

FAR update

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Welcome

Welcome to the summer 2024 edition of the FAR Update. In this issue, I am pleased to share the publication of the "Careers in the Animal Feed Supply Chain" booklet produced by AIC's Feed Future Forum Group, which is now being promoted at exhibitions and events.

James McCulloch gives us an update on UK and EU policy regarding forest risk commodities such as soya and palm oil, and there are updates on the latest FAR training for dairy, beef, and game birds.

AIC and members of the FAR Working Group are working on a Test & Trials project with the aim of advice received from FAR Advisers being recognised within the Sustainable Farming Incentive.

Please send any questions or suggestions to far@agindustries.org.uk or via the contact details on the back page.



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Careers in the Animal Feed Supply Chain booklet published

A careers booklet aimed at attracting new entrants into the animal feed supply chain has been published by AIC.

The booklet - "Careers in the Animal Feed Supply Chain" - was created by AIC's Feed Future Forum, a group of younger Members of the agri-supply trade, to equip the next generation with the knowledge and better understanding of what a career in the UK's livestock feed industry looks like and why it's so rewarding.

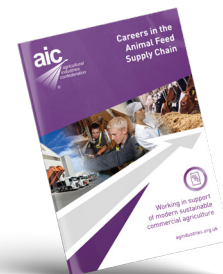
Available as a hard copy and as a digital download, the booklet offers information on a wide range of roles within the animal feed supply chain, including technical, procurement, sustainability, logistics, IT, and engineering.

AIC's Feed Future Forum aims to promote the booklet at careers shows and events in the coming months.

The animal feed industry is worth over £4.5 billion to the UK economy and produces 16 million tonnes of safe, nutritious, and sustainable feed every year.

James McCulloch, AIC's Head of Animal Feed, said: "Without a skilled workforce, the feed sector cannot play its part in feeding the nation. This careers booklet showcases the wide range of opportunities within the feed sector of the agri-supply industry, explaining how it offers an exciting and fulfilling career."

To view and download a digital PDF copy of the booklet and promotional A5 flyer,



go to [AIC's website](https://www.agindustries.org.uk) or scan the QR code with your phone.

To request a hard copy, please email enquiries@agindustries.org.uk.

General Election and UK Deforestation Policy

Feed advisers will no doubt be getting questions from farm customers about the recent call for a General Election and the implications for UK Forest Risk Commodity Regulations (UKFRC). The Regulations will require businesses handling more than 500 tonnes of in scope commodities (soya and palm derived feed materials) with a global turnover of more than £50m to submit an annual due diligence report to demonstrate that the commodities have been grown on land legally occupied and used in the country where those commodities have been produced.

Defra has confirmed to AIC that the UKFRC did not get on to the statute book prior to the dissolution of Parliament and therefore will not be considered any further until after the General Election. Any assessment of whether the Regulation will progress under a new Government is difficult to deliver. AIC will be in touch with the new Defra Ministerial team the moment it is announced to establish their intentions for this, and other, relevant policies.

An added complication for the UK market has been the development of parallel, but different, legislation in the EU, known as EU Deforestation Regulation or EUDR. The current EU Commission line on this is that it will be implemented on 1 January 2025 as planned though there are concerted calls from EU member states for a delay in its implementation. AIC will pass on further information to feed advisers when it becomes available.

Visit [AIC's website](#) for more information and frequently asked questions on UKFRC and EUDR, or scan the QR code.



James McCulloch
Head of Feed

FAR Improving Farm Nutrient Balance CPD and on-farm nutrient balance calculator for dairy and beef systems

Following the release of Part 1 of the most recent FAR CPD to aid advisers on farm helping their customers to measure a farm's nutrient balance, Part 2 - specifically for dairy and beef advisers - is now available.

This training focuses on how to calculate nutrient balance on farm for different dairy and beef systems. It includes a simplified farm nutrient balance worksheet which is available for all advisers completing the training to use with their livestock customers to help make improvements on farm.

The Feed and Fertiliser sectors have committed to work more closely on training to enable a more integrated approach to whole farm nutrient management and an application has been made for CPD points for those advisers who are part of the BASIS and FACTS Professional Register.

The training is accessed via the VBMS portal, using individual login and passwords which will be provided to advisers by email from VBMS.

Please note that the CPD training considering sustainability within livestock and feed will need to be completed to gain access to this Improving Farm Nutrient Balance material.



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FAR Game Feed CPD

The first FAR Game Feed CPD specifically for game feed advisers is due to launch later this summer.

“This FAR Game Feed CPD is focusing on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and Biosecurity”, says David Moss, Technical Manager at AIC.

This module looks at the role of good nutrition and biosecurity controls in maintaining healthy game birds, which in turn reduces the need for antibiotic use.

For more information on the **FAR Game Feed Membership** and training please contact David Moss david.moss@agindustries.org.uk.



David Moss
Technical Manager

FAR Adviser Test & Trials project with Defra: Co-design of Sustainable Farming Incentive

AIC and members of the FAR Working Group have been working on a project to recognise the value of advice given by FAR advisers within Defra’s Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI).

A project development proposal has been submitted to Defra with the aim of re-emphasising that the advice farmers receive from FAR Advisers is on a par with advice received from BASIS and FACTS Registered Advisers, which farmers receive payment for under certain SFI actions.



Andrew Pearson
Policy Manager

FCN | THE FARMING COMMUNITY NETWORK

Earlier in June, AIC staff attended a workshop learning more about the valuable work carried out by the Farming Community Network’ (FCN), supporting farmers and families within rural communities.

They would appreciate the opportunity to discuss their work with farm advisers, and if any companies or individuals would like someone from FCN to explain more about their work, they can be contacted at training@fcn.org.uk Or via their helplines:



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03000 111 999



Email our helpline
help@fcn.org.uk

Find FAR and FAA at upcoming events, and in the agricultural press:

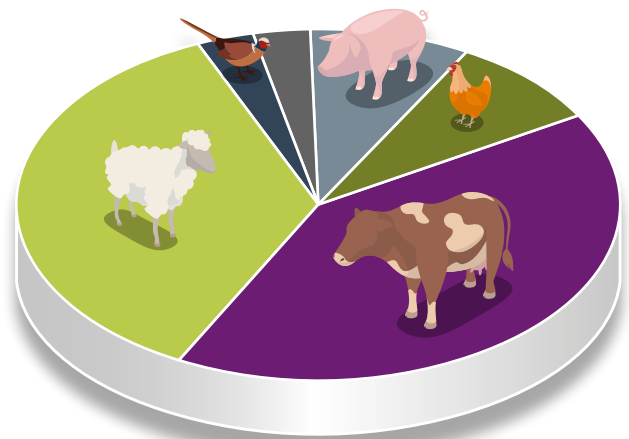
UK Dairy Day Telford - 11th September 2024

Royal Ulster Winter Fair – 12th December 2024

Look out for regular articles in the Farmers Guide, Anglia and Midlands Farmer



Statistics



194 Pigs
195 Poultry
936 Cattle
811 Sheep
75 Game
65 Other

Advisers by Speciality



A note from the Membership team

If any advisers have started a new position or are retiring, remember to let AIC know so that all information is up to date.

Don't forget to check your My FAR details on AIC's website. If any details are incorrect, training module details are missing, or you have any questions about accessing and completing the core training modules or annual CPD, please email carolynn.palasiuk@agindustries.org.uk.



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