

WELLAND VALLEY FEEDS NEWSLETTER

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Opening Times:

Monday - Friday 8am to 5.30pm Saturday 8am to 5.00pm Sunday 10am to 4.00pm

2019 ADVERTISING RATES FOR NEWSLETTER

Charges are per month

Lineage adverts (approx 30 words) £5

Small display advert £20 50 words plus one image (H45mm x W120mm, H90mm x W60mm)

Quarter Page £55 (£45.83 + VAT) H130mm x W90mm

Half Page £100 (£83.33 + VAT) H130mm x W185mm, H273mm x W90mm

Full Page Inside £180 (£150 + VAT) Non bleed: H275mm x W185mm, Bleed H297mm x W210mm plus 3mm bleed to each edge

Back Page £240 (£200 + VAT) Non bleed: H275mm x W185mm, Bleed H297mm x W210mm plus 3mm bleed to each edge

The cut off date for the Newsletter is the 20th of Month at 9am Website updated Tuesday & Friday

If you are supplying your own press ready artwork please ensure it is 300dpi at full size and supplied as high resolution cmyk pdf or jpeg, with 3mm extra bleed to each side. Please leave 12mm clear copy space to each edge.

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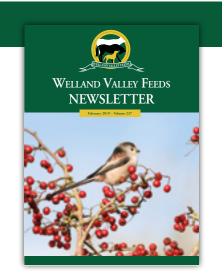
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Delivery Days 2019

Some of our Delivery Days have changed, please see below for amended areas.

Monday - Langtons, Billesdon, Somerby, Oakham, Lyddington

Tuesday - Great Glen, Kibworth, Gilmorton, Lutterworth

Wednesday - Hallaton, Uppingham, Kings Cliffe, Fotheringhay, Corby

Thursday - Brixworth, Harlestone, Crick, Welford

Friday - Brigstock, Thrapston, Kettering, Desborough, Moulton

We ask for a minimum of 10 bulk items (can be a mix of shavings and / or feed – don't forget to include the cat and or dog food!).

Winter deliveries

Due to the large volume of deliveries during the winter months, please place your order before 2pm on the previous day to avoid disappointment



TO PLACE AN ADVERTISEMENT

e-mail: sales@wellandvalleyfeeds.co.uk telephone: 01858 461 463

If you no longer wish to receive a copy of our newsletter please advise us by telephone or email.

Welland Valley Feeds Ltd produce this Newsletter for the benefit of our customers and whilst every care is taken when producing this Newsletter, we cannot accept any liability for typing or printing errors. Please note for safety reasons we will not include any second hand riding hats or Body Protectors. Adverts to be specific to our industry. It is the responsibility of the advertiser to ensure they comply with the law when advertising. Thank you.

Win a BEDMAX goody bag

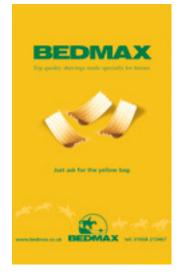


For your chance to win a BEDMAX goody bag to include a voucher for two bags of BEDMAX just complete and return the wordsearch below.

Can you find the types of bedding and floor covering in the wordsearch: Words can read up, down, sideways and diagonally. Send your entries to the address below by Monday 18th February 2019 at 9.30am. Good luck!

RAPESTRAW
STRAW
WOOD PELLETS
SHAVINGS
BEDMAX
LITTLEMAX
RUBBER MATTING
HEMP
CARDBOARD

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Winner of the Know Your chickens competition is Mrs R Sawford from Geddington, congratulations!

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mail Telephone				
1SF Welland Valley Feeds – Competition Terms:				
When entering this competition, you are agreeing to us using your information for our marketing purposes. The information is NOT shared with any third party. We will announce the winner on our Facebook page and in the next issue of our newsletter.				
lease indicate how you would prefer us to contact you: Post Email Telephone				
Once we have updated our database with your information and after the winner has been chosen and advised the paper copy of this competition will be destroyed.				
end completed entries to: MSF Welland Valley Feeds Limited, Rockingham Road, Market Harborough, Leicestershire. LE16 7QE. Or by email to: sales@wellandvalleyfeeds.co.uk Or drop off your entry in store. Good Luck. Closing date: Monday 18th February 2019 at 9.30 am				



SPECIAL OFFER! SAVE £2.00



Looking after your rabbits in winter

Rabbits will eat more in winter as they naturally think food will become scarce. The extra food also provides them with more fat insulation, but this alone does not keep them warm enough. Their fur coat will also get a bit thicker, but again this only helps them slightly and they'll still rely solely on you to keep them safe and warm.

