



After a pretty awful harvest when grain was harvested well above its ideal storing moisture content of 15% then it needs to be dried or treated to store that grain through the winter. Also grain stored to the right moisture content will need to be monitored as it will simply reabsorb moisture, particularly in damp sheds in a damp environment. If you have harvested the corn below 20% moisture content, dumped it on the floor and have not hired a mobile dryer, it is possible to draw out the moisture using spear ventilation equipment. However it is best to surround these with a sheet so that the air being pulled through the crop has to travel as far as possible. If you are venting grain in bins, then grain deeper than 8ft will fail ventilate correctly leading to layers of damp corn. If the crop is being stored, I would suggest moving the grain periodically just to put air through the whole quantity and to avoid dead spots not receiving air by ventilation. With these continual damp days it is quite easy to forget that the ventilator has been left running day after day only to be pulling damp air through the crop thus raising the moisture content. As cereals are worth so much money this year, and they can be used very effectively to reduce purchased feed bills it is worth looking after the grain. Mobile drying is costing about £20/ton.

The Cattle Crush

After 5 years of use we have decided to sell our Cattle Crush. The number of people using the crush is quite low and the cost of maintaining it in a road worthy state is greater than the income it generates. It has the capacity to hold two adult cattle at the same time, hydraulic folding axle, 3 folding gates on each side at the rear of the crush to form a funnel entrance, a Premier catching yoke and an electronic weigh system.

The process of selling the crush will be by sealed bids only. If you would like more details or to submit a bid then please contact Debbie or Helena for an application form. More pictures of the Crush can be seen on our website.



Closing dates for bids is
30 November 2012.

Penwith Landscape Group Update

Following the demise of the ESA in Penwith, concern was raised over what would happen to the landscape and the economic effect of direct payments being withdrawn. To give your views there will be open meetings

St Buryan Village Hall, Tuesday, 6 Nov - 6-8pm

St Johns Hall Penzance, Wednesday, 7 Nov - 6-8pm

St Just Methodist Hall, Monday, 26 Nov - 6-8pm

Zennor Village Hall, Tuesday, 27 Nov - 6-8pm

Centre of Pendeen, Wednesday, 28 Nov 1-3pm

There is also the opportunity to comment and take part in an online survey via the FarmCornwall website.

Payroll reporting is changing -



HMRC is introducing a new way of reporting PAYE - called Real Time Information or RTI. From April 2013, employers will be legally required to report PAYE in real time. This means that information about all PAYE payments needs to be submitted to HMRC online each time a payment is made, rather than at the end of the year as they are now.

If you already use payroll software this will need to be updated by 6 April. If you operate payroll manually then you will need to decide how you are going to comply with the requirements. You will also need to register for PAYE online and get all your staff records up to date. HMRC will be writing to all employers to advise them of what they need to do to get ready to make their first real time submission in April 2013.

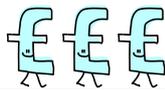
Further information; <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/rti/index.htm>

Do you need help with IT?

Ellen, our IT tutor is still offering one to one training sessions at the Farm Business Centre at the subsidised cost of £10 per hour. This can cover any aspect of IT that you need whether you are new to computers or want to improve your skills - if you would like to book an appointment please call Debbie or Helena on 01736 352012.

A number of farmers have purchased laptops from the Computers for Rural People Scheme. So if you need to get online to comply with all the various legislation have a look at www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk

If you require a large print copy of this edition or any other information please call the office on 01736 352012



Prices (all prices are per tonne)

Feed

- Dairy – basic 18% general purpose in bulk **£252-£300**
- Beef – finisher ration in bulk **£239-£249**
- Beef – balancer ration 40% protein **£306-£370**
- Soya – bulk **£405**
(the price has weakened even with short supplies in the US)
- Sugar Beet Pulp - bulk for November **£188**
- Barley - **£175**
- Wheat - **£187**
- Straw - **£70**
- Hay **£3/bale**

Fertiliser

- Straight Nitrogen 34.5% (depending on load size) **£298-£316**
- CAN (27:00:00) **£250**
- 21:8:11 **£316**

Cattle - Dead weight prices (EBLEX)

- Steers R3 – **348.5p/kg**
- Heifers R3 – **345.4p/kg**

(Prices printed are an average or were correct at the time of printing- for a more current price contact your

Soil Protection Reviews

Don't forget to complete Soil Protection Review paperwork by 31 December or risk losing out on RPA payments. Failing to complete or update the SPR is one of the most common cross-compliance breaches made by producers.

You complete the annual review using the appropriate section of the SPR2010 and it can be done in hard copy or online. The SPR 2010 document covers annual reviews for the 2011-13 scheme years. You are not required to return the documents to RPA but the information must be kept on farm to produce in case of inspection.

If you require any assistance with your SPR please contact Edward.

Health & Safety

Charges following visits - HSE have decided to start charging for their visits should they find something wrong. If they call unannounced, as they normally do, and find a problem, which they normally do, and this results in a warning, a prohibition order or further action then you will be charged. The cost will be at a rate of £125/hour for their time, which includes all of time spent on your holding any letters, emails, telephone calls etc.

Grandfather rights on sprayers – If you are using a sprayer under these rights you need to be aware that they are coming to an end in 2015. Whilst you don't need to have a test certificate you need to prove you have received appropriate training. Contact Nicky Carlyon at Kernow Training Group 07774 951739 or 01726 860204 for PA1 (basic training) and PA2 (tractor mounted).

Migrant Workers

If you are taking on migrant workers whether through a gangmaster or employed directly, then you still have health and safety responsibilities. Some simple rules in dealing with these workers will help. Take copies of all passports, car number plates, and names. If at any time they are involved in an accident be it on your farm or travelling to or from the area of work, then knowing who they are and any next of kin will be a help to all involved. As far as their vehicles are concerned they are MOT'd for two years at a time from their country of origin. However if they are here beyond that expiry date then they must be MOT'd every year like any other vehicle registered in the UK. Insurance for those vehicles is also only valid if they have informed their insurer that they are out of the country. If you are providing housing for migrant workers, information on safe housing and the right type of smoke alarms etc can be obtained from the Fire Service who are also supplying free European 2 pin to British 3pin electrical plug adapters. Better to use a free adapter than a nail or a biro to hold the live and the neutral wires in place! Posters and information in a variety of languages or are available by contacting the local Police team bev.faulx@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

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