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Farm Cornwall Women's Group:

The very first group will meet at Callestick Dairy on 15 October 2019 at 7pm. It will be open to all women who work in agriculture whether directly or in a supporting role and is open to all ages. On the night there will be a tour of the business and an opportunity to mix and have a chat.

To begin with Farm Cornwall will provide the support mechanism for the group and organise the first few meetings. To guide us how best to run this we have engaged with the Exmoor Hill Project which runs a Farm Women's group to guide and advise us, the Exmoor group has over 150 members and meets at various locations across the National Park. On the Callestick visit there will be the opportunity to decide future topics, venues and speakers to keep the group relevant to you, suggested topics include:

- Countryside walks , farm and business visits
- Days training in tractor maintenance
- Diversification visits
- Digital VAT and Red tractor training
- A visits to shows e.g. Yorkshire Show or Highland Show

If you are interested please contact - Edward on 01736 367589 (the only bloke in a Farm Women's Group!)

Current Beef, Grain and Lamb Prices.....

Feed Wheat: -29% from £169 per tonne to £121 per tonne

Feed Barley: -35% from £167 per tonne to £108 per tonne

***Fat Cattle prices:** (Truro, 10 Aug 2018) Steers light (370-550Kg)
154p/Kg

***Fat Cattle prices:** (Truro 30 Aug 2019 Steers light (370-550Kg)
115p/kg (26% reduction)

***Lamb prices:** (Truro, 10 Aug 2018) Medium (39-45.5kg)
181.9p/kg

***Lamb prices:** (Truro, 30 Aug 2019) medium (39-45.5kg)
174.2p/kg
(5.3% reduction)

***Baled Wheat Straw:** £93/t 2018

***Baled Wheat Straw** £45/t 2019 (-52% reduction)



Cereals and Straw

There have been good harvest conditions across the world, not just here in the UK, which have led to above average harvest conditions and good yields, there was also a high carry over of stocks from 2018 barley crop

I went to see a hand writing expert the other day, she said I was gullible, laid back and well off, just from the signature on the cheque

Prince's Countryside Fund Farm Resilience Programme

We are currently recruiting for this year's PFRP group which will be based at Wadebridge. The course is completely free and consists of the following:

Before the start of the workshops each farm is benchmarked by a farm secretary (IAgSa or MAAT qualification) – this will take place on farm in Mid October/Early November. Workshops as follows:

1. Benchmarking with Andersons Consulting (November)
(ALL BENCH MARKING IS ABSOLUTELY CONFIDENTIAL)
2. Cost Control with Kite Consultancy (December)
3. Understanding your accounts and working with remotely based bank managers with Promar Consultancy (January)
4. Strategic Change Management how should I invest in the farm and or family , bring the next generation in, retire with Savills (February)
5. Succession – power of attorney, partnerships, retirement, passwords with Saviour Associates (March)
6. Environmental Management (October 2020)
7. Farmers Own Choice (December 2020)

At any time throughout the process farmers can contact the consultant free of charge and discuss issues on a more individual basis. The commitment is to all workshops but previous programmes have been very successful. The whole family is encouraged to engage with the programme to maximise its efficacy.

ANIMAL WELFARE

Worryingly we have recently seen a marked increase in cases signposted to us by Animal Health. Most commonly following a TB breakdown which will obviously lead to carrying extra stock that would have otherwise been sold. **All** livestock should have access to water 24hours a day. Putting water in buckets or filling up troughs with a hose pipe will at some point lead to the trough being empty or the bucket being kicked over.

Those of you who keep a few pigs have also been caught out, a pig is a herding animal and it must be kept with other pigs, keeping one for the freezer is strictly speaking no longer an option. Isolation also applies to other livestock.

After many years of farming, stalwarts of the industry often still choose to keep a few cattle, however they are not as fit as they once were. If you know someone like this please make sure that a long career in farming does not end with a caution or a prosecution!

If you are concerned about your animal welfare APHA or Cornwall Council can give advice and it is better to engage with them first.

FarmCornwall is recruiting.....

We are looking for an organised and flexible person to join our small team to help out in the office with general admin and office duties. To start with it would be approximately 10 hours per week but there is potential to take on more responsibility and hours as time goes on. Hours/days can be flexible to suit but you must have some admin experience, be organised, able to work on your own and on your own initiative. Social media experience essential. If you think you might be interested please forward your CV to the office or email: helena@farmcornwall.co.uk

USEFUL DATES:

01 September 2019

01 October 2019

14 October 2019

15 October 2019

Hedge cutting can start

Environmental Focus Area - all cover crops must be established.

Environmental Focus Area - all catch crops must be retained until this date.

NO spreading of slurry or other highly available nitrogen on any grassland and non- sandy soils.