

# FAR update

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FEED ADVISER REGISTER SCHEME



## Welcome

As summer events reach full swing, we have found it very enjoyable and useful to attend in person again, meeting with Members and colleagues. As I'm sure you'll agree, it makes all the difference.

Internally, we have launched our FAR Game Feed training and the final module in our Sustainability CPD will be released during July. The FAR Qualification in Animal Nutrition and the Environment is underway, and we plan to make this training available later in the year. This will be one of many ways in which we can promote the role of nutritionists in delivering the Defra ELMs animal health & welfare pathway.

We hope you find this issue useful. Please feel free to send any questions or suggestions to [far@agindustries.org.uk](mailto:far@agindustries.org.uk) or using the details on the back page.



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## FAR Game Feed Module Launch

AIC is pleased to announce the launch of the FAR Game Feed Module Level 1.

The module covers key areas including nutrition, gamebird production systems, feed management, biosecurity, hygiene, health and welfare, KPIs, and sustainability.

All FAR Members can take the module as part of their membership while non-FAR Members can do so by joining as an Associate Member for an annual fee of £75 plus VAT.

David Moss, Technical Manager at AIC, agrees: "The new FAR Game Feed Module provides the game feed sector with a much-needed entry level learning module. With game meat becoming ever more popular with consumers, it is essential that advisers are equipped with a basic understanding of how a well-planned diet leads to healthy gamebirds whilst continuing to be conscious of reducing the environmental footprint of gamebird rearing/breeding."

The new module is a great example of industry stakeholders collaborating to deliver a gold standard training resource for game feed advisers, which will benefit the entire game rearing and shoot management sector.

To join FAR as an Associate Member, please contact Carolynn Palasiuk via [carolynn.palasiuk@agindustries.org.uk](mailto:carolynn.palasiuk@agindustries.org.uk)

For more information visit the [FAR website](http://FAR website).

**David Moss**  
Technical Manager



A FAR game feed module is a significant step in driving forward a sustainable, 21st century game sector to support the flourishing demand for great British game meat



**Liam Stokes**  
CEO of the British Game Assurance

## FAR Sustainability CPD feedback

Thank you to all those who have provided feedback for the first two modules of the FAR Sustainability CPD.

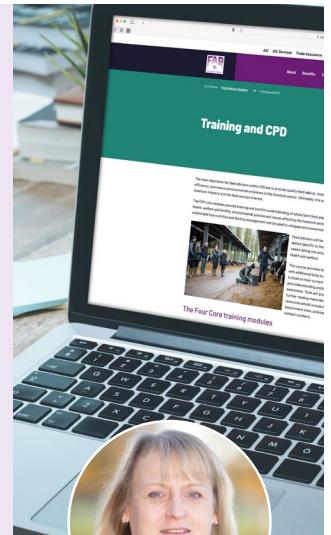
94% of advisers who have taken the Introduction to Sustainability module gave the course a full 5/5 rating and the vast majority of participants found it interesting and informative on the role of agriculture in sustainability.

The second module focusing on the sustainability of UK livestock farms also scored highly, with 89% of advisers submitting a 5/5 rating, along with supportive comments about the key issues facing the livestock industry and how we can help foster positive communications through well-trained advisers.

### MODULE 1



### MODULE 2



**Sue Whittington**  
Technical Manager

## AIC Sustainability training

Following the development of the FAR Introduction to Sustainability training, the other sectors within AIC have shown great interest. The module has thus been expanded to encompass the requirements of all sectors. This will be available as an online course in the autumn.



## FAR Qualification in Animal Nutrition and the Environment update

We will be inviting all ruminant development Members to join the first group of advisers to achieve the FAR Qualification in Animal Nutrition and the Environment.

The first introduction day, which will include an overview of the full course, is planned for August.

The second day will bring together the learnings from modules 1 & 2 and is planned for 22nd September in Peterborough. The third day, for modules 3 & 4 and revision, is planned for November.

Any ruminant development Members who are interested in joining this first group, please contact Sue Whittington at [sue.whittington@gagindustries.org.uk](mailto:sue.whittington@gagindustries.org.uk)



## FAR Events Calendar

Following two years of cancelled events, it was a huge pleasure for FAR to exhibit again in 2022 at DairyTech and the Pig & Poultry Fair. A large number of AIC Member companies exhibited at the shows and many major stakeholders – including Defra, NFU and AHDB – were also present.

Several FAR nutritionists spoke on a variety of subjects in the forums, with a particular focus on nutrition, considering feeding costs, and improving efficiency and performance to optimise nutrition for economic and environmental sustainability.

On the FAR stand, we had lots of interest in the Register and the recent developments around the FAR Qualification in Animal Nutrition and the Environment, along with our CPD, from current and potential new Members, farmers, and stakeholders.

