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Farms in Wales are crucial in driving economic growth

FARMS in Wales are crucial in driving economic growth in Wales - that was the key message from FUW President Ian Rickman when he addressed Members of the Senedd at the annual Cardiff breakfast event (Tuesday February 16 2024).

"It is now more important than ever for politicians and policy makers to fully understand the economic role played by farm support within the context of our rural economy and the crucial role our farms play in driving economic growth.

"Therefore, any cuts, however small, to our direct support and rural affairs budget will have a knock on effect on many non-farming businesses here in Wales with our modelled worst case scenario showing that some non-farming business sectors would lose tens of millions in income.

"The inevitable impact of such a decline in business activity here in rural Wales will undoubtedly have a direct impact on business viability, rural employment and the very

communities that are the backbone of rural Wales," said FUW President Ian Rickman.

The breakfast event, which was sponsored by Plaid Cymru's Llyr Gruffydd and also heard from Minister Lesley Griffiths, further highlighted that any future payment scheme based on environmental and public goods outcomes must protect family farms, support rural communities and maintain employment in rural Wales.

"It is vitally important that our Welsh farms continue to thrive, ensuring that our obligations and ambitions in relation to food security, nature and climate are achieved," said Mr Rickman.

The Sustainable Farming Scheme (SFS), the Union president said, will form the main mechanism through which farmers receive support in Wales from 2025 onwards and is without doubt the most significant change to the way that support is delivered for generations.

"We can't afford to get this wrong, not just for our farm businesses, but also the wider rural

economy and the employment it creates. Such a scheme must ensure that agriculture is both sustainable and rewarding. To fail to do so will most likely lead to serious damage to Wales' family farms and the role they play in Wales' economy, society, culture and landscape," he told breakfast guests.

Mr Rickman further stressed that it is vital that any barriers to accessing support through the SFS are removed and that it is practical and accessible for all farmers in Wales and delivers on our economic, environmental and social sustainability goals.

"The majority of us rely on such support for the survival of our farm business. Securing funding for the sector therefore remains an essential element of our focus going forward," concluded the Union President.

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From left, FUW Group Chief Executive Guto Bebb, Llyr Gruffydd MS, Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd Lesley Griffiths MS, FUW President Ian Rickman and FUW Deputy President Dai Miles.

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FUW UPDATE

A New Year but the same old story

by Guto Bebb, Group Chief Executive

ONE of the main frustrations felt by FUW members and staff is the failure of the Welsh Government to take seriously the issue of TB and the immense damage it does to the lives of farming families across Wales. Since 2011 we have had thirteen wasted years with little or no expectation that things will improve for one simple reason - the powers that be refuse to contemplate a way forward which has been shown to significantly reduce the incidence of TB in targeted areas of England.

What we have here is an obvious opportunity to compare and contrast the development of TB in Wales and England that allows us to reach a conclusion as to whether a certain policy intervention is working or not. Current statistics show that the wilful refusal of the Labour Welsh Government to even contemplate measures to control the badger population can now be seen as an abdication of duty which ignores the science. Our policy team, not least Dr Hazel Wright, will have made our arguments to civil servants and politicians for longer than they care to remember but perhaps, just possibly, Ffermio and S4C might have finally conveyed to the viewer the real distress, animal cruelty and human misery caused by the in-action of our political masters.

The FUW helped to provide background statistics and information to the team at Ffermio but the real impact of the programme was witnessing the distress of Wyn and Enid Davies and the cold-hearted expectations of the Government machine when it came to how the cattle were to be destroyed. This story is not new to us but it might be new to a large portion of the viewers and I sincerely hope it will make a difference.

Many of us at the start of the year would have been horrified to hear or read about the Post Office scandal. As with TB, the scandal in the Post Office was not new. It did not occur recently. Government knew of the issue. This was a scandal that was over a decade in the making with Ministers aware of the issue even if they were happy to be reassured that there was nothing amiss. The result of this lack of action was hundreds of lives destroyed which needed a TV drama to highlight the failure of Government bureaucracy and the procedures of the Post Office.

Ffermio is not a TV drama and it might not reach as large an audience as Mr

Bates and the Post Office reached but it highlighted a similar set of issues. We have in Wales a Government and Civil Service in denial about what needs to be done. We have a policy that uses public money to try and keep a failure of public policy away from the front pages. We have Senedd Members who are more than willing to complain about farm support grants yet remain remarkably quiet about the wasting of public money to pursue a policy leading to heartache, animal cruelty and economic ruin.

We have a policy intervention supported by many animal rights activists that seems to be blind to the drowning of unborn calves within the womb of their destroyed mothers. So much for consistency.

Our politicians should reflect on the Post Office scandal and ask themselves whether they want to explain their inactions with regards to the TB crisis in the fullness of time.

For too long we have been told that there are policy 'red lines' relating to the control of bovine TB within Wales which means that some policies will never change. The Welsh Government should think again. At some point, the wilful cruelty of their failing policy will come back to bite them.

Watching Ffermio was both distressing but necessary and I thank the producers for being willing to explore such a distressing situation in the way that they did. I am certain that all those who have faced similar situations will also thank Mr and Mrs Davies for their bravery in being willing to be filmed under such circumstances. Is it too much to hope that this will lead to change?



UAC yn galaru marwolaeth yr aelod oes, Glyn Powell



Glyn Powell gyda'i wraig Gwenllian.

MAE UAC yn galaru marwolaeth ei haelod oes ac un o hoelion wyth y byd ffermio, Glyn Powell o Glansenni, Pontsenni. Fel llysgennad dros amaethyddiaeth, roedd Glyn yn Is-lywydd UAC rhwng 1995-2000, ac yna'n ddirprwy o 2000 i 2002 dan Bob Parry. Yn ystod yr adeg honno un o'i heriau mwyaf oedd argyfwng Clwy'r Traed a'r Genau.

Roedd ei dad yn fab i fugail ar ystâd Cnewr, a'i fam o'r Epynt. Er i Glyn ddringo i lefel uchel yn y byd addysg drwy fod yn Bennaeth Ysgol Uwchradd Aberhonddu, ni anghofiodd ei wreiddiau, oherwydd roedd yn weithgar iawn ym mhopeth oedd yn gysylltiedig â'r Epynt, ac mi frwydrodd i achub Cwm Senni rhag cael ei fodd. Mae wedi bod, ac mi barhaodd i fod tan ddiwedd ei oes, yn gymwynaswr mawr i'r Gymraeg a diwylliant Cymru.

Ymgyrchodd i wrthwynebu defnydd o Fynydd Epynt fel tir claddu da byw yn ystod cyfnod heriol Clwy'r Traed a'r Genau, a phan ddaeth bygythiad i fodd Cwm Senni i gyflenwi dŵr ar gyfer Caerdydd, roedd Glyn ar

flaen y gad, fel Ysgrifennydd Pwyllgor Amddiffyn Cwm Senni, mewn brwydr a barodd o 1963 i 1972.

Cafodd ei Urddo â'r Wisg Las gan Orsedd y Beirdd Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru yn ystod Eisteddfod Ceredigion 2021 yn Nhregaron. Yn draddodiadol, y rhai sydd wedi llwyddo ym maes Y Gyfraith, Gwyddoniaeth, Chwaraeon, Newyddiaduraeth, Y Cyfryngau, a gweithgaredd lleol/cenedlaethol sy'n cael eu Hurddo â'r Wisg Las - am eu gwasanaethau i'r genedl.

Meddai Llywydd UAC Ian Rickman: "Mae'r diwydiant ffermio wedi colli un o'i geirw, a dyn a oedd hyd fêr ei esgryn yn byw ac yn deall ein treftadaeth, ein diwylliant a'r byd ffermio. Mi fydd colled fawr ar ôl Glyn Powell ac mae ein meddyliau gyda'i deulu ar yr adeg anodd yma."

"Un o'r troeon cyntaf imi glywed Glyn yn siarad yn gyhoeddus oedd yng Nghyngor yr Undeb yn 1995 pan gafodd ei ethol yn Ddirprwy Lywydd. Roedd yna urddas yn perthyn i'r ffordd y cododd o'i sedd i'n hannerch, ac mi barhaodd yr urddas yna nes iddo fynd yn ôl i'w sedd ar ddiwedd ei araith. Roedd yn araith gofiadwy iawn ac mi gaeodd pen y mwdwl drwy ddyfynnu Saunders Lewis "Gwinllan a roddwyd i'm gofal yw Cymru fy ngwlad, i'w thraddodi i'm plant, ac i blant fy mhlant, yn dreftadaeth dragwyddol." Mae'n un peth i ddyfynnu'r darn yna gyda chymaint o argyhoeddiad ond yn rhywbeth arall i wireddu'r weledigaeth honno, ond dyna'n union a wnaeth Glyn, drwy sicrhau dyfodol ar gyfer Cwm Senni, a hefyd drwy osod ei fferm i berson ifanc," cofia cyn Lywydd UAC Glyn Roberts.

Ychwanegodd cyn Lywydd UAC Bob Parry: "Roedd Glyn yn gymeriad a oedd yn meddwl cyn siarad, ac roedd yn angerddol iawn am glybiau ffermwyr ifanc, mi fydd yn cael ei goll'n arw."

This article is in English on the FUW website - News: "FUW mourns passing of Brecon life member Glyn Powell," or from your local county office.

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“Our industry deserves to be recognised for the positives it delivers every single day”

by Ian Rickman, FUW President

JANUARY has been a busy month for the FUW, with plenty of lobbying and of course our farmhouse breakfast week returning to farmhouse kitchens, village halls, marts and the Norwegian Church in Cardiff Bay. The breakfasts have undoubtedly kept our teams across the country busy at the start of 2024.