Move the hutch somewhere warmer such as a shed or unused garage (do not park your cars in there as exhaust fumes can kill rabbits). If you have no shed or garage, move the hutch to somewhere sheltered such as by some trees, facing away from the wind and raise your hutch off the ground by placing bricks underneath. This will help to prevent damp from the ground affecting the bottom of the hutch and ground frost freezing the base.

Ensure the hutch walls and roof are sound and waterproof. You can also use clear perspex or a plastic sheet over a large portion of the front of the hutch for added weather protection.

Make the inside of the rabbit hutch warm by lining the floor with layers of newspaper and adding lots of extra hay and straw for your rabbits to bury themselves into but leave enough room for ventilation.

It is essential that the water bottle is checked frequently through the day to ensure the water hasn't frozen. A Classic Bottle Cover over the bottle can help to prevent this.

It's important that rabbits still exercise and have the use of a run during the colder months. A good tip is to let your rabbit out to exercise in the middle of the day rather than in the early morning or evening to avoid them becoming too cold.

We stock a range of rabbit feed, treats and accessories



Equine Bedding

Welland Valley Feeds offer a range of competitively priced horse bedding. Our prices are inclusive of delivery within a 15 mile radius of Market Harborough. For quantities of 20 bales or more please ask for details of price breaks. All prices are correct at the time of going to print and may be subject to change without prior notice.

Pure Flake Premium Bale £6.62 per bale + VAT £7.94

- Traditional White Wood Shavings
- Soft & Absorbent
- Dust Extracted and Very Clean
- Excellent Spread Volume
- 5 to 6 bales to start up a bed in a 12' x 12' stable. This depends on the depth of bed required and size of banks.



Nedz Bed Original and Nedz Bed Pro

Nedz Bed offers horse owners the chance to use a truly traditional method of bedding – maintaining the cosy feel and appearance of straw but also the benefits that technological advances bring – a comfortable, economical and highly effective solution to bedding requirements. Rivalling shavings for absorbency.

Nedz Original is made from carefully selected wheat straw which has been through a rigorous quality control process before being chopped and treated with the Natural Nedz formula to promote a healthy, safe environment for your horse.

Nedz Pro is made from oil seed rape straw. Offers a super absorbent alternative to shavings and other bedding materials – whilst combining all the benefits of quick rotting, easy to muck out, cosy chopped straw.

Offers comfortable bedding for your horse (Nedz Pro gives the ideal environment for horses suffering from respiratory disorders).

- · Highly absorbent
- All natural and herbal ingredients
- Bitter tasting to discourage bed eating
- Creates a hygienic, virtually dust free, non-toxic environment for your horse
- · Easy to muck out
- Cost effective
- Biodegrades within 2 to 3 months and can be safely used as fertiliser

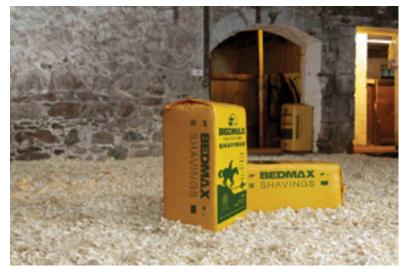
Nedz Original -3-4 bales for initial set up of 12×12 stable. Works best when mucked out fully on a daily basis with a further 1 - 1.5 bales added to top up per week

Nedz Pro -4-5 bales for initial set up of 12×12 stable. Nedz Pro works best when skipped out daily and fully mucked out once a week with a further 1-1.5 bales added to top up per week.

Nedz Original £5.91 + VAT £7.09

Nedz Pro £6.25 + VAT £7.50





Bedmax and Littlemax

£6.62 + VAT £7.94

BEDMAX and LITTLEMAX are both natural products produced from fresh timber sourced in the UK; dried to sterilising temperatures and to a controlled moisture content.

It is important to start with a clean, empty stable. We would recommend using 6-8 BEDMAX or LITTLEMAX bales, each of which will cover an area of approximately 3 square metres.

- Start by emptying the Shavings out of the packaging.
- Using a shavings fork, fluff out and aerate the shavings. You will notice that one bale expands to give a much larger volume of shavings.
- Spread the shavings evenly around the whole floor, including the area by the door as this is where horses spend a lot of time standing.
- Ensure a level and even bed of 6-8 inches depth.
- Banks are a useful way of reserving clean, dry shavings.
 Whilst they can also act as a draft excluder, it is important to note that banks will not prevent a horse becoming cast.