**BRITISH  
PIG & POULTRY  
FAIR 2022 10-11 MAY**

STONELEIGH, WARWICKSHIRE  
PARTNERED BY ABN



## New FAR Working Group Member

### Katie Stephens

I joined DSM as an Account Manager in March 2021 with responsibility for a variety of customer accounts. I work closely with the technical team to provide support on our products and premixes for our customers. My experience prior to working at DSM was as Poultry Account Manager for a feed manufacturer. I completed my BSc degree in Animal Science at the University of Nottingham, graduating in 2012.

Outside of work, I am a keen netballer, playing with a local team. I also like to keep on top of my fitness and fit in horse riding each weekend.

I have recently taken up target shooting (prone discipline) and teaching myself to sew my own clothes, so quite a variety of interests!



**Katie Stephens**  
Account Manager

## GFLI UK Feed Ingredient Data

AIC held a well-attended workshop for the feed sector earlier this year on the use of a GFLI (Global Feed LCA Institute) data subset that AIC has produced to enable Members to calculate GHG emissions for the feeds they manufacture. This data is becoming a valuable tool for feed advisers when considering how to reduce a farm's footprint of their feed and, therefore, their livestock enterprises.

Jane Salter gave workshop participants a background to the environmental policy landscape and AIC Sustainability Roadmap and how using GFLI data can deliver progress on these commitments. Nick Major, in his capacity as Board member of GFLI, explained how the data had been developed and that technical credibility of the data has resulted in global feed industry support for the development of GFLI.

Andrew Pearson of AIC then demonstrated to participants how to use the UK data subset that AIC have made available to Members, while Michael Marsden of AB Agri provided some practical examples of how modifying ration formulation can impact GHG emissions.

The UK data subset and guidance is now available on the [AIC website](#) for Members.



**James McCulloch**  
Head of Feed Sector



## Sustainability Self-Assessment Framework

The AIC and AIC Services Sustainability Liason Group is developing a Sustainability Self-Assessment Framework to assist Members in identifying, setting and working towards sustainability goals, and tracking their sustainability performance.

The framework is based on the commitments in the AIC Roadmap for a Sustainable Food Chain, taking into account priority sustainability issues identified by the group, expectation of sustainability policy coming down the line, and knowledge and expertise of sustainable practice and compliance schemes.

The Self-Assessment Framework is designed to be a strategic tool to help Members think about sustainable practice in a multitude of areas within their businesses, rather than to provide in-depth technical detail on individual topics.

Criteria by which a business can be assessed are in the process of being challenged and reviewed at Sector Committees, with a launch target of autumn later this year.



**Andrew Pearson**  
Policy Manager

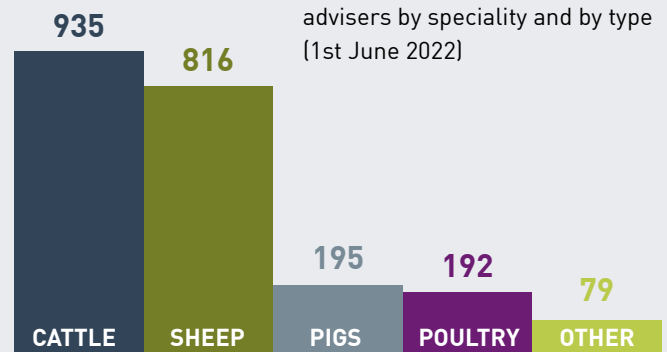
## Animal Health & Welfare Pathway Review

AIC's Feed Sector has entered discussions with Defra on the importance of nutrition when conducting health and welfare reviews. Defra has accepted that a successful outcome of the reviews will depend upon input from all farm advisers and is considering how vet-led teams will engage with nutritionists and other advisers to put together plans that deliver better health and welfare.

The first part of the Animal Health and Welfare Pathway has been launched as part of SFI 2022 with an Annual Health and Welfare Review. This will pay for a yearly visit by a vet for livestock keepers who are currently eligible for BPS. The aim is to identify where health and welfare could be improved and this, in turn, could unlock future funding or investment for improvements in animal husbandry.

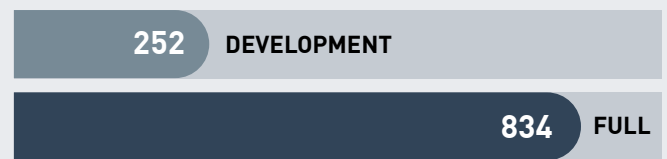
## Statistics

Currently by speciality:



**FAR Statistics** – approved feed advisers by speciality and by type (1st June 2022)

Currently by type:



## Final word from Carolynn

If any advisers have started a new job, left an old one, or are retiring, please get in touch to ensure all our information is current and accurate. If anyone feels their MyFAR details are incorrect or are missing some training modules – or have any questions at all – please do contact me at [carolynn.palasiuk@agindustries.org.uk](mailto:carolynn.palasiuk@agindustries.org.uk)



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