Our farmhouse breakfast week has been a great success once again and that is due to the work of our staff, our officials and also our members who give it their all to arrange and host these events. It is a tremendous effort and I congratulate and thank the team for another great FUW Breakfast week.

We always enjoy starting the year in such a positive way - sharing our thoughts and hopes for the industry and the coming year over breakfast whilst enjoying a variety of Welsh produce including bacon, eggs, sausages, yoghurts, butter and the milk for our tea and coffee. We should not forget that we can and do produce these items to exceptionally high standards here in Wales.

We should be immensely proud of our industry which provides this food and does so to such a high standard. Our animal health and welfare standards are world leading and our food is produced sustainably offering all the nutrition needed in a healthy, balanced diet.

Another key message we highlighted during our farmhouse breakfast week was that you, our farmers, work with the environment and as an industry we are working hard to be even more sustainable. Farmers are taking action to increase organic matter in soils through grazing practices and are proactively managing peatland to protect existing carbon stores. We do this whilst improving our efficiencies to reduce emissions and optimise sustainable production of food. We also manage existing farm woodlands and are actively planting more trees in the places where they are best suited.

Farming in Wales is vital and matters in so many ways, and our industry deserves to be recognised for the positives it delivers every single day. At the breakfast event in Cardiff, which was my first breakfast event as President, we also made the point that our farming industry is essential to keep the wheels of the rural economy turning.

Speaking to a room full of Members of the Senedd, I took the opportunity to highlight that it is now more important than ever for politicians and policy makers to fully understand the economic role played by farm support within the context of our rural economy and the crucial role our farms play in driving economic growth.

I also reminded Senedd Members that it is vitally important that our Welsh farms continue to thrive, ensuring that our obligations and ambitions in relation to food security, nature and climate are achieved. Let's not forget that the UK's reliance on other countries for food has almost doubled since the mid 1980s, with 40% of UK food now imported compared with around 22% back then.

In my view devolution gives us the opportunity to create local and Wales specific solutions to the challenges that we face and at the heart of those solutions are the family farms that are the backbone of our rural economy. Our way of life, our culture and our ability to maintain valued environments and landscapes will not be

sustained unless the Welsh family farm has a sustainable future. That is how great the stakes are as we contemplate the Welsh Government's Sustainable Farming Scheme.

Members can rest assured that we will continue our lobbying efforts on these issues throughout 2024 and as the Sustainable Farming Scheme proposals approach their final version we will ensure that the views of FUW members are represented and explained to our politicians.

It is very disappointing that some of those elected to serve us continue to be confused about why farming matters and why direct support for the industry is essential if we are to continue to feed our children but we should not despair but rather redouble our efforts to ensure that Senedd Members and the Welsh Government grasp the opportunity given to them by devolution - the opportunity to make a real difference to the people and the communities that they serve.

Mae'r golofn yma ar wefan UAC - Newyddion - Newyddion Y Tir: "Mae ein diwydiant yn haeddu cael ei gydnabod am y pethau cadarnhaol y mae'n ei gyflawni bob dydd," neu o'ch swyddfa sirol leol.



“We should be immensely proud of our industry which provides this food and does so to such a high standard.”



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Enhanced Nutrient Management Approach - Control of Agricultural Pollution Regulations

What you need to know and do if you expect to exceed the whole farm nitrogen limit of 170kg nitrogen per hectare from livestock manures (by direct deposition or spreading) in 2024

On October 10 2023, Minister for Rural Affairs Lesley Griffiths announced that the whole farm nitrogen limit of 170kg nitrogen per hectare from livestock manures would be delayed for a third time until January 1 2024, and that for 2024, farmers would have the option to apply for the Enhanced Nutrient Management Approach to increase that limit to 250kg per hectare subject to certain conditions.

To be eligible, holdings must:

- Ensure at least 80% of the agricultural area of the holding is sown with grass from January 1 to December 31 2024
- Includes permanent and temporary grassland, and crops under-sown with grass. Does not include grassland with more than 50% clover
- Land previously designated within a Nutrient Vulnerable Zone (NVZ) area is not eligible

Total agricultural area and area of grass to be recorded by March 1 2024. Any changes must be recorded within one month.

Notification to NRW

Holdings participating in the Enhanced Nutrient Management Approach must notify NRW by March 31 2024.

- Name and occupier of the holding, and address
- Written statement explaining that the occupier intends in excess of an average of 170kg nitrogen per hectare from livestock manures during 2024
- Written statement explaining that the occupier will comply with the additional requirements
- **Enhanced Nutrient Management Plan**
- Submit to NotificationENMA@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

Assessment of Enhanced Nutrient Management Plans will be undertaken during inspections. Any missing or incorrect information will automatically be considered as a

breach of the requirements. Compliance will also form part of Cross Compliance inspections.

Additional requirements

- Only livestock manure produced by the livestock on the holding can be applied
- The amount of nitrogen applied to the holding from grazing livestock manure, either directly by animal or by spreading, must not exceed 250kg nitrogen per hectare
- The amount of nitrogen applied to the holding from **non-grazing livestock manure** cannot exceed 170kg nitrogen per hectare
- These limits are not additive i.e. you can't apply livestock manure from grazing livestock if an average of 170kg nitrogen per hectare has already been applied in the form of manures from non-grazing livestock
- An example calculation is included in the Welsh Government guidance

Enhanced Nutrient Management Plan

Must include the following and be available for inspection if requested.

Planning the spreading of phosphate fertiliser

- The occupier must calculate the optimum amount of phosphate fertiliser that should be spread on the crop, taking into account soil indices and producing a plan for the spreading of phosphate fertiliser during the year
- Soil phosphorus index for each area of the same cropping, nutrient management plans and soil type
- The amount of nitrogen likely to be available for uptake from any organic manure intended to be spread during the year
- The amount of phosphate likely to be supplied to meet crop requirements from any organic manure spread or intended to be spread during the year (tables setting out average figures are included in the guidance)
- Amount of manufactured nitrogen **AND** phosphate fertiliser required by the crop over and above the nitrogen available and phosphate supplied from organic manures

Soil sampling analysis

- Soil sampling of at least every 5 ha of the agricultural area with the same cropping, nutrient management plans and soil type
- This is used to determine the soil phosphorus index for each of the different areas
- Previous result can be used if they were carried out between January 1 2020 and December 31 2023
- Must be completed by 30th March 2024


Total phosphorus spread on holding

- Total amount of phosphate from manufactured fertiliser and organic manure to be spread must not exceed the values in tables 2 and 3 of the guidance (table 2 for grassland is included below)
- Spreading beyond these values is permitted subject to prior receipt of written advice from an individual who is FACTS qualified


Table 2 - Maximum phosphate for grass

	Soil Phosphorus index (kg P205/ha)				
	0	1	2	3	4+
At grass establishment	120	80	50	30	0
Grazing	80	50	20	0	0
Hay		55	30	0	0
Silage					
First cut	100	70	40	20	0
Second cut	25	25	25	0	0
Third cut	15	15	15	0	0
Fourth cut	10	10	10	0	0







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Nitrogen and phosphate produced by animals

- Records must be made of the expected number and category of livestock to be kept on the holding during the year, and the amount of nitrogen and phosphate in manure expected to be produced by the livestock on the holding
- Records must be made of the type and amount of livestock manure that is intended to be sent off the holding. The nitrogen content must be assessed and recorded by March 1 2024

Risk maps

- In addition to the current Control of Agricultural Pollution regulations, risk maps must show field reference numbers to enable cross referencing to the additional record keeping requirements by March 31 2024
- Any changes must be updated within one month

Environmental requirements

- Total phosphate content of the organic manure must be recorded before spreading
- Record the amount of phosphate required and the planned month for spreading before spreading manufactured phosphate fertiliser (total required should be equal to the optimum amount less the amount supplied by organic manures)
- Precision spreading equipment must be used to spread slurry except where it would not be reasonably practicable to do so



Closed period for ploughing

- Temporary grassland on sandy soils - July 1 to December 31 2024
- Grass on sandy soils - before January 16 2024 where livestock manure was spread between September 1 and December 31 2023
- Grass on soils that are not sandy - before January 16 2024 where livestock manure was spread between October 15 2023 and January 15 2024
- Where grass is ploughed during this year, the land must be sown with a crop of high nitrogen demand within 4 weeks or sown with grass within 6 weeks
- Crop rotation must not include leguminous or other plants fixing atmospheric nitrogen, except for grass with less than 50% clover or any other leguminous plants that are under-sown with grass
- Date of any ploughing of grass must be recorded within 1 week

Soil protection

- All soil must be protected by ensuring that all land is covered by crops, stubbles, residues or other vegetation, except where establishing such cover would create a risk of soil erosion or pollution
- If land is harvested using a combine harvester, forage harvester or mower, from the day of harvest until the end of the year, the
 - Stubble must remain in the land, or
 - The land must be prepared as a seedbed for a crop or temporary cover crop within 14 days, and the crop sown within 10 days (or as soon as practicable)
- Supplementary feeding locations must not be located within 20 metres of a watercourse
- Supplementary drinking locations must not be located within 10 metres of a watercourse
- No organic manure can be spread within 15 metres of surface water, unless using precision spreading requirement in which case the buffer is 10 metres

For 2024, farmers have the option to apply for the Enhanced Nutrient Management Approach to increase the limit from 170kg to 250kg per hectare subject to certain conditions

