

AGRICULTURAL UPDATE



JAMIE KISIELEWSKI

We have recently welcomed Jamie to our Rural Sales Team as a Trainee Agricultural Valuer who will undertake mapping, sale preparation and GPS work and will also join us at our machinery sales.

Jamie previously worked for a local estate agent and in his free time, he enjoys playing cricket and golf. Prior to being a estate agent, he studied gamekeeping and land management at college, leading onto working on various farms in Australia as well as a sporting estate and game farm in New Zealand.

FORTHCOMING SPORTING SALE



Entries are invited for our forthcoming sales including our sporting requisites section in our 10th and 11th May sale. If you have anything you wish to sell, please call us on 01285 646050 to discuss or use our online valuation form which is on the auction room pages of our website.



DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S AVAILABLE - NEW FUNDING FOR FARMERS & LAND MANAGERS

The Farming Equipment and Technology Fund (FETF) for 2023 is partially open and is split into two themes:

1. Productivity and Slurry Grant:

This grant is available to help improve agricultural sustainability and horticultural and forestry productivity. The aim is to help farmers use less inputs, reduce emissions and cut waste. The scheme is now open and the deadline for applications is midday on 4th April 2023.

Some of the items available for funding include:

- Robotic slurry pusher
 - Slurry separator
- Nutrient analysis of slurry
 - Grain stirrers
 - Carbon detector
 - Milk analysis
- Badger-proof feed troughs
 - Soil moisture sensor
 - CCTV

2. Animal Health and Welfare Grant:

This offer aims to improve health and welfare of livestock, potentially helping farmers improve biosecurity or decrease environmental stress. The application window for this element of the FETF is not open yet but we expect it should be available imminently.



Some of the items available for funding include:

- Cattle/sheep handling systems
 - Cattle crushers
 - Cow mattresses
 - Heat lamps
 - Cattle brushes
- Cattle/sheep weighing equipment

Farmers can apply for grants between £1,000 - £25,000, with only brand new items available to be purchased.

There is a number of other criteria in which to satisfy. If you are considering an application or purchase of any items that may be covered under the FETF and you would like advice about the scheme, then please do not hesitate to get in touch with one of the Team who are ready to assist where possible.

COUNTRYSIDE STEWARDSHIP CAPITAL GRANTS - TIME FOR ANOTHER LOOK?

Our last article on Capital Grants in January confirmed an increase in funding rates in view of rising costs. Whilst initially launched for new agreements from 1st January 2023, it was amended a fortnight or so later following pressure from various farming organisations, so the rates also include schemes already in place.

Since then, there has been a further update which removes the previous £20,000 cap, making the grant much more attractive for larger projects. Whilst applications still need to be well thought through and justifiable, there is currently money in the pot and is something that all farmers and landowners should be considering, not just those in a Stewardship scheme.

As part of the justification, some options, such as rainwater harvesting and muck store improvements, will require Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer support, for which at least six weeks prior notice is required. Therefore, do not delay if such support is required. For significant works such as concreting, there is also a requirement to check the planning position, so written advice from a planning officer may be helpful in ensuring the grant claim can progress.

2023 is a pivotal year in the evolution of farming support. There appears to be a real commitment by Defra to drive improvements and efficiencies on farm with direct funding now aimed at specific areas, as we move away from the BPS era. With funds initially allocated on a first come, first serve basis, if you are planning improvements to your infrastructure, why not take some objective advice first? One of the Team would be pleased to help you meet your requirements.

PROPOSED INCREASES TO PLANNING FEES

On 28th February 2023, the Government opened its consultation on an increase in planning fees. The proposals include:

- A 25% increase for all applications and a 35% increase for major applications.
 - Double fees for retrospective planning applications
- An annual inflation-related adjustment to the planning fees.

The consultation period ends on 25th April 2023 and it is hoped that any increase in planning fees will allow Local Authorities to improve the service provided.

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GENUINE RETIREMENT DISPERSAL SALE OF AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT

On instructions received from Mr. & Mrs N. Goringe

BERRYWOOD FARM

Near Wroughton, Swindon, Wiltshire SN4 9QN



WILL SELL ONLINE BY TIMED AUCTION

from 12 noon on Friday, 21st April and ending on

WEDNESDAY, 26TH APRIL FROM 12 NOON

COLLECTIVE MACHINERY AUCTION

Entries to date include:

8 Tractors and 500 lots including farm machinery implements, trailers, garden equipment, farm estate requisites and unused tools.

Please see website for details.

BRADBOROUGH FARM

Southrop, Lechlade, Gloucestershire GL7 3PH



on **WEDNESDAY, 29TH MARCH** at 10am sharp

COLLECTIVE MACHINERY AUCTION

OF AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT, PLANT,
VEHICLES & WORKSHOP EQUIPMENT

THE SHOW FIELD

Brook Farm, Great Somerford, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN15 5JA

on **WEDNESDAY, 19TH APRIL** at 10am sharp

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