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AGRICULTURAL UPDATE

SUSTAINABLE FARMING INCENTIVE UPDATE

Further detail has recently been released regarding SFI 26 with Window 1 opening from 30th June. A small number of applicable parties will be invited from around 18th June to test and refine the application system.

Alongside this, it has been confirmed that of the total budget of £240m for SFI 26, £60m has been allocated to Window 1. Our expectation is that funds will be allocated quickly and therefore prompt action is recommended if you are considering applying.

It has been noted by DEFRA that some existing ELM Revenue Agreements are due to expire at the end of this year. These include SFI 23, Countryside Stewardship Mid-Tier, Countryside Stewardship Higher-Tier and Environmental Stewardship/Higher Level Stewardship Schemes. Previously, these Agreement holders would not be able to access the full SFI 26 offer until the existing Agreements expires due to IT incompatibility and possible double funding.

In response to the above feedback, DEFRA is to amend its IT system to enable soon to expire ELM Revenue Agreement holders to access the full SFI 26 offer. Functionality is being developed on the SFI 26 application service to allow those to apply. It is expected that this will be in place from the start of Window 2, due to open in September 2026.

Therefore, for small farms (less than 50 ha) which are eligible for Window 1 with land in soon to expire ELM Agreements, it may be possible for them to apply for Window 2 instead, to benefit from this new functionality. It is expected that DEFRA will confirm whether this intended approach will be possible before applications open for Window 1, so that those affected can make an informed decision.

Please do contact a member of the Agricultural Team on 01285 648106 if you wish to discuss an SFI 26 application.

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY FARM INSPECTIONS - ARE YOU PREPARED?

We are aware of another round of Environment Agency farm inspections being scheduled in the GL7 and SN6 postcode areas. Access is required with either short (24 hour) notice by telephone some letters providing longer prior notice. Regardless of the length of notice provided, it is important to act quickly to ensure the necessary records, maps and supporting information are up to date and in a form that can be suitably presented to the inspector.

So, what should you prepare for should you receive a telephone call or letter advising of an inspection? It appears that the inspector will request to see the following, where relevant:

- Livestock records by type of stock. EA requires an annual calculation at 30th April each year.
- Details of slurry or manure stores, including size and volume.
- Total slurry storage capacity including calculations showing any areas that drain to the stores.
- Soil test results.
- Drainage plans.

It appears the inspector will also be checking Agricultural Waste Exemptions registered, including whether suitable registrations are in place to cover activities on the ground. Indeed, it appears from recent discussions with an inspector that if exemptions are registered but not needed (in the opinion of the inspector) they will be withdrawn. It is therefore important to review the Agricultural Waste Exemptions which you have in place to ensure they are a true reflection of the operations on the farm.

Such inspections can cause concern, and therefore measures to address the requirements should be taken promptly. The Agricultural Team at Moore Allen & Innocent is well placed to assist with this process. Do telephone a member of the Team on 01285 648107 should further assistance or guidance be required.

LANDLORDS' OPEN MORNING

Saturday 20th June - 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

Burford Street, Lechlade, GL7 3AJ

Do you require answers to questions about your rental property or the new Renters' Rights legislation? Are you looking for advice on growing or managing your property?

Join our experts, Theresa and Tim, in our Lechlade Office to discuss your property and tenancy questions, the latest Renters' Rights updates and legislative changes, property management advice and any new business opportunities and landlord services.

If you are planning to join us, do let us know in advance so that we can ensure plenty of refreshments are available - 01285 648118/01367 252541.

SALE DEBRIEF - GREAT SOMERFORD COLLECTIVE SALE

Following on from the Bydemill and Fairford Sales earlier this year, the spring sale season rounded off with a further successful sale at Great Somerford. An excellent entry was received, including standout lots being a Massey Ferguson 5613 4WD Tractor c/w 946 Loader which had only completed approximately 1,000 hours. Competitive bidding saw this sold well above reserve and the third tractor of the season heading to Ireland. From the same home was a CAT 305E 5T Excavator which again had only done a low amount of work for its age and was presented in excellent condition.

We were delighted to offer a large range of lots and to see so many customers and clients on site in the field.

We are now taking bookings for the autumn sale season. If you are considering a full dispersal, a reduction of surplus kit or a change of farm policy, we would be delighted to advise you. We offer varying methods of sale and can tailor onsite, online or a combination of the two to suit your individual circumstances. Please contact Stuart Milsom or Peter Kirby for further information on 01285 648107.

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2:00pm

50 Bird Sporting Competition
75 Bird Flush

Teams of four, entry £160 per team

Start: 2:00pm
Last team entry: 5:30pm
Prize giving: 6:30pm

Ticket includes a burger from Suzie's Burger Van. We will also be hosting a raffle and cash bar.

To find out more, or to book please contact Robert Jackson on 07718016798 or jacksonrobert1900@gmail.com



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A versatile smallholding with farmhouse, annexe, bungalow, outbuildings and paddocks, extending in all to about 9.24 acres. Located halfway between Kemble and Crudwell.

Guide Price £1,350,000

Please contact Amy McDonald or Tia Bolter for further information - 01285 648115 / ruralsales@mooreallen.co.uk

FOR SALE - NEAR CIRENCESTER



Approximately 149.27 acres of land, comprising 133.73 acres of arable/15.54 acres of woodland, for sale with vacant possession.

Guide Price £1,400,000.

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