Record keeping

- If phosphate fertiliser is intended to be spread during the year, the sowing of any crops and dates of sowing must be recorded within 1 week
- When spreading organic manure, the total phosphorus content must be recorded within 1 week
- When spreading manufactured phosphate fertiliser, the date of spreading and the amount of phosphate spread must be recorded within 1 week

Fertilisation account

The following must also be submitted to NRW by **March 31 2025**:

- Total agricultural area in ha
- Area of holding in ha covered by each crop type i.e. grass, winter wheat etc
- Number of animals kept on the holding during 2024 for each category
- Amount of nitrogen and phosphate in the manure produced on the holding during 2024
- Amount, type and characteristics of livestock manure sent off the holding in 2024
- Amount of nitrogen and phosphate in the manure sent off the holding in 2024
- Weight and nitrogen content of all manufactured nitrogen fertiliser stocks kept on the holding during 2024
- Weight and phosphate content of all manufactured phosphate fertiliser stocks kept on the holding during 2024
- Weight and nitrogen content of all manufactured nitrogen fertiliser brought on to and sent off the holding during 2024
- Weight and phosphate content of all manufactured phosphate fertiliser brought on to and sent off the holding during 2024

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DECHREUODD 2024 yn gyffrous iawn i un o'n haelodau yng Ngheredigion. Cafodd cydsylfaenydd a chyd-gyfarwyddwr Chuckling Goat Shann Jones, (**gweler uchod**), o Frynhoffnant MBE am wasanaethau i elusen ac am arloesedd yng Nghymru yn Rhestr Anrhydeddau Blwyddyn Newydd y Brenin.

Cafodd Cornel Clecs gyfle am sgwrs gyda Shann yn ddiweddar a dyma hi i egluro ychydig bach mwy i ni am gefndir y busnes, Chuckling Goat: "Nes i a Rich gyfarfod a syrthio mewn cariad yn hwyr mewn bywyd - roeddwn yn 41 ac roedd Rich yn 45," esboniodd Shann. "Ar y pryd roeddwn yn teithio'n rhyngwladol ar gyfer fy ngwaith fel hyfforddwr cyfathrebu, ac roedd Rich yn gwneud telynu. Ein nod wrth gychwyn y busnes mewn gwirionedd oedd bod y fferm deuluol yn cynhyrchu ychydig bach o incwm, ac efallai y byddai'r ddau ohonom yn gallu rhoi'r gorau i'n swyddi a threulio mwy o amser gyda'n gilydd.

"Y flwyddyn cyn hynny, roeddem wedi cael ein gafr gyntaf, pan oedd fy machgen bach Benji yn dioddef o ecsema a bronchitis rheolaidd. Gweithiodd y llaeth gafr yn grêt i glirio ei anhwylderau, ond, yn fuan iawn sylweddolom fod gennym ormod o laeth gafr yn yr oergell! Roedd rhaid i ni defllo laeth gan fod e'n mynd yn hen, ac roedd hyn yn wastraffus ac yn gwneud i mi deimlo'n euog. Dechreuais chwilio am bethau i wneud gyda gormodedd o laeth gafr (heblaw am gaws, a oedd braidd yn ddiflas yn fy marn i...)

"Un diwrnod clywais feddyg o Rwsia - Dr Natasha Campbell-McBride - yn siarad ar y radio am rywbeth o'r enw kefir, y gellid ei wneud â llaeth gafr a grawn kefir. Meddyliais, "Hmm... efallai fod hyn yn ffordd i ni ddefnyddio gweddill ein llaeth, yn ogystal â chynhyrchu ychydig o incwm i'r fferm!" felly cysylltais â Dr Campbell-McBride a gofyn iddi ddysgu mi sut i wneud kefir gradd therapiwtig yn yr arddull Rwsiaidd draddodiadol.

"Dysgodd Dr Natasha, fel y mae ei chleifion yn ei galw, yr egwyddorion o wneud kefir: Cadwch bethau'n syml, cadwch ef yn bur,

defnyddiwch grawn kefir byw, peidiwch byth â defnyddio siwgr na melysyddion. Prynais fy llwy fwrdd gyntaf o rawn kefir ar-lein a gwneud fy swp cyntaf o kefir yng nghegin y ffermdy. Heddiw, o dan ofal medrus y Pennaeth Llaeth Iestyn Crompton, mae'r union rawn hynny wedi tyfu i fod y grawn kefir byw mwyaf a mwyaf pwerus yn y DU!

"Ym mis Rhagfyr 2023 derbynais lythyr gan Swyddfa'r Cabinet, yn ein hysbysu fy mod wedi cael fy enwebu am MBE ar Restr Anrhydeddau Blwyddyn Newydd y Brenin 2024. Roeddem wedi cael cymaint o sioc fel bod Rich a minnau'n meddwl mai sgâm ydoedd - roedd y ddau ohonom yn edrych ar y llythyr i weld a oeddent yn gofyn am arian!

"Fel mae'n digwydd, roedd fy enwebiad wedi'i wneud gan fenyw hyfryd a werthfawrogodd yr help a rhoddais iddi ar gyfer ecsema, a chafodd ei heilio gan ddau gleient arall yr oeddwn hefyd yn ddigon ffodus i allu helpu gydag amrywiol faterion iechyd. Roedd yr holl broses wedi cael ei wneud yn gyfrinachol am flynyddoedd lawer.

"Rydwn i wedi cael fy syfrdanu gymaint gan waith ac ymdrech enfawr y bobl hyn ar fy rhan, dros nifer o flynyddoedd. Doedd gen i ddim syniad. Ac rwy'n falch y tu hwnt i eiriau, o gael fy nerbyn fel aelod o'r man yr wyf bob amser wedi gobeithio perthyn iddo.

"Heddiw rwy'n teimlo fel y chwaraewr rygbi Iwcus sy'n digwydd bod yr un sy'n cael y bêl ar draws y llinell gais. Fyddai hyn ddim yn bosib heb weddill y tîm. Mae Rich a minnau wedi cymryd pob cam o'r daith hon gyda'n gilydd. Mae fy nheulu yn golygu popeth i mi, ac mae popeth rydw i wedi'i wneud, popeth rydw i wedi'i gyflawni wedi bod iddyn nhw ac o'u herwydd nhw. Mae'r MBE hwn - diwedd glo hapus rhyfeddol i'n stori - yn fuddugoliaeth i'r grŵp."

Am stori hyfryd am lwyddiant ysgubol a ddeilliodd o wneud rhywbeth syml a lleihau gwastraff yn y broses. Llongyfarchiadau mawr i chi Shann ar gael y gydnabyddiaeth hon a pob llwyddiant i chi a thîm y Chuckling Goat yn y dyfodol.

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by Katie Fallon, Partnerships Coordinator, Usay Compare

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Hyrwyddo plismona gwledig dros frecwast

AR 19 Ionawr, dychwelodd Andy Dunbobbin, Comisiynydd Heddlu a Throsedd (CHTh) a Wayne Jones, Dirprwy Gomisiynydd Heddlu a Throsedd Gogledd Cymru, i Fetws-y-Coed i gyfarfod â chlywed barn aelodau o'r gymuned amaethyddol leol yng Ngogledd Cymru fel rhan o Wythnos Brecwast Ffermdy UAC, a gynhaliwyd rhwng dydd Llun 15 Ionawr a dydd Sul 21 Ionawr 2024.

Aeth y Comisiynydd i'r digwyddiad am yr ail flwyddyn yn olynol i barhau â'i ymgysylltiad â'r gymuned amaethyddol a chlywed eu barn a'u pryderon am blismona a throseddau mewn ardaloedd gwledig. Mae atal troseddau gwledig a bywyd gwyllt yn parhau yn flaenoriaeth allweddol yng Nghynllun Heddlu a Throsedd y CHTh ar gyfer Gogledd Cymru. Mae'n benderfynol o fynd i'r afael â'r materion a godwyd gan ffermwyr a gweithwyr amaethyddol ynghylch troseddau sy'n effeithio ar eu bywoliaethau.

Cynhaliwyd y digwyddiad unwaith eto ar fferm Dylasau Uchaf, Padog, Betws y Coed, sef cartref cyn Llywydd UAC Glyn Roberts a'i deulu. Trefnwyd y digwyddiad gan Gangen Sir Gaernarfon o'r

Undeb. Mae'n helpu codi miloedd o bunnoedd bob blwyddyn at achosion da.

Dyweddodd Andy Dunbobbin, Comisiynydd Heddlu a Throsedd Gogledd Cymru: "Roeddwn yn falch o fynychu Brecwast Ffermdy UAC ar fferm Dylasau Uchaf eto eleni. Mae clywed yn uniongyrchol gan ffermwyr a gweithwyr amaethyddol yn hanfodol i mi ddeall eu safbwyntiau ar droseddau ar gyfer cymunedau gwledig ledled Gogledd Cymru.

"Dwi'n ymrwymedig i barhau â'r ymgysylltiad hwn, helpu'r sector hanfodol hwn o'n heconomi, a mynd i'r afael â'u pryderon dilyn ynghylch troseddau gwledig a bywyd gwyllt."

Dyweddodd Ian Rickman, Llywydd UAC: "Mae'n bleser croesawu'r Comisiynydd Heddlu a Throsedd i'n brecwast ffermdy. 'Da ni'n gwerthfawrogi'r berthynas waith agos hefo'r Comisiynydd ac yn edrych ymlaen at chwarae ein rhan er mwyn gwneud Cymru wledig yn lle saffach i bawb."