It is important to maintain a good depth of bed for a number of reasons, including; comfort, minimising the risk of injury and abrasion; joint support; encouraging sleep which allows the body to heal and repair; moisture management which draws urine away from the surface to prevent hoof and respiratory problems.

How to maintain and make the most of your BEDMAX or LITTLEMAX bed:

- Preferably remove the horse from the stable when you are mucking out to avoid exposing them to ammonia as you remove dirty and wet bedding.
- Remove the droppings.
- Heap all clean shavings at one side
- Remove wet shavings.
- If bedding from wall to wall, new shavings can be added on top of the bed.
- If rotating banks, new shavings can be added to top of banks.
- If you have a clean horse, it may be possible to remove just the droppings daily, removing the wet on a weekly basis.

It is important to maintain a good depth of bed irrespective of flooring, and not doing so can be detrimental to the health of the horse. If a full bed is not provided, urine and ammonia is much closer to the surface, increasing the risk of bacteria such as E.coli and thrush. This also increases the risk of damage to the hooves.

Snowflake Wood Pellets

£5.50 + VAT £6.60

Snowflake Premium equine wood pellets are made from UK sourced 100% virgin softwood. The wood is compressed to form a pellet using only lignin which is naturally found in the wood to bind them. Wood pellets make a lovely, warm fluffy bed that is very absorbent, being able to soak up to 3 times their volume in water, locking in odours too. The pellets are fully biodegradable and rot down quickly on the muck heap into a rich compost.



Megazorb

£6.83 + VAT £8.20

Megazorb is a highly absorbent horse bedding that is manufactured from virgin wood pulp, a by-product of the paper making industry.



Aubiose

£7.79 + VAT £9.35

100% natural, organically cultivated hemp which composts readily without the need for added composting agents. The bedding works by soaking up liquids in a small area, at the base of the bed. The capped layer that forms over this saturated material reduces the chance of wet bedding being mixed in with the dry. The top layer of the bed remains warm, soft and dry for the horse.



Your horse needs Aubiose if it suffers from: respiratory ailments, prone to laminitis, susceptible to thrush, needs to keep clean or just simply likes a little luxury.



Easibed

£6.04 + VAT £7.25

Made from clean recycled wood, Easibed provides a comfortable free-draining and economical bed for your horse to live on and a dust free, healthy environment for you to work in.



Bedkind Cardboard Bale

 $20 \text{kg} \ \pounds 6.25 + \text{VAT} \ \pounds 7.50$

Premium quality, competitively priced horse bedding

BedKind is made from new, premium, dust-extracted cardboard. That means that your horses live and sleep in an environment which is virtually free from the dust that aggravates respiratory disease, whilst staying warm and dry at night too.

While BedKind is perfect for horse trainers and stables, our premium bedding is also suitable for other animals such as sheep, rabbits, poultry, and rodents.









WELLAND VALLEY FEEDS PRODUCTS





Waterproof Cushion Blue S, M, L, XL From £39.95



Waterproof Cage Mat S, M, L, XL Navy From £22.99



Weatherbeeta Dry-dog Bag S, M, L, XL Green, Navy, Red From £21.98



Weatherbeeta Fleece Zip Dog Coat, Navy/Red Sizes 30cm – 70cm from £16.98



Extreme Waterproof Duvet 93cm x 138 cm £47.29

Dirty Dog Mat, Maroon Medium £31.98 Large £59.99



Earthbound Classic WP Round Bed Navy, Green S, M, L, XL From £49.96



Danish Design Boot Bed Med £30.85 Large £46.50





Outhwaites Greyhound Coat 22", 24", 26" From £30.24



Puppy Dog Shampoo £3.75 BB Dog Shampoo £3.75 JVP Coat Care Dry Shampoo £3.59 Animology Dog Fox Poo shampoo £5.50



Pet Gear Boot and Bumper Cover £39



Lambing

We're fast approaching that very busy time with lambing. Our shelves are now well stocked in preparation of lambing time and we appreciate how exhausting this time is.

Remember our free local delivery service - if you're ordering your feed you can also add the smaller items to your order.





Provimi Orphan Lamb Shepherdess Feeder Bucket £163.33 + VAT

A unique lamb milk feeder providing a simple system of delivering warm, fresh milk to lambs 24 hours a day.

