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Welcome to AgriBuzz

Welcome to AgriBuzz, our quarterly e-newsletter for farmers and land managers in the Midlands, keeping you up to date with information relevant to your agricultural business.

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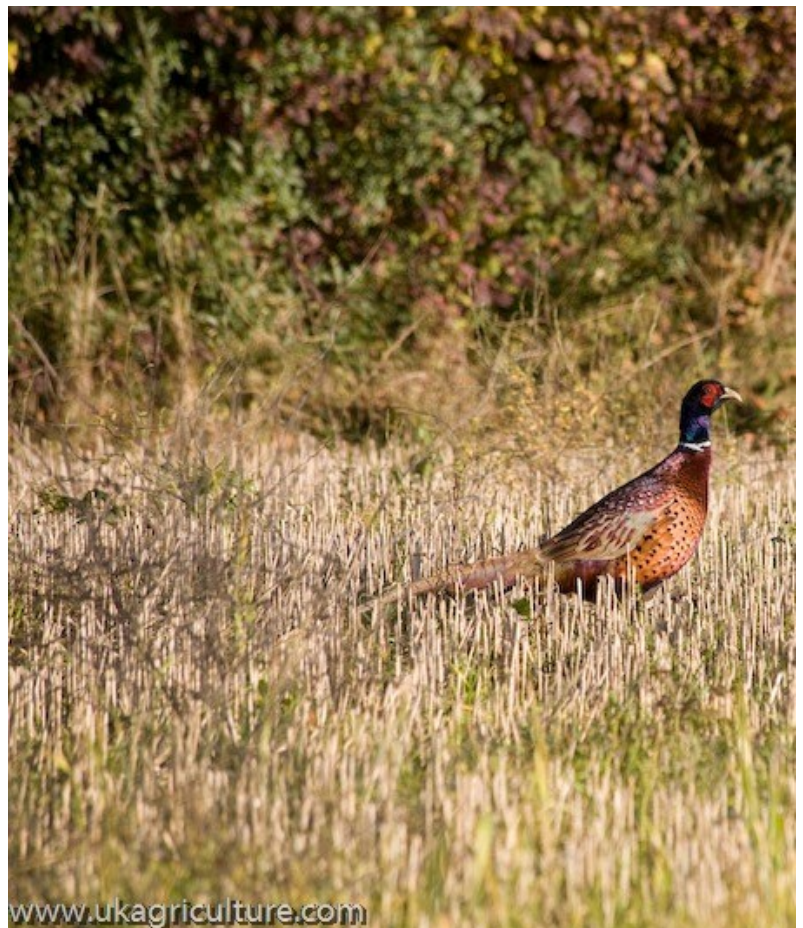
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Know what's going on to your land - a guide for farmers, suppliers or spreading contractors.

Whether it be for maintaining farm tracks, animal bedding, fertiliser or conditioning soils, waste materials are brought onto farms for a variety of purposes. We want to promote the safe and lawful recovery of wastes in agriculture. Depositing unsuitable waste materials onto farmland however could leave you with expensive clean up costs or even facing prosecution. We really want to avoid this happening. Following a simple [guide to using wastes and recycled products](#) can prevent this.



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Spreading composted green waste as a fertiliser

8 checks to keep it legal

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| 1. Check what the waste is |
| 2. Check if it needs an exemption or permit and deployment |
| 3. Check the operator is a registered waste carrier |
| 4. Check that the exemption / deployment has been issued before deliveries begin |
| 5. Check each delivery of waste |
| 6. Check the storage |
| 7. Check the application |
| 8. Check the management of the waste operator |

Further detail is provided in the [guide](#).



Pesticides - key actions for farmers

A guide has been produced for farmers to [use pesticides efficiently and dispose of them correctly](#). The Voluntary Initiative has further guidance on how to [dispose of pesticide waste](#). Pesticide waste includes unapproved or unwanted pesticides, left-over unused spray solution, sprayer washings and pesticide packaging.



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Pesticide hopper for incorporating pesticide into the spray tank



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Sprayer being washed off in the field

Product specific [Environmental Information Sheets \(EIS\)](#) are available for pesticides. They highlight situations where risk management is essential to ensure environmental protection and provide additional detail to the products label. In the event of any spillage of pesticide please call our **Incident Hotline: 0800 80 70 60**.



Dairy cows



Grassland derogation - apply now

Applications for the 2015 NVZ grassland derogation are now open. You can apply between 1 October 2014 and 31 December 2014 [online](#) or by telephone on 03708 506 506.

At least 80% of your farm must be grassland
If your application is approved and you meet certain conditions, you'll be able to spread up to 250 kilograms of nitrogen per hectare per year (rather than 170 kilograms without a derogation)
Further information is available in the NVZ guidance document , including a step by step guide to completing your application and calculating compliance
You must apply each year for a derogation in the following year

These standards are part of cross compliance. [Contact us](#) or the [Defra helpline](#) if you have any queries about the NVZ regulations and derogation rules.