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O'r chwith, Dirprwy Gomisiynydd Heddlu a Throsedd Gogledd Cymru Wayne Jones, Comisiynydd Heddlu a Throsedd Gogledd Cymru Andy Dunbobbin, cyn Llywydd Undeb Amaethwyr Cymru Glyn Roberts ac Uwch Swyddog Gweithredol Sirol Undeb Amaethwyr Cymru Gwynedd Watkin.

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TB Special: Progress towards a TB vaccine

THE cattle industry in Wales is edging ever-closer to gaining market authorisation for a vaccine against bovine Tuberculosis (bTB). The current candidate vaccine is the BCG (Bacille Calmette-Guerin) Danish strain. It is popularly known as the 'Cattle BCG' vaccine. It is the vaccine that has been previously used in both badgers and humans. This vaccine has been found to reduce the severity of the disease in cattle but is not 100% effective and there are no current plans to alter the current cattle testing regime if the cattle BCG vaccine and its associated skin test are granted market authorisation.

Whilst the BCG vaccine was introduced into the UK schedule in the 1950s it has not been possible to utilise this vaccine to protect cattle against bTB because the vaccine sensitises cattle to the tuberculin skin test. According to the 'TB Hub' information website, vaccination causes around 80% of cattle to react to the current skin test. In other words, the vast majority of cattle vaccinated with the CattleBCG vaccine will become false positives using the current skin test. The results of the skin test are used

for annual surveillance in Wales and also for international trade in live animals. Using a cattle vaccine without a mechanism to distinguish between vaccinated and infected cattle would therefore be untenable.

However, a DIVA format of the current skin test (the DST-F) test has now been developed. DIVA stands for the 'Differentiation of Infected and Vaccinated Animals' and the test is based on 3 antigens that produce an immune response in infected - but not vaccinated - stock.

This is the test crucial for enabling vaccination against bovine TB as it will remove the problem of vaccinated false positive animals.

The FUW will be seeking members' views on important issues such as the who, when and where of vaccination deployment

The trials

APHA field trials of the DST-F test and cattle BCG vaccine began in 2021 with funding from a central bovine TB research budget held by Defra on behalf of England, Wales and Scotland.

Phase 1 (2021)

There were 524 cattle from 10 herds in this phase of the trial. This trial assessed the specificity and safety of the DST-F test in unvaccinated animals from TB free herds in the Low Risk Area of England. By conducting the trial on unvaccinated animals, the specificity (the ability of the test to identify uninfected animals as negative) can be evaluated.

Phase 2 (2023)

There were 600 cattle from 5 herds in this second phase of the trial. This trial assessed the safety of the cattle BCG vaccine and the specificity of the DST-F test in vaccinated animals (and unvaccinated controls) from TB free herds in the Low Risk Area of England and Wales.

As part of the trial, vaccinated cattle must remain in their herd for life.

Additional field trials may include testing the minimum duration of immunity given by the vaccine and testing the sensitivity of the DST-F in naturally infected animals. Data from all the field trials conducted will be used to apply for Market Authorisation from the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD).

However, any moves to use a bovine TB vaccine in cattle in Wales will require a change to legislation. There will be a need for vaccinated cattle to be identifiable and traceable within a UK context and also for both the DST-F test and CattleBCG vaccine to be acceptable to our external trade partners. The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) is responsible for setting international standards for animal health and trade. Current WOAH standards have no provisions for cattle BCG vaccination as vaccination interferes with internationally-accepted tuberculin-based tests which underpin current criteria for certifying herds free of TB.



A consultation on vaccine deployment in Wales is expected shortly and the FUW will be seeking members' views on important issues such as the who, when and where of vaccination deployment and whether a Welsh vaccination programme should become compulsory or left as a voluntary measure. If the results of the field trials prove to be positive, the timeline put forward for those authorisations being granted is expected to be in the next few years. This would aid in removing the current legal barriers to utilising the Cattle BCG vaccine and would provide much needed armoury in the fight against this insidious disease.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

The Welsh family farm is a dying breed, we'd be red listed if we were birds. What other profession has been told "Go and get another career?" You don't see train drivers, doctors, teachers, nurses being told to find an extra job. Farmers are told "Diversify!" Not just produce top quality meat, but also find new markets for it, take trade from local butchers and sell directly to the public or restaurants.

Turn old barns into holiday accommodation, and bring in a tourist tax and increase regulations to make it impossible to run. Allow telecommunications masts to be put on the farm, promise good rental income and then legislate to reduce the rent to peppercorn. Hope history doesn't repeat itself with wind-turbines and solar panels!

The farming industry has one of the worst health and safety records of any industry. What other industry is prohibited from stopping the general public into their workplace. "Tighten up on biosecurity, but make access easier". Disease is spread by contaminated footwear but we have to welcome people onto our land. It doesn't matter if their children chase our sheep, their dogs



chase our cattle, it doesn't matter if they light fires, leave litter, or cut fences. Their leisure time is more important than our livelihoods.

Individual police are supportive, the firearms officer phones to ensure you are still coping well enough to keep your gun licence, but there are no resources available to fight rural crime. What are we told? Not "Let's move some paths", not "Here's some funding to fence off footpaths and compensate for loss of land", no just "You should not keep cows and calves in fields with footpaths. It is your responsibility". So for a loss of income we have to open our farms for the public to enjoy their time off!

We are farmers, producers of top quality micronutrient rich protein, required for a healthy balanced diet. Living in a country that grows grass naturally, where water falls from the skies. We produce food in a highly sustainable way, with a bit of help we could go further, all we ask is that we are paid a fair price for our produce.

The United Nations said that countries that produce red meat as we do in Wales, should be encouraged to

produce more. But the Welsh Government is taking our support away. Instead of helping us, the Welsh Government offers no top up for food production, but for a reduction in payment insists that we reduce the amount of land available for food production, and spend more time on paperwork and bureaucracy. Where is this time coming from? It's a long time since I was at school but I don't think there are more than 24 hours in a day and doctors advise you spend 8 of those sleeping. Of course it's all on-line. So god help you if your broadband is sketchy or indeed you don't own a computer!

I fear that if the Welsh Government insist on treading this path, they will achieve the very opposite of what they intended. Many of our small and medium farms will become extinct, leaving only intensive farms being economically viable. Land will be sold up either to increase the size of intensive farms, to industry to offset their carbon or for biodiversity credits. Large swathes could go under trees, solar panels or turbines severely reducing the biodiversity that currently lives unrecorded on our farmland. As farms disappear, the rural economy dies. Instead of being an exporter of top quality, high welfare sustainable red meat we'll survive on imports of intensively produced and processed food.

Yours, Charlotte Llewellyn, FUW Glamorgan County Chair

“Making sure my farmers voices are heard in Parliament”

by Virginia Crosbie MP for Ynys Môn

In 2020 I met with a group of local farmers in the Tafarn Y Rhos pub in Rhostrehwfa to discuss the problem of livestock worrying. Livestock worrying is well known to readers of *Y Tir*: dogs neither on leads nor under the control of their owners, attacking livestock and killing or seriously injuring them.

The current Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act dates from 1953 and is outdated and ineffective for today’s farmers facing the economic and emotional pain of livestock attacks.

As the MP for Ynys Môn and a constituency with a huge agricultural community and heritage I wanted to make sure my farmers voices were heard in Parliament and so I undertook a journey to take action on their behalf.

I visited farmers like Tecwyn Jones at his farm in Bodedern and Gareth Hughes, Cleifiog near Valley. Tecwyn lost seven pregnant ewes and three rams in an attack by an unknown dog or dogs, described by police as “brutal” and “horrendous”.

I held meetings with the North Wales Rural Crime Team, the National Trust, DEFRA officers and farmers from the FUW and NFU to understand how the existing legislation is failing and what would be required to protect farmers and promote responsible dog ownership in future.

Together we developed a Ten Minute Rule Bill to amend the existing Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act which I laid before Parliament in July 2021. This Bill would:



- give the police powers to seize a dog (or other items) and to take DNA samples where they have reasonable grounds for suspicion that the dog has worried livestock;
- provide a clearer and tighter definition of the phrase “close control” making it a legal requirement that dogs must be on a lead when they are near livestock of any kind;

- remove the maximum £1,000 fine so that irresponsible dog owners realise the full financial impact of their actions.

The proposals in my Bill were subsequently put forward for incorporation into the proposed Kept Animals Bill. However, in May 2023, the UK Government announced that to get important legislation through Parliament the Kept Animals Bill would be taken forward as a series of single-issue Bills.

I am delighted that DEFRA is now prioritising the dangerous dogs legislation and has asked the former Secretary of State Thérèse Coffey MP to take the changes I proposed forward in a Private Members Bill - the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) Bill. My name is on the Bill as I am a co-sponsor of the Bill.

The Bill had its first debate in the Commons, on Friday February 2nd 2024 and I was in the Chamber speaking in support of it and in support of farmers on Ynys Môn and across Wales who need to know that the UK Government has got their back.

Thank you Anne



AFTER 13 years of service Anne Dunn (pictured above), has left her position as Head of Communications for the FUW. In her role Anne worked tirelessly to communicate the Union’s work to our members, stakeholders and the wider public.

FUW President Ian Rickman said: “It’s been a pleasure working with Anne during my period as President and Deputy President. I’d like to thank Anne for all her hard work and persistence in getting our message out there. We’ll miss you Anne but we wish you all the best in your new post at Hybu Cig Cymru. Diolch a phob lwc!”