Pull on Spare Rubber Shepherdess Teat £1.24 + VAT

Available in Red or White

Volac Instant Lamlac Ewe Milk Replacer

Even mixes in cold water. (Suitable for goat kids too)

Lamlac can be used whenever it is necessary to rear a lamb away from the

ewe (i.e., orphan or surplus lambs). For successful rearing all lambs should have their navals disinfected immediately after birth and receive adequate colostrum (200-300ml) within the first 6 hours of birth. Lambs for artificial rearing should ideally be removed from the ewe within 48 hours of birth

5kg £14.95, 10kg £23.59 25kg £54.95

Nettex Ultra Concentrate Premium Easy Mix Lamb Colostrum

High quality first day colostrum providing energy and support to weak and small lambs. Fortified with ewes

25g Sachet £2.95 250g £28.50 500g £39.95 1kg £74.95



Colostrum protein for comprehensive support of new-born lambs. This product is formulated with

colostrum, egg protein and trace elements to support lambs in the critical first few days of life when they are most vulnerable to disease.

Administer to the back of the tongue as soon as possible after birth.

£15.95 / 100ml



Rapid energy boost for small, weak and growing lambs.

£14.95



Nettex Ewe Boost 100ml (4 lamb feeds)

Fast acting energy supplement during pre and post lambing. For weak and at-risk

ewes. £12.50

Osmonds Re-Energise Supplement 100ml

Essential energy supplement for ewes carrying multiple lambs £3.29 + VAT



Battles Twin Lamb Drench 500ml

An energy rich drench with essential trace elements. For nutritional support of ewes carrying twin lambs.

£7.46 + VAT

Battles Ewe Drink 150ml

Restoring normal health after lambing. Also suitable for chills and fever £2.08 + VAT



"active" preparation with rapid cleaning action for umbilical cords in the new born

animal - with violet. £5.41 + VAT

Norbrook® Liquid Life-Aid® 960ml £7.49 + VAT

Liquid Life-Aid® Oral Solution is indicated as an aid in recovery from pregnancy toxaemia and reversal of hypoglycaemia in sheep.



Shepherd's Crook

Short Leg £15.82+VAT Long Leg £16.66 + VAT Long Neck £16.66 + VAT Short Neck £14.15 + VAT



Orange Fearing Silkies Shoulder Disposable Gloves pack 100 £13.32 + VAT

Lifeline Ewe & Lamb Bucket 22.5kg £19.95

A unique specialist pre-lambing feed and mineral bucket designed to benefit both the unborn lamb as well as the

Key features and benefits

- · Original patented formulation, and the only product proven by SAC to increase colostrum quality, including a 25% increase in IgG
- High energy, from several sources, ideal for ewes at risk of twin lamb disease
- Includes a blend of nutritional boosters, including lactose, mannan-oligosaccharides and beta-glucans to support the ewe's immune function and colostrum
- Supports an easier lambing, and contains minerals, vitamins and trace elements, including good levels of selenium and vitamin E, to support lamb vigour



New in store

SUPAlyx Super Energy Plus with Fish Oil Bucket 22.5kg £18.95

An extra high energy feed and mineral bucket for ewes in the run up to lambing

Key features and benefits

Very high energy, including rumen protected fat, ideal for ewes at risk of twin lamb disease

High level of quality protein, including hi-pro soya, to help support colostrum production and milk let down at lambing time



Fortified with minerals, vitamins and trace elements, including selenium, cobalt, zinc and vitamin E, to support good ewe health and overall performance in the run up to lambing

SUPAlyx Magnesium Bucket 22.5kg £16.95

A high magnesium mineral, vitamin and trace element bucket for grazing cows and ewes at risk from grass staggers

Key features and benefits

Contains a high level of palatable magnesium for use where there is a risk of grass staggers

Fortified with minerals, vitamins and trace elements to support animal health and complement forages



Suitable for dairy cows, suckler cows and ewes at risk from grass staggers

SUPAlyx Cattle GP Bucket 22.5kg £16.95

A high specification mineral, vitamin and trace element bucket for all types of beef cattle on grazing or high forage systems



Key features and benefits

Fortified with minerals, vitamins and trace elements to support good stock health and supplement forages

Contains protected zinc and copper to optimise health, fertility and growth

Suitable for all beef cattle at grass or on high forage systems

SUPAlyx Sheep GP Bucket 22.5kg £16.95

A high specification mineral, vitamin and trace element bucket to help support flock health and performance all year round



ortified with minerals, vitamins and trace elements often found deficient in grazing and forages

Key features and benefits

Contains high levels of selenium, cobalt and vitamins E, B1 and B12 to support good flock health and performance

Contains a source of protected zinc ideal for where there is a risk of lameness



Rotterdam Overtrousers £24.17 + VAT

- · Legs adjustable by press studs
- · Elasticated waist
- · 100% Waterproof
- · Windproof
- Supple, stretchable, comfortable, lightweight and noiseless
- · Extended durability
- · High frequency welded seams

Flexothane Classic is a revolutionary combination of high polyurethane coating on a stretchable polymide kitted base fabric which is 100% waterproof, offers wind protection and good breathability.



