50,000*
- *The minimum grant award is £12,000*