Guto Bebb, FUW Group Chief Executive added: “Anne has been a great asset for the FUW since the day I arrived and her work ethic is something to behold. She will be a loss to the Union and a great asset to her new employers.”

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Political Matters

by Lauren Price, FUW Senedd and Parliamentary Liaison Officer

AS the saying goes, there is no rest for the wicked, and the end of 2023 saw no signs of slowing down in the political realms of both Wales and Westminster.

In Wales we saw the launch of the final consultation for the Sustainable Farming Scheme, the mechanism through which farmers will receive financial support in Wales from 2025 onwards. This is the single most important change to Welsh agricultural policy since the creation of the Common Agricultural Policy in 1962 and as such it is essential that members and organisations from across the sector engage with this consultation.

The Union has been working hard, dissecting and deciphering the document and the policy team will soon be heading out on a roadshow of the counties to spend time with members to help them to put together their consultation responses. We have also attended stakeholder events to work through the consultation document with the civil servants and to hear their views of the current proposals.

Away from agricultural policy, our First Minister, Mark Drakeford, announced his intention to resign from his position of Welsh Labour leader with immediate effect, and to resign from his position as First Minister of Wales, effective from March. This triggered a leadership contest within Welsh Labour and the start of a campaign period that will result in Wales having a new First Minister soon. Only two Members of the Senedd put their names forward for the job, Jeremy Miles MS for the Neath Constituency and Minister for Education and The Welsh Language, and Vaughan Gething MS for Cardiff South

and Penarth and Minister for the Economy. So far the bookies favourite is Jeremy Miles, but only time will tell who secures the top job!

It's a fact that money doesn't grow on trees and the agricultural sector has certainly felt the pinch following the Welsh Government draft budget at the end of last year. Rural Affairs saw the biggest budget cut of all the departments within the Welsh Government, with a loss of 12.9% of our funding compared to the previous financial year. This is almost 5% more than the next worst hit department.

This is worrying to say the least. We seem to fight a constant battle with a Government in Wales that fails to grasp that farming and agriculture are the building blocks of the rural economy and that without a thriving farming sector the whole edifice begins to crumble. It is disheartening when members of the Senedd use their platform to make ill-informed and disrespectful comments about the industry. The FUW wrote to both Joyce Watson MS and Mike Hedges MS with regards to their comments, and Mike Hedges MS has agreed to meet with us to discuss his views. We will continue to do our best to educate those who should know better.

Within the Union, January saw the annual Farmhouse Breakfast week come around again, my first with the FUW, and what an excellent week of events to be involved with! The Cardiff breakfast saw a really good turnout from Members of the Senedd and over 20 other organisations represented who were treated to some excellent Welsh produce. The event was sponsored by Llyr Gruffydd MS, Plaid Cymru's rural affairs spokesman and the Welsh Government's Rural Affairs Minister Lesley Griffiths MS gave a speech, where she

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announced that she was launching a support scheme for the organic sector, something the FUW has campaigned for and welcomed.

There were some 35 county breakfasts held across Wales throughout the week, with excellent political engagement from members of both the Senedd and UK Governments attending to chat with their rural constituents.

Since the last issue of *Y Tir*, meetings with elected representatives have continued. With our Regional Vice President Anwen Hughes and Chair of the Younger Voice Committee Gemma Haines, I recently took the opportunity to discuss issues important to our younger members with several MS's at Wales YFC's Impact Report Launch at the Senedd. In addition to the discussions held throughout breakfast week and at other events, we have also met with Sam Kurtz MS, Minister for Rural Affairs Lesley Griffiths MS, Cefin Campbell MS and have several more meetings scheduled over the next few weeks, including one with the leader of the Welsh Conservatives, Andrew RT Davies MS.

While the important work of dissecting the SFS Consultation is underway, we are also working on the Unions general election manifesto. The manifesto presents the FUW's policies on how our future relationship with the EU and the rest of the World should develop, our policy on rural funding and other important matters such as climate recovery, tackling bovine TB and public procurement.

Our aim with the manifesto is to influence the election commitments of political parties in favour of our agricultural industries and I look forward to being able to present our manifesto to members and politicians in the coming weeks.



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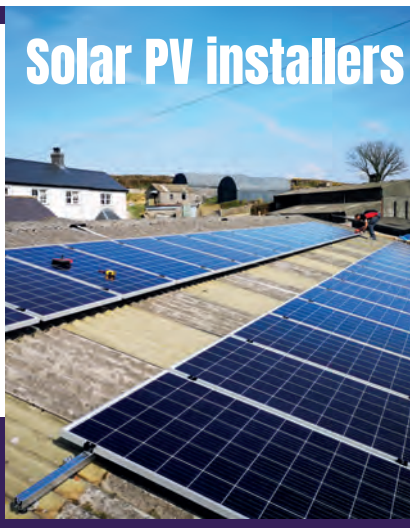
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THE FUW has welcomed the announcement that support payments will be made available to all fully-certified organic producers in Wales this year, providing much-needed certainty for the sector.

Speaking in response to the announcement, FUW President Ian Rickman, (*pictured right*), said: "This is welcomed news for the Welsh organic sector following the end of the Glastir Organic Scheme and especially for those who continue to face inflationary pressures.

"This support, which will be administered through the SAF process, should enable organic producers to maintain their certified status for this year as we consult with our members on the final details of the Sustainable Farming Scheme and how long-term support for organics will be included."

The support scheme will be open to all who maintain full organic certification throughout 2024, and while there is a taper on the maximum payment, there is no upper limit on the area of land that can be submitted.

Horticultural land will receive £300 per hectare (previously £400/ha), Enclosed land will receive £45 per hectare (previously £65/ha) and land above the upper limit of enclosure will receive £9 per hectare (previously £15/ha). Enclosed land with a dairy enterprise will receive £115 per hectare.

"Whilst the payment rates for this year are around 30% lower than those received under the Glastir Organic Scheme on average, and there are no payments to cover certification costs, dairy organic producers will receive a higher rate than what they would have done previously to reflect increased input costs.

"In light of the recently published Welsh Government draft budget, this will certainly be welcomed by the sector as the majority rely on such support to produce food using organic practices as the premiums they receive for their products very rarely reflect the additional challenges and costs associated with farming in this way."



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FUW Farmhouse Breakfasts raise over £17k for Wales Air Ambulance

Thank you to all the staff, members, volunteers and politicians across Wales for their incredible support

THE FUW has raised £ 17,509 for the Wales Air Ambulance throughout its annual farmhouse breakfast week in January (15 -21 January 2024).

Over 35 events were held across Wales with members and politicians alike enjoying the delicious, nutritious and sustainable breakfast produce on offer, whilst catching up on farming matters with FUW staff and officials.

FUW President Ian Rickman said: "We have enjoyed another successful breakfast week and I thank all the staff, members, volunteers and our politicians across Wales for their incredible support. Together we have raised an incredible amount of money for this very important charity that saves lives across Wales every single day.

"In addition to raising an incredible amount of money for the Wales Air Ambulance, we were also able to highlight the crucial role our farmers play in keeping the wheels of our rural economy turning and showcasing the wide reach our industry has. We must not forget all the reasons why farming matters - in an economic, environmental, social and cultural sense.

"Without a thriving farming industry, which ensures there is food

on our tables that we can afford, our future and that of our children would certainly be a bleak one."

Dr Sue Barnes, Wales Air Ambulance Charity Chief Executive, said: "Our heartfelt thanks go to the FUW and its members who are raising funds for, and awareness of, our charity.

"We are acutely aware of how important our service is for the rural and agricultural communities of Wales. As a pan-Wales service, we aim to deliver the best possible lifesaving care across our country, however, at the same time recognising the differing needs of our rural and urban communities.

"Our charity is working hard to ensure our vital work can continue, not just for the here and now, but for our future generations. Our commitment and connection to rural Wales is, and always will be, incredibly strong.

"We also recognise and give thanks for the invaluable contribution that the farming community makes to Welsh society, as well as the quality produce that is enjoyed here in Wales and around the world."

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Successful Farmhouse Breakfast at Cardiff



Dangos effaith echrydus y mae Diciau mewn gwartheg yn ei gael ar deuluoedd amaethyddol

MAE effaith emosiynol ac ariannol TB mewn gwartheg ar deuluoedd fferm, wedi'i dogfennu'n gyson yn ystod y blynyddoedd diwethaf, ond mae darn pwerus ar y gyfres Ffermio, wedi amlygu'r effaith erchyll o reoli'r clefyd yng Nghymru.

Mae aelodau UAC Wyn ac Enid Davies, (**gweler ar y dde**), a'u teulu yn ffermio yng Nghastell Howell, Capel Isaac ger Llandeilo yn Sir Gaerfyrddin. Maent yn godro 120 o wartheg ac wedi bod o dan gyfyngiadau TB ers haf 2020. Ers hynny, mae mwy na 180 o'u gwartheg wedi cael eu difa.

Cysylltodd Enid â thîm Ffermio yn gynharach y mis hwn, pan dderbyniodd y teulu'r newyddion y byddai'n rhaid iddynt ladd 27 o wartheg ar y fferm oherwydd canlyniadau prawf gama bTB positif (prawf gwaed). Cyn hyn byddai gwartheg yn cael eu cludo oddi ar y fferm i'w lladd, ond y tro hwn, oherwydd rheolau Llywodraeth Cymru* byddai'n rhaid difa'r gwartheg ar y buarth o flaen y ffermyd lle mae hi a'i gŵr Wyn yn byw gyda'u teulu ifanc.