Birch Micro-Fleece Lined Shirt £20.79 + VAT

- · 55% Cotton / 45% Polyester
- · Classic country shirt, but with extra warmth
- Front placket with 7 horneffect buttons for secure and adjustable fastening
- · Button-down breast pocket
- 2-stage adjustable buttoned and interlined cuffs
- Hem vented at both side seams for ease of movement
- · 100% Polyester Microfleece
- · Machine washable at 40°C

Sheep Va	ccines		
Code	Description	Details	Qty
89977	Heptavac P Plus	50ml	
89978	Heptavac P Plus	100ml	
89979	Heptavac P Plus	250ml	
42173	Ovivac P Plus	100ml	
42174	Ovivac P Plus	500ml	
93394	Bravoxin	50ml	
93395	Bravoxin	100ml	
Syringes	, Needles & Applicators		
C52356	Cox Sterimatic Injector	5ml	
C59450	Sterimatic Refill	5 Needles & 5 Stericaps	
57173	Disposable Syringe	2ml	
57174	Disposable Syringe	5ml	
57177	Disposable Syringe	10ml	
57176	Disposable Syringe	20ml	
C94912	Disposable Syringe	50ml	
90907	Disposable Needle	18gx¾" - Each	
98222	Disposable Needle	20gx½" - pk 20	
98221	Disposable Needle	21gx ⁵ /8" - pk 20	
98212	Disposable Needle	18gx½" - pk 20	
93613	Hypodermic Needles Luer Lock	18gx1" - pk 12	
93616	Hypodermic Needles Luer Lock	18gx¾" - pk 12	
93628	Hypodermic Needles Luer Lock	18gx½" - pk 12	
Pre – Lai	mbing Trace Elements		
93336	Veticop injection	100ml	
73307	Copinox 4g Capsule	Pack 100	
73305	Copinox 4g Capsule	Pack 250	
73306	Copinox Sheep Gun		
93213	Country Vit & Min Drench	1 litre	
93214	Country Vit & Min Drench	2.5 litre	
93215	Country Vit & Min Drench	5 litre	
Disinfec	1		
88333	Zenosan	25kg	
97709	FAM 30	5 litre	
81534	Virkon S Sachet	50g	
88902	Virkon S	1kg	
93325	Virkon S	5kg	
58845	Virkon S	10kg	
Stock Ma		400···1	
23586	UF Stock Marker Spray Red	400ml 400ml	
23585	UF Stock Marker Spray Green UF Stock Marker Spray Orange	400ml	
23587 23584	UF Stock Marker Spray Orange UF Stock Marker Spray Purple	400ml 400ml	
23583	UF Stock Marker Spray Blue	400ml	
23582	UF Stock Marker Spray Black	400ml	
23581	UF Stock Marker Spray Yellow	400ml	
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C01051111 C13363	Ultra Concentrate Colostrum Sachet	25g	
62338	Ultra Concentrate Colostrum Sacnet Ultra Concentrate Colostrum	250g	
C51919	Ultra Concentrate Colostrum	500g	
C51919	Ultra Concentrate Colostrum Ultra Concentrate Colostrum	1kg	
04328	Volac Lamb Milk Replacer	5kg	
	Volac Lamb Milk Replacer	10kg	
04330	Wolac Lamb Mills Replaces		

