

# Funding Secured!

## Time to take up the Challenge



**September 2008**

### TRAINING UPDATE

You will find accompanying this Newsletter a copy of the Autumn/Winter Programme of Training Courses available throughout Yorkshire and into Durham. I am very proud to announce that along with Jean Oldridge of Goole Training we have accessed funding covering the whole of Yorkshire for a large number of courses for the next financial year and beyond. I would urge you to take up this training as if we do not use the funding we will not be able to continue into the future. We have managed to achieve 70% grant for all the funded courses. It will be necessary for us to assess your training requirements and your eligibility for the discounted training, so I would advise that you call the office or me asap to ensure that you are booked on the course you want before it is full. Those of you who expressed an interest in training courses previously, especially Road Trailer Driving for those young persons out there who need to pull a trailer, we can now offer you funding for your training.

Vicky Anderson

### BLUE TONGUE UPDATE

With the announcement of another two cases of Bluetongue in imported Rams in East Sussex and in imported cattle in Devon, the vaccination roll-out plan remains that the Protection Zone will be extended to Northumberland and Cumbria on 1<sup>st</sup> Sept, this will bring the whole of England into the Protection Zone.

For further information and answers to your questions visit NFU online or the Defra Website

**CTS ONLINE** – there is a proposal to stop sending paper passport applications to farmers who wish to apply online for their passports.

If you are not familiar with the internet, e-mailing and therefore the possibility of using the Cattle Tracing System on line why not come to the training course on 16<sup>th</sup> October or a future date for £30 and let me help you use the internet to its potential.

We have a suite of computers at Beech Hill which are all on broadband and you can see how easily you can use the internet for such jobs as applying for passports etc

### **CHILD SAFETY – WARNING**

Most of us don't even want to contemplate the death of a child. Sadly three children have died from accidents involving agricultural transport in the last three months, two were under the age of six. Please remember:-

- Children under age of 13 must not drive tractors.
- ATV must not carry passengers, and ensure the driver is suitably trained.
- Remind all that just because they can see a vehicle does not mean the driver can see them.
- Ensure all your staff are suitably qualified in all the machines they use i.e. most have never actually been trained in driving their tractor.

### **OPEN MEETINGS**

I would be very keen to meet with anyone that wishes to utilise my services be they training or business services, the first visit is free and if training is taken up following that meeting a 10% discount will be given on the first course completed. I will be holding an evening meeting, where you can have your and your business' training needs assessed on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at Beech Hill Training Room at 7.00pm where a glass of wine and refreshments will be provided. If this is successful, I hope to hold further meetings around the county, so if you have any suggestions as to where these should be held I would love to hear from you.

**Remember we are still providing a service for Animal Transport Certificate of Competence testing.**

### **Vicky Anderson**

Offers

**Farm Business Admin Service  
Farm Accounts  
Completion of PAYE Payroll  
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### National Minimum Wage

From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008  
22 and over £5.75/hour  
18-21 year old £4.77/hour  
16-17 year old £3.53/hour

Don't forget to alter your PAYE tax codes from 7<sup>th</sup> September. L suffix codes increase by 60. For example 543L becomes 603L.

### **NITRATE VULNERABLE ZONE – UPDATE**

The Government have now announced their response to the public NVZ Consultation with the final proposals going before parliament in Sept 2008. New guidance notes will be produced at the same time. Farmers in an existing NVZ will have to comply with the new action programme from Jan 2009. Farmers in the new NVZ's have until Jan 2010. The new storage requirements for slurry will have a 3 year implementation period starting from Jan 2009. Contact FWAG for further information and advice package.

### **FACTS Course & BASIS Training**

Funding may be possible. **Landspreading of Non Farm Waste** course – further details call Beech Hill Office 01609 882408

**Yorkshire Herdsmans Certificate** available from £50 per day. Inc DIY AI, Mastitis Control, Lameness treatment.

### **GRANTS AVAILABLE**

#### Bio-energy Capital Grants Scheme

A £4 million fund to support the installation of bio-mass fuelled heating and combined heat & power projects, including anaerobic digesters has been launched by Defra.

#### Local Food Grants

Local Food is a £50 million programme that distributes Lottery grants to food-related projects to help make locally grown accessible and affordable to local communities.

[www.localfoodgrants.org](http://www.localfoodgrants.org)

#### Resource Efficiency Programme for Livestock Farmers

Yorkshire Forward, the regional development agency has launched a grant scheme to help livestock farmers cope with the future environmental legislation. A small capital grants scheme is available to improve the business efficiency of livestock holdings for reducing waste, energy and/or water through the introduction of new technology to promote renewable energy, manure management and water resource efficiency. Grants are up to 40% up to a max. of £20,000.

An application round for funding small scale wind turbines, water harvesting equipment and slurry separation systems finishes 27<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

For further information on any of the above please contact the office and we will explain further and put you in touch with the correct body.



### CROP PROTECTION MANAGEMENT PLAN

A new online version at [www.cpmonline.com](http://www.cpmonline.com), which is easier to use and complete, will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. The livestock CPMP is simpler for farmers who spray occasionally and have not completed a CMP. The excel & paper versions can be downloaded from VI website at [www.voluntaryinitiative.org.uk](http://www.voluntaryinitiative.org.uk)

### Sheep Tagging Reminder

- Animals born on or after 11 Jan 08 must be double tagged if they are intended to live over 12 months or will be exported.
- Animals born on or after 11 Jan 08 that are intended for slaughter in the UK before 12 months can be single tagged.
- Animals that have been single tagged with individual number prior to 11 Jan 08 do not need any further tags.
- If an animal that was single tagged after 11 Jan 08 and it reaches 12 months it must be double tagged.

### Useful hints & tips:

Acres/Hectares – From Jan 2010 the acre will no longer be recognised under EC legislation.

NetRegs – A free guide on how to comply with environmental regulations. [www.netregs.gov.uk](http://www.netregs.gov.uk)

As from October 2008 the RPA will only be paying single Farm Payments directly into your bank account, so make sure that you have completed the correct forms if you are not currently paid by Bacs, or if you have changed bank accounts ensure that your new details have been given to the RPA