Abstraction - 28 days to submit your returns

If you hold a summer water abstraction licence we will make actual abstraction returns forms available from 31 October 2014. You then have 28 days to return your readings. You can submit your returns by 28 November 2014 using these forms or alternatively you can register to submit your returns [online](#).

Did you know you must still submit a nil return if you do not use your licence? This is especially important if your licence has a two tier tariff as this means you will only pay 50% of your charges. If you do not submit any returns you will be charged the full amount. You can find out if your licence has a two tier tariff by looking at your returns form or your licence agreement. For any further advice or guidance please visit our [website](#) or [contact us](#).



Water meter

Events and diary dates

Event	Date(s)
Pesticide Management Workshop A free CFE pesticide management workshop covering keeping your spraying legal, training requirements and subsidised training available, updates from CSF, VI and CFE, Biobeds, margins and watercourse management and cross compliance inspection requirements. 10.30am-2.30pm - Lunch provided. Book now to secure your place by calling 01572 717220 or email kmachin@gwct.org.uk .	6 November 2014 GWCT Loddington Visitor Centre, Loddington, Leicester
Nutrient Management Planning Workshop A free CFE nutrient management planning workshop covering NVZ record keeping, cost savings to the farm business, nutrient planning using the Tried & Tested system, spreading and calibration and the importance of soil testing. 10.00am-2.30pm - Lunch provided. Book now to secure your place by calling 01572 717220 or email kmachin@gwct.org.uk .	12 November 2014 Glooston Village Hall, Market Harborough, Leicestershire
AIC Agribusiness 2015 A key agribusiness event for the agricultural supply industry. Including speakers, networking and exhibitors.	12 November 2014 East of England Showground, Peterborough, PE2 6XE

Book online or contact Jackie Reader via email or call 01733 385230.	
<p>Crop Tec Show</p> <p>Over 100 exhibitors showcasing the latest technology, business advice and research and development and equipment along with 16 of the UK's leading industry experts speaking in seminar sessions on key areas of crop protection, crop nutrition, plant breeding and managing precision.</p> <p>Attendance costs £12 (£15 on the day). Book your place via the Crop Tec Show website.</p>	<p>19 - 20 November 2014</p> <p>East of England Showground, Peterborough, PE2 6XE</p>
<p>CAP Greening and Your Farm Business</p> <p>You are invited to a meeting and farm walk centred around discussion on the new CAP Greening requirements, Ecological Focus Areas (EFA's) and cross compliance changes for 2015. Organised by your local FAS and CFE representatives.</p> <p>This event is free. Booking is essential. Contact Fay Parker via email or on 01636 676107.</p>	<p>1 December 2014 (10.30am - 1pm)</p> <p>Oaks Farm, Frithwood Lane, Elmton, Derbyshire S80 4LT</p> <p>11 December 2014 (10.30am - 1pm)</p> <p>Hall Farm, Lockington, Leicestershire, DE74 2RH</p> <p>12 December 2014 (10.00am - 12.30pm)</p> <p>Cardyke Farm, Moor Lane, East Stoke, Nottinghamshire, NG23 5PZ</p>
<p>HGCA Agronomists Conference</p> <p>A full-day technical conference based on the latest developments from HGCA's research programme. Helping agronomists stay ahead of the game and make the best decisions on behalf of their grower clients.</p> <p>Attendance costs £45 per delegate (including papers, lunch and refreshments).</p> <p>Book your place via the HGCA website.</p>	<p>9 December 2014</p> <p>Peterborough Arena, East of England Showground, Peterborough, PE2 6XE</p>
<p>LAMMA 2015</p> <p>The UK's largest farm machinery, equipment and agricultural services show. With over 900 exhibitors. Free to attend.</p>	<p>21 – 22 January 2015</p> <p>East of England Showground, Peterborough, PE2 6XE</p>
<p>AgriBuzz - Winter issue</p> <p>Please email us with any content ideas, stories or photos.</p>	<p>January 2015</p>

Useful websites

GOV.UK - Agriculture	Relevant information covering the whole sector.
GOV.UK - Publications catalogue	Download the current and previous issues of AgriBuzz as a PDF document. Search for 'AgriBuzz' as the publications title.
Environment Agency – What's in your back yard?	Use our interactive maps to find out more about the environment where you live. Including proposed NVZ designation, aquifer designation, groundwater source protection zones, flood maps and river quality.
Tried & Tested	Improving nutrient management planning through the use of a Tried & Tested toolkit. Providing farmers with tools such as downloadable record templates and supporting guidance and information for nutrient management planning. Free USB memory sticks containing Tried & Tested tools and booklets are available.
Campaign for the farmed environment	An industry wide campaign that recognises the importance of managing the farmed environment voluntarily. Including how to take part, online record and advice area.
Farming advice service	Provides advice on subjects including; cross compliance, nutrient management, climate change adaptation and mitigation, to help you improve the economic and environmental performance of your farm.
Voluntary Initiative	Relevant advice and guidance from a programme developed to minimise the environmental impacts from pesticides.
GOV.UK - NVZ	NVZ guidance and information. Including access to the leaflets and publications, and the regional boundary

	maps.
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Contact us

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