C55497	Colostrum Feeder - Bottle with Latex Tube		
C61812	Colostrum Feeder - Syringe with Plastic		
	Tube		
C55499 04308	Spare Latex Colostrum Tube Lamb Bottle and Teat (Pritchard Teat)	500ml	
55018	Spare Pritchard Teat	JOOINI	
C55460	4 Lamb Bottle Rack		
C55461	Non Vac Lamb Bottle	450ml	
C55462	Non Vac Spare Teat	4701111	
62340	Cross Cut Spare Teat (for buckets)		
48601	Shepherdess Milk Feeder Bucket		
84201	Shepherdess Spare Teat – Red		
84202	Shepherdess Spare Teat – White		
55016	Lamb Teats - Pull on		
55017	Lamb Teats - Plug in		
	Buckets & Blocks		
87586	SUPAlyx Super Energy plus With Fish	22.51	
	Oils Bucket	22.5kg	
42168	Lifeline Ewe & Lamb Bucket	22.5kg	
59022	Crystalyx Sheep Extra High Energy Bucket	22.5kg	
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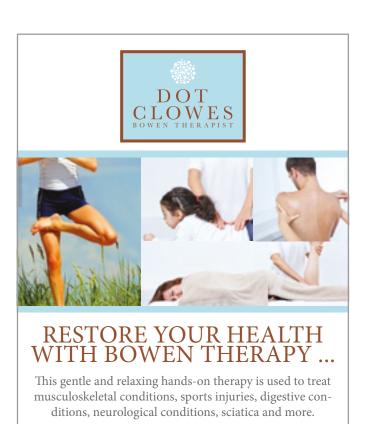
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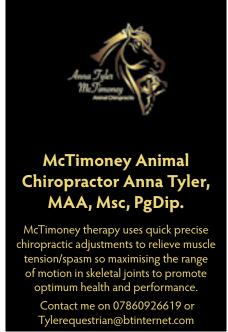
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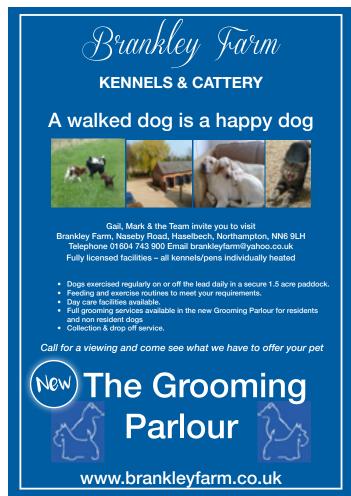
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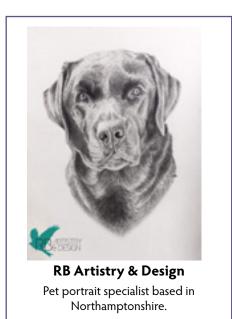
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Rural land market commentary summary of the past 12 months and market predictions for 2019



James Douglas Bsc (Hons) MRICS, FAAV

The 2018 East Midlands farmland market "onmarket" sales, in terms of both total acreages sold and number of transactions, has seen roughly flat sales to the previous 12-months. When looking more specifically at the individual transactions, there has been a marked increase in the number of large scale commercial arable farms coming to the market, in comparison to previous years.

In terms of demand, buyer appetite for larger acreages, well-located and relatively better-quality land has been very marked during 2018, with smaller areas of land, with less inherent fertility or in less favoured locations sometimes struggling to find buyers. Conversely, most farmland in the right location, found buyers. Location and land quality, therefore, continue to be the premium factors driving the price that can be sought for land. As such, land values can vary significantly within counties and the region as a whole. Assets with alternative income streams and exceptional soil quality, continue to be most desirable across the region- and the nation as a whole.

In terms of pricing, publicly available evidence to date, together with transactions with which we have been involved during the past 12-months, acting both for buyers and sellers, lead us to conclude that the perceived slight price falls in 2017 have been reversed and there may even have been a slight rise on the levels reached in 2015 or early 2016. Prices have ranged from lows of £6,000 to highs well in excess of £12,000 per acre for arable land. In terms of grassland, often being land that cannot be brought into arable cultivation for reasons of aspect, slope, flooding or being historically permanent pasture, the range is similarly wide.

The recent publication of the Agriculture Bill 2018 and the expected reductions in available subsidies, following the UK's departure from the EU, it is expected that buyers in 2019 will be even more particular, with the list of requirements increasing and buyers having the controlling power within the market place. Coupled with technological innovation, the political landscape could become a catalyst to reactivity and risk aversion. The 25-year Environmental Plan for the UK should be brought into legislative effect during 2019 through the government's Environmental Bill, setting out the environmental principles and governance that will guide all land use in the UK.

In conclusion, therefore, a slightly better market sentiment than this time last year exists presently, despite – or perhaps because of – continuing BREXIT uncertainties. Longer term, we are confident that underlying market fundamentals will stay strong, however, the long-term goals of all rural businesses must be underpinned with a clear plan to stabilise the short-term fluctuations.

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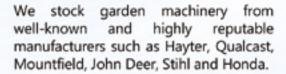


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