Gyda'r afiechyd eisoes wedi effeithio ar eu bywydau a'u busnes am fwy na 3 blynedd, mae'r tro diweddaraf hwn o ddigwyddiadau wedi arwain at y teulu'n cwestiynu eu gallu i barhau i ffermio. Bu tîm Ffermio yn ffilmio yng Nghastell Howell ar y diwrnod y cafodd y gwartheg eu difa, gan ddogfennu'r broses a'i heffaith ar y teulu cyfan.

Y canlyniad yw darn pwerus o newyddiaduraeth sydd, er yn ofidus, yn dangos effaith ddinistriol yr afiechyd ar y teulu hwn, ac sy'n adlewyrchu profiadau llawer mwy o ffermwyr. Mae cyflwynydd Ffermio Meirir Howells wedi disgrifio'r diwrnod a dreuliodd yng Nghastell Howell fel, "y diwrnod anoddaf o ffilmio mewn mwy na 15 mlynedd o weithio ar y rhaglen."

Mae Wyn ac Enid yn galw ar Lywodraeth Cymru i ailystyried y rheolau sydd mewn lle oedd yn mynnu bod yn rhaid difa eu gwartheg ar y fferm; ac i ailystyried eu polisiau ynghylch rheoli'r clefyd mewn bywyd gwyllt. Tan eu hachos cyntaf o TB yn 2020, roedd y teulu'n magu eu stoc eu hunain, gan ddewis peidio â phrynu gwartheg i mewn. O ganlyniad, maent yn argyhoeddedig bod yr haint wedi dod atyn nhw yn gyntaf o ganlyniad i'r ffaith bod eu gwartheg yn dod i gysylltiad â bywyd gwyllt heintiedig.

Yn dilyn y ffilmio, cysylltodd Ffermio â Llywodraeth Cymru gan ofyn am gael cyfweled â'r Prif Weinidog Mark Drakeford am y polisiau sy'n ymwneud â rheoli bTB yng Nghymru. Fe wnaethon nhw hefyd ofyn am gyfweled gyda Phrif Ffyrddog Milfeddygol Cymru Dr Richard Irvine, ond cafodd y ddau gais eu gwrthod heb esboniad.

Mae Wyn ac Enid yn gobeithio y bydd ffermwyr eraill yn barod i rannu eu stori, a fydd yn ei dro yn gorfodi Llywodraeth Cymru i edrych eto ar eu polisiau



Bellach mae Wyn ac Enid yn gobeithio, ar ôl rhannu eu stori, y bydd ffermwyr eraill yn barod i wneud yr un peth, a fydd yn ei dro yn gorfodi Llywodraeth Cymru i edrych eto ar eu polisiau. Mae Ffermio, a gynhyrchir gan Telesgop, yn un o raglenni mwyaf poblogaidd a hirhoedlog S4C. Darlledwyd y gyfres ffermio a materion gwledig am y tro cyntaf ym 1997 ac mae'n denu cynulleidfaoedd mawr yng Nghymru a ledled y Deyrnas Unedig.

* Gwybodaeth a ddarparwyd gan Iefarydd Llywodraeth Cymru, Ionawr 2024: Nid oes modd osgoi lladd anifeiliaid ar y fferm os na ellir cludo anifeiliaid i'w lladd am resymau lles, neu am resymau diogelwch bwyd gan nad ydynt yn addas i'w bwyta gan bobl. Mae hyn yn cynnwys lle mae gwartheg o fewn cyfnod dod oddi ar feddyginiaeth. Y nod bob amser yw sicrhau bod lles trefniadau lladd ac iechyd a diogelwch yn cael eu bodloni'n llawn.

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Farmer injured in post-driver accident raises awareness around safe use



From left, Alwyn Watkins with trainer and mentor in health and safety at Farming Connect Brian Rees.

A WELSH beef and sheep farmer who needed five hours of surgery to save his thumb after it was hit by the 200kg hammer of a fencing post driver is urging other users to follow important safety guidance to prevent accidents involving these machines.

Alwyn Watkins farms with his parents, Nigel and Gwen, at Pantglas Farm, a 210-hectare, upland farm at Bwlchysarnau, Rhayader, and also works off-farm as a contractor, including erecting fencing.

In May 2023, he was replacing fencing on a field boundary on a hillside, using a post driver. He admits he was rushing to get the job done and hadn't carefully considered the implications when a stake snapped and he reached for it without moving the arm and weight of the driver out of the way.

"I was wearing a fencing pouch and as I went to grab the stake the pouch was flung up by the wind and it hit the lever that sends the weight downwards. My thumb was on the stake and the weight came down straight on top of it."

The bone in his thumb broke in five places and the skin covering it was split open, exposing the bone. Surgeons worked for five hours over two operations to save it.

"They had to pull the bone out and clean it because they were afraid of sheep muck being on the bone and causing infection," recalls Alwyn, who spent three days in hospital.

He fully expected to not regain use of his thumb but fortunately he has almost made a full recovery.

"When I took the dressing off, I couldn't believe my eyes, my thumb had healed really well. It is never going to be right but it is somewhere near."

The accident has left him with poor circulation in that area of his hand.

"First thing in the morning that thumb feels really cold," Alwyn

explains. "I've got two quad bikes and one has a thumb warmer so I try to use that one, it seems to help quite a lot."

Although the accident was serious, Alwyn considers himself lucky that he didn't damage his entire hand or arm. The accident not only had an impact on his physical wellbeing but on his business too. The family usually rears 20,000 pheasants for Bettws Hall Sporting Club but with Alwyn out of action that job had to be cancelled.

"It was a total nightmare to be honest," he admits.

Alwyn, who is 28, has reflected on what happened and has some important rules he now lives by.

"I was in a total rush because I had so much work in front of me but from this experience I have learned to slow down when I am fencing, it wouldn't have happened if I hadn't been rushing."

His message to other farmers is similar.

"Take your time when you are using a post driver, and when something doesn't go to plan push the weight out of the way. It's about using common sense I suppose, I didn't and look what happened."

Alwyn has been working with Farming Connect and the Wales Farm Safety Partnership to raise awareness of the dangers of using post drivers, including featuring in a video with Brian Rees, a farmer who is also a trainer and mentor in health and safety at Farming Connect.

Brian says these machines can be 'extremely dangerous'.

"As stated by the manufacturers, they can kill - in fact someone was killed this year as a result of a head injury sustained when they were using one - so it is really important that people use post drivers safely, are vigilant and read the safety handbook.

Appropriate training in the use of a driver is advised, with some manufacturers able to provide training for specific models."

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There are a number of safety points to consider:

- Make sure that the machine is fully checked over before use. This should include the structure of the machine, all safety devices and guards, all hydraulic pipes and controls. Check that all pins and brackets are secure.

- Do a risk assessment. This doesn't need to be anything complicated, just have a little think about what you are doing. Think through any potential risks concerning the equipment you are using, including the site you are working on and the competence of all concerned in the operation.

- As with all machines, make sure that you understand all the controls, exactly what they do, and the moving parts on the machine, so that you don't accidentally push the wrong lever.

- When adjusting the machine, be very cautious of the trapping zones. This is particularly important when the forward and the side tilting mast are moving. Also, the slew arm can cause a trap zone as you are slewing it around the back of the tractor and the main frame.

- When the machine is working, keep your body and any limbs well away from the moving parts.

- Never ever hold the post in place when it is being driven.

- Check the condition of the pulley rope as it can be prone to fraying.

Mental health - how do you know if you are struggling with it?

by Gareth Davies, Chief Executive Officer, Tir Dewi

EVERY survey and article on the subject agrees that there is a serious problem in farming with mental health. But, how do you know if you are struggling with it? May we just be giving it the wrong label?

In a recent conversation with a farmer, it was suggested that he had an issue with his mental health. 'Oh,' he said angrily, 'so now you think I'm mental on top of everything else, do you?'

If you are of my generation, you may recognise the terminology and this sort of stigma around mental health. While it is getting better, it is still there for many of us, especially when looking at ourselves.

We may not want to admit that we are struggling with a mental

health issue, but will readily say 'I'm not sleeping well', or 'I'm not feeling myself'. We may recognise that we have a short temper and that we are arguing with

everyone, or that we have no patience. Perhaps we can't seem to concentrate, or don't seem able to get out of bed in the morning like we used to.

If you recognise any of these in yourself, you may already be struggling with stress. If it's been going on for a while, or if you recognise a few of them, then you may be struggling with anxiety or depression. Now we are moving into the area of giving things labels - stress, anxiety and depression are recognised terms in mental health.

There are many factors that can lead to poor mental health. Some significant causes can be pressure of work, isolation, debt, poor physical health, strained relationships, worry about coping with change.

If this list makes you start to identify yourself then you are not alone - much of this describes farming in Wales today.

Conversations among farmers about these things usually don't end up being about mental health, they are more likely to be about things that are going on on the farm - the causes. The thing is, we don't need to give anything a label that we are uncomfortable with in order to be able to deal with it. And if we can begin to overcome these things, then they might no longer lead to a mental health problem.

But that is down to you. If you recognise some of these things happening to you, then don't struggle on alone, thinking that you have to cope, somehow, or you may find yourself heading down a road you'd rather not take. Talk to someone, make a positive step towards finding help.

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Roedd Tir Dewi yn awyddus i leihau unigrwydd ymysg pobl sy'n gweithio yn y diwydiant amaeth wrth sefydlu'r clybiau, a gwella'u hiechyd meddwl a lles yn sgil hynny. Derbyniodd y sefydliad grant o £8,850 gan Gronfa Gymunedol y Loteri Genedlaethol i gynorthwyo gyda'r gwaith.

Dywedodd Ceinwen Parry, cydlynnydd y clybiau: "Mae llawer o ffermwyr ac aelodau o'u teuluoedd wedi bod yn aelodau o Glybiau Ffermwyr Ifanc (CFFI), sef clybiau i bobl ifanc rhwng 10 a 28 oed. Mae CFFI yn rhoi cyfleoedd i bobl ifanc gymdeithasu a chystadlu gyda'i gilydd, ac yn rhoi rheswm iddyn nhw adael y fferm yn gyson a bod yn rhoi o gymuned ehangach.

"Wedi gadael CFFI, does dim clybiau tebyg ar gael i'r bobl ifanc ac maen nhw'n dychwelyd i'r fferm i weithio oriau hir mewn awyrgylch brysur, yn aml dan bwysau. Mae ffermio yn gallu bod yn waith unig ac anghymdeithasol iawn.

"Ein syniad ni felly oedd creu clwb i ffermwyr dros 28 a'u teuluoedd fel bod ganddyn nhw reswm i godi allan a chyfarfod pobl eraill o'r gymuned amaethyddol, ac yn bwysicach na dim, cael cyfle i siarad. Mae ffermwyr sydd wedi ymddeol hefyd yn mwynhau dod gan ei fod yn lle

da i gadw mewn cysylltiad gyda phobl o'r un cefndir a phrofiad â nhw."

Sefydlwyd y Clwb Ffermwyr cyntaf yn Ynys Môn yn 2022. Mae'r clwb yn cwrdd unwaith y mis mewn lleoliadau amrywiol ar yr ynys ac mae tua 30-35 yn dod i'r clwb yn gyson, gyda dros 70 yn mynychu amhell weithgaredd. Trefnir nosweithiau amrywiol a difyr i'r aelodau - yn weithgareddau hwyliog fel saethu bwa saeth, noson pŵl a dartiau neu ymweliadau fferm.



Daw unigolion o sefydliadau amaethyddol fel EID Cymru, Cyswllt Ffermio neu filfeddygon i siarad am bell fis hefyd ac mae clywed ganddyn nhw am wybodaeth bwysig neu newidiadau yn gallu codi baich yn aml yn ôl yr aelodau. Gall y ffermwyr ofyn cwestiynau a thrafod yn agored yn y clwb heb boeni a hel meddyliau gartref.

Yn sgil llwyddiant y Clwb Ffermwyr yn Ynys Môn, mae Tir Dewi wedi mynd ati i sefydlu clybiau mewn ardaloedd eraill o Gymru. Mae rhai wedi eu sefydlu erbyn hyn ym Mhen Llŷn a Chlwyd, ac mae ardaloedd Caernarfon a Chonwy wedi dangos diddordeb mewn sefydlu clybiau yn lleol, felly mae'n gyfnod cyffrous wrth i'r cynllun ddatblygu. Y bwriad yn y pen draw yw bod bob clwb yn cael dau swyddog - trysorydd ac ysgrifennydd - a fydd yn gyfrifol am eu clwb lleol ac yn cael eu cefnogi gan Tir Dewi a'r Clwb Ffermwyr.

Dywedodd Nia Hughes, Swyddog Ariannu yng ngogledd Cymru i Gronfa Gymunedol y Loteri Genedlaethol:

"Rydyn ni'n falch iawn o allu cefnogi'r prosiect hwn, diolch i chwaraewyr y Loteri Genedlaethol. Mae cymuned wrth galon ein pwrpas, ein gwledigaeth a'n henw a does dim dwywaith fod Tir Dewi yn gwneud gwaith gwych yn dod â'r gymuned amaethyddol ynghyd a'u cefnogi o ran iechyd meddwl a lles. Edrychwn ymlaen at weld y prosiect yn datblygu dros y blynnyddoedd nesaf."

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“I am prepared to bring forward my own Bill to force the Government to keep their word”

by Ben Lake MP for Ceredigion

IN June of last year, the UK Government was criticised by those who had long campaigned for a strengthening of the law in relation to livestock worrying for its decision to withdraw the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill. Indeed, it was a decision that had taken many of us by surprise, not least as it had nearly completed its passage through the House of Commons, having successfully navigated the detailed scrutiny of the committee stage of the legislative process.

The decision to withdraw the Bill undermined this work and put at risk the many important measures that it contained. Amongst other measures, the Bill included provisions that would have strengthened the law in relation to livestock worrying by addressing many of the deficiencies of the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953, which is the legislation currently used to prosecute dog attacks on livestock.

Specifically, the new measures would have enhanced the powers afforded to police officers investigating dog attacks on livestock, by empowering them to seize dogs after serious attacks, and to take DNA samples from any dog suspected of an offence. At present, most cases of livestock worrying do not reach court due to a lack of evidence, and so the Bill also enabled police officers to enter premises to identify, and seize, a dog suspected of an offence.

I was disappointed and angry that the Government withdrew the Bill, because by doing so the new powers to address livestock worrying were lost - at least temporarily. One of the most horrific experiences that anyone can witness in life is the aftermath of a dog

attack on livestock. I have sadly spoken to several farming families in Ceredigion who have suffered attacks on their livestock by dogs. The photographs of such attacks are gruesome, and we cannot underestimate the trauma such attacks inflict on families who are left to witness helplessly as their animals suffer.

I am not going to pretend that the measures included in the Bill were perfect. I would have liked it to have gone further; I was on the Bill Committee back in 2021 and argued that it should be a legal requirement that dogs be kept on leads in fields in which livestock could be present. However, the Bill was better than nothing.

In answer to a question that I put to the Minister before Christmas on this matter, he explained that the Government will be taking forward measures to modernise current livestock worrying legislation “as soon as parliamentary time allows”.

I hope, for the sake of farming families and livestock across Wales, that they will be brought forward as soon as possible, and if needs be I am prepared to bring forward my own Bill to force the Government to keep their word.



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IT'S that time of year again when we start thinking about Single Application Forms (SAF). The application window opens on March 4th and the FUW is reminding its members that county staff are here to help and ready to take the stress of filling the form away.

The FUW provides this service as part of the membership package, which has proved invaluable for thousands of members over the years - saving them time and a paperwork-headache.

FUW Special Policy Advisor Rebecca Voyle, (*pictured below*), said: "The SAF completion process is probably the single most important form completion exercise being carried out by Welsh farmers since 2004, and the financial repercussions of errors on the forms are severe. Our staff are not only well trained but very well practised in dealing with the complex application process."

Since the Welsh Government mandated that all applications should be done online, the FUW has focused on providing the best possible service to its members.

"I encourage our members and first time form fillers to contact their local office as soon as possible to book an appointment if they need help in filling out the form," added Rebecca Voyle.



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Planning for the future more important than ever

Katie Love is a Lawyer and Associate in the Private Client team at RDP Law, specialising in complex estate planning. Katie is a member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners and The Association of Lifetime Lawyers. Here, Katie explains why estate planning should be a top priority this year.

THE start of a new year traditionally brings hope of a fresh start and better times. With 2024 expected to be another year of political and economic uncertainty, planning for the future and preparing for the unexpected has never been more important.

Where there's a Will...

The tumultuous nature of recent years has highlighted, for many, the importance of taking control of your affairs and planning for the future. The prospect of making a Will is not something relished by most, and it is often a topic that people are reluctant to discuss. However, putting off this vital task can be a costly and sometimes stressful oversight.

A report from The Institute of Fiscal Studies has indicated inheritances received by households over their lifetimes are set to grow in importance across subsequent generations; from an average of around 9% of lifetime household income for those born in the 1960s, to a whopping 16% of lifetime household income for those born in the 1980s, inheritance is going to play an important role for future generations. Despite rumours of changes to inheritance tax rules in the spring budget, no changes have been announced to date.

It is a common misconception that the entirety of your estate will pass by default to the most obvious beneficiaries in your life (be it a spouse or children), but that is not always the case.

The rules surrounding intestate estates (i.e. where a person has died without leaving a valid Will in place) are complex, and family members are often overwhelmed by the challenges of administering an intestate estate following the loss of a loved one. Making a Will with a suitably qualified professional ensures that your wishes

are met and that your estate passes to those who you wish to benefit.

A recent report from the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) further highlighted the risks in using unqualified Will writers. The report cemented the importance of seeking a professional with the relevant skills and knowledge to provide bespoke and tailored advice when making a Will.

Some 79% of members who responded confirmed cases where they had encountered poorly drafted Wills with errors and, worryingly, over 50% of members further reported having concerns about incompetent

advice resulting in an increased tax bill.

Love and Marriage

It is particularly important to give thought to your Will planning when extended families and second marriages are relevant.

Without a correctly drafted Will in place, children of the family from the first marriage could find themselves completely disinherited. Seeking advice from a specialist can safeguard against such an eventuality and provide you, and your family, with peace of mind.

Planning for the unplanned - Lasting Powers of Attorney

An equally important issue to consider when planning for your future is what will happen to you in the event that you lose the capacity to manage your own affairs. Contrary to popular belief, it is not the case that next of kin will automatically get a say in their loved one's affairs if that loved one loses the ability to act for themselves. Without a registered Lasting Power of Attorney ('LPA') in place which nominates who you would like to appoint to act on your behalf in relation to either your financial or welfare affairs, your family could face a lengthy and expensive court process to obtain permission to manage your affairs or make health and welfare decisions on your behalf.

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During the January Executive Committee meeting there was a very informative presentation by Sally Heywood from the Asthma & Lung UK charity regarding the incidences of lung disease amongst farmers and agricultural workers. It was alarming to hear that there are approximately 2 million cases in the UK that exist but have not been diagnosed. The need to protect yourself by wearing a mask when completing tasks that deal with a high level of dust was emphasised and also that it is essential to contact an expert to deal with asbestos materials. A helpline is available Monday - Friday between 9am and 5pm, contact 0300 222 5800.

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Llongyfarchiadau mawr i Alys Roberts, Dirprwy Swyddog Gweithredol Sirol a'i phartner Dewi ar eu dyweddïad Ddydd Nadolig, dymuniadau gorau oddi wrth bawb yn Swyddfa Llangefni!

Congratulations to Alys Roberts, Deputy County Executive Officer and her partner Dewi on their engagement on Christmas Day, best wishes from everyone in the Llangefni Office!



Croeso i'r byd



Llongyfarchiadau mawr i Eirian Williams, Gweinyddwraig Yswiriant, Gwasanaethau Yswiriant FUW Cyf ac Emlyn ar enedigaeth Nansi Enid ar y 10fed o Dachwedd.

Congratulations to Eirian Williams, Account Handler, FUW Insurance Services Ltd and Emlyn on the birth of Nansi Enid on 10th November.

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The next Carmarthenshire county executive meeting will be held on Thursday February 8th 2024 at the Forge Restaurant, St Clears, SA33 4NA, to start at 7pm until 10pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

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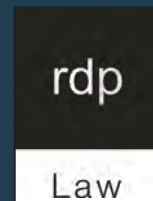
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MEAT MATTERS

Planning and promoting - our priorities for early 2024

by Laura Pickup, Head of Strategic Marketing and Connections, Hybu Cig Cymru/Meat Promotion Wales

THE winter months have been busy for HCC's marketing team with consumer-facing events and ongoing promotional campaigns for Welsh Lamb and Welsh Beef. Those campaigns have been wrapped up but our work continues as we take time to analyse the results and use them to plan forthcoming campaigns.

One of which included the 'Quit the Quitting' campaign launched on 12 January, also known as Quitters' Day - when most people give up on their new year's resolutions. The campaign encouraged the public not to 'quit' red meat in the midst of fad diets and health kicks.

It featured dietitian Nichola Ludlam-Raine and food experts Hollie Woods and Llio Angharad who highlighted the health benefits of Welsh red meat. They shared recipes, which hit the mark in terms of nutritional balance and taste, across press, digital platforms and social media from Quitters Day onwards.

The health benefits of red meat, as well as its premium quality and taste, is a key message we share with the foodservice sector too. Throughout February and March, we will attend a number of trade events in the UK to promote both Welsh Lamb and Welsh Beef to food and drink buyers and suppliers. They include three expo events hosted by two of Wales' key food wholesale companies in north and south Wales. We look forward to serving samples and building relationships with key



accounts and smaller independent businesses at those events.

With an eye on the export market too, we will have a presence at two major international trade shows - Gulfood in Dubai and Foodex in Japan. Teaming up with the Welsh Government and other UK levy boards, we will promote and raise awareness of Welsh Lamb and look to create new supply chain links by facilitating meetings between buyers, processors, distributors and customers.

Lastly, we will be at the Annual Meat Conference in Nashville - an important opportunity to further develop relationships between UK-based processors and the American market, and raise awareness of the Welsh Lamb brand.

It's important to us that you, as our stakeholders, are aware of our plans, activities and achievements. We value the ideas and opinions of producers in Wales, so do get in touch, share your constructive opinions and ideas and look out for opportunities to engage with us in 2024 at HCC open meetings and events across the country.

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PROPERTY MATTERS

Farm Business Tenancies - Horses

by Kathryn Williams, Director and RICS Registered Valuer, Davis Meade Property Consultants

WHEN formulating a Farm Business Tenancy (FBT) Agreement under the Agricultural Tenancies Act 1995, there are certain conditions as set out within section 1 that must be complied with.

Section 1 details that a tenancy will be a FBT if it meets the "business conditions" together with either the "agricultural condition" or the "notice conditions".

We are often asked whether the keeping of horses on the holding meets the conditions above. Horses, unless they are kept for consumption or in connection with the farming of the holding are not livestock under the definition within section 38.

"Grazing" is an independent agricultural activity under the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986, regardless of the type of animal that is grazing the land. As such grazing is farming.

If the grazing of horses is supporting a trade or business, the business conditions are complied with. If however the horses are kept for recreational purposes the business conditions are not met and the tenancy would then be governed by common law.

If the grazing of the horses supports a non-agricultural business, off the holding, for example a stud farm or riding school, then the only activity being carried out on the subject holding is grazing and as such it is wholly agricultural and the arrangement would be governed as an FBT.

The set up and structure of non-agricultural businesses including the start date and its location on or off the holding can affect whether the activity is partly or wholly agricultural. It may be that the arrangement is not primarily agricultural, and it is in-fact commercial in nature in which case the agreement could fall within the parameters of the Landlord and Tenant Act which could in-fact give the tenant greater security.

For further advice please contact Kathryn Williams at Davis Meade - kathrynwilliams@dmpcuk.com



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Chwefror sef Marian Vaughan yn adrodd ei hanes yn gwirfoddoli yn Uganda. Nosweithiau difyr dros ben, ac mor hawdd ymuno â nhw heb orfod gadael y tŷ.

Mae sawl her yn ein hwynebu fel sefydliadau sy'n gweithredu yng Nghymru - y Banciau, Trafnidiaeth, Lleoliadau Cyhoeddus, Lleoliadau Addas i Gymdeithasu, ond o gyd-weithio mae yn syndod beth sy'n bosibl i'w wneud. Mae yn drist fod angen brwydro am hawliau cyfartal o ran ein hiaith a thegwch wrth ddelio gyda'r banciau.

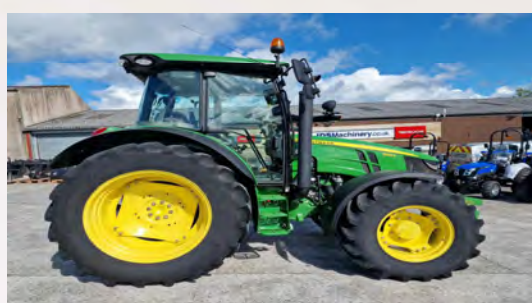
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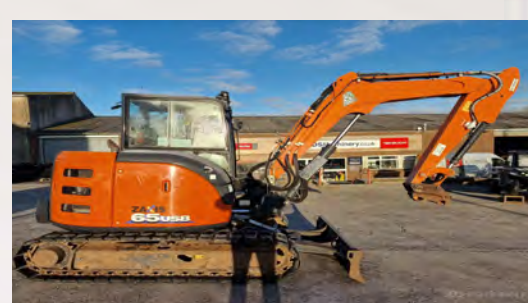
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Wales YFC Agri Conference and Agri Awards



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THE 2024 conference was back as a bigger event with the introduction of the new Agri Awards. The weekend attracted over 80 members and friends to the conference, 120 members and supporters to the Agri Awards and nearly 50 members visited Brongain Farm.

Saturday January 13 2024 saw the opening of Wales YFC Agri Conference held at Gregynog Hall with a theme of ‘Sustainable Supply Chains’. The conference saw four key speakers namely Mr Arwel Owen (Genus), Miss Leah Meirion Davies (Clwyd YFC member and an Elwyn Jones Scholar), Mr James Nixon (Penmincae Welsh Black Beef and Lamb) and Rachel Madeley Davies (HCC) discussing various aspects of the supply chain from genetics, breeding, processing, retailing and adding value.

The afternoon consisted of three breakout sessions hosted by CCF, HCC and Rural Advisor who launched the new Rural Business Innovation Competition to encourage new entrepreneurs within Wales YFC.

2024 was the first year of the Agri Awards as the Rural Affairs committee felt it was important to showcase the talent and skillset of our members. The categories included Best Stockman sponsored by Kepak, Best Grassland Management sponsored by Germinal, Best Diversification sponsored by Menter a Busnes and the Rural Champion Award sponsored by CCF.

Angharad Thomas, Rural Affairs Committee chair noted: “It was great to see the Agri Conference returning bigger and better this year. A very informative morning was had listening to the speakers discussing various aspects of the supply chain as well as the afternoon breakout sessions which gave attendees plenty of food for thought and the opportunity to think of ways to add value within their businesses.

“The first Agri Awards were a roaring success and an opportunity to celebrate our grassroot members and their businesses. Without the continuous support of the sponsors none of these events would be possible.”

Sunday January 14 saw nearly 50 delegates heading to Brongain Farm. Dominic Hampson Smith, Rural Affairs Committee vice-chairman explained: “Greg Pickstock outlined the Pickstock Telford site, the development and expansion of the business and the businesses’ ambitions to become net zero as well as highlighting the branding they use to sell their produce including the launch of the new Welsh beef brand. Rowan Pickstock showed us around the young-stock and the finishing buildings.

“There are also plans to make the farm net zero by optimising animal feed as well as finishing animals in a shorter period of time.”

Wales YFC would like to thank the sponsors; NFU Charitable Trust, Kepak, Menter a Busnes, Germinal as well as programme sponsors and the main sponsors CCF who have been a key sponsor over the years.



Megan Powell receiving the Rural Champion Award from CCF.



Aron Dafydd receiving the Best Stockman Award from KEPAK.



Catrin Owen and Gwion Jones receiving the Best Diversification Award from Menter a Busnes.

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Scheme	Summary	Window
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