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Welcome to AgriBuzz

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

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Agricultural waste special:

Exemptions – register now

Most farmers carry out [waste management activities](#) on their farm and many of these are covered by [exemptions](#).

Any agricultural waste exemptions you have previously registered will expire on 30 September 2013. Therefore you must register all your exemptions in the new system before this date.

This is required due to the new regulations that were introduced on 6 April 2010. The old waste exemptions have been replaced by a completely new list of exempt waste activities and since then there has been a transition period to enable you to move across to the new system.

You do not have to wait until the deadline to register. It's best to act sooner rather than later to ensure you're up to date and fully compliant. To help you register we have produced [guidance](#) which includes a table showing you how the old exemptions match the new ones. Some exemptions are almost identical to the old system, some are similar but with different conditions and some are completely new.



Recycling farm plastics

The quickest and easiest way to register your exemptions is to use our [online registration system](#), you will then receive a letter from us confirming your registration. To register by post call the Agricultural Waste Helpline on 0845 603 3113 and we'll send you an application form and copies of the guidance.

All exemptions are free to register and must be registered with us before you carry out the activity. You may add any new exemptions you need or ask for ones you no longer need to be removed at any time.

Landspreading – new guidance

Comprehensive new guidance has been released on [how to comply with your landspreading permit](#).

This guidance is relevant for businesses involved in spreading waste materials on land including:

- permit holders and their contractors
- waste producers
- land managers
- farmers on whose land waste is spread

An agricultural [benefit statement template](#) to use in deployment applications under landspreading mobile plant permits is also available.

Landspreading can beneficially add organic matter to soil and reduce your reliance on manufactured fertilisers and quarried soil conditioners. The new guidance explains whether a landspreading



Landspreading by deep injection

General guidance for spreading waste on land is available on our [website](#).

operation is considered as recovery or disposal and how to ensure that it does not harm human health or the environment including soils, rivers, groundwater, animals and habitats.

Manures and slurries are not classed as waste when spread to farmland as a fertiliser. However they can cause pollution and you won't get the best out of them if they are not spread carefully. Refer to the [best practice guidance](#).



Hazardous farm waste

Hazardous farm waste

You will almost certainly produce [hazardous waste](#) on your farm at some point. These are wastes that pose more of a risk to human health and the environment and include: oil containers, lubricating oils, lead acid batteries, asbestos sheeting and roofing, and fluorescent light tubes.

We have produced guidance which lists the common hazardous wastes and explains how to deal with them, as there are special controls on their [handling](#), [transport](#) and disposal, even if you produce a very small quantity or you have it picked up by a contractor.

If you produce more than 500kg of hazardous waste on your farm in a 12-month period you must also register with us as a [hazardous waste producer](#).

There is a free national [directory](#) to find the nearest site that will recycle, treat or dispose of the agricultural waste you produce.

To order any printed copies of the guidance featured in this issue please [email us](#).

Events and diary dates

Event	Date(s)
Free EBLEX Intensive Crop Nutrient Management Workshop Learn how to save money by reducing fertiliser bills through making better use of muck and slurry. To book your place call EBLEX on 0870 6091840 / 01904 771211 or email: brpevents@eblex.ahdb.org.uk	25 April 2013 (10am-3pm) Conkers, Nr Swadlincote, S.Derbyshire, DE12 6GA
Free nutrient management workshop Find out how to maximise nutrients from livestock manures and how to get to grips with the NVZ rules. Led by an independent FACTS qualified farm advisor. To book your place contact Staffordshire Rural Hub Tel: 01785 255305 or email: Staffordshire@ruralhubpartnership.co.uk NRoSO and BASIS registration applied for,	30 April 2013 (10.30am-1pm) Leek Cricket Club, Staffordshire, ST13 8SG.
Free energy seminars – understanding your	9 May 2013 (7.30pm) Staffordshire County

<p>options A seminar to provide you with practical advice and initiatives for small rural businesses and farms, including; a practical overview of renewable technologies (incl. wind, solar, biomass etc) and how to finance a project. To book your place contact Staffordshire Rural Hub Tel: 01785 255305 or email: Staffordshire@ruralhubpartnership.co.uk NB: Seminars will last approx 1hour and include a free buffet supper.</p>	<p>Showground, ST18 0BD 14 May 2013 (7.30pm) Rudyard Hotel, Leek, ST13 8RN</p>
<p>Bakewell Market Drop in Centre Come and see us on the first Monday of the Month: 10am – 2pm, together with the Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer for advice and information.</p>	<p>13 May 2013 3 June 2013 1 July 2013</p>
<p>Pig & Poultry Live A conference based technical business day for the pig, poultry meat and egg industries. Including industry debate, top speaker line-up, networking and over 90 companies and organisations exhibiting. Delegate places cost £85 (excl. VAT) and include refreshments, lunch and free parking. (Discounts available for ABN customers, NFU, NPA and RASE members). Visit the events booking page to book your place.</p>	<p>15 May 2013</p>
<p>Open Farm Sunday Organised by Linking Environment and Farming (LEAF). An annual event that gives everyone the chance to meet farmers who grow their food and care for the countryside. The website also tells you how you can open your farm.</p>	<p>9 June 2013</p>
<p>Cereals Come and visit our stand at Cereals, the leading technical event for the UK arable industry with over 64ha of stands and live demonstrations and over 490 leading suppliers with the latest products.</p>	<p>12 - 13 June 2013</p>
<p>Livestock Event (Featuring the National Dairy Show) Come and visit our stand at the leading event for the livestock sector in the UK. Offering comprehensive technical, business and financial information.</p>	<p>3 - 4 July 2013</p>
<p>CLA Game Fair The worlds largest game fair and leading country sport event.</p>	<p>19 - 21 July 2013</p>
<p>AgriBuzz - Summer Issue Please email us with any content ideas, stories or photos.</p>	<p>July 2013</p>

Useful websites

Environment Agency - Agriculture	Relevant information covering the whole sector.
Environment Agency – Publications catalogue	Download the current and previous issues of AgriBuzz as a PDF document.

	Search for 'AgriBuzz' as the publications title.
Environment Agency – What's in your back yard?	Use our interactive maps to find out more about the environment where you live. Including proposed NVZ designation, aquifer designation, groundwater source protection zones, flood maps and river quality.
Waste directory	A national directory. You can search for the nearest site that will recycle, treat or dispose of the waste you produce.
Environment Agency – agricultural waste exemption lookup guide	This guide helps you look up which of the new exemptions you need to register for activities carried out on farms.
SSAFO (Silage, Slurry & Agricultural Fuel Oil) Regulations	Information and guidance for the design, construction and maintenance of new or substantially enlarged / reconstructed storage facilities.
Campaign for the farmed environment	An industry wide campaign that recognises the importance of managing the farmed environment voluntarily. Including how to take part, online record and advice area.
Climate Ready	A support service to help business adapt to climate change. Including practical resources and sector specific guidance for agriculture.
Farming advice service	Provides advice on subjects including; cross compliance, nutrient management, climate change adaptation and mitigation, to help you improve the economic and environmental performance of your farm.
GOV.UK - NVZ	New single government website (previously Defra - NVZ) - NVZ guidance and information. Including access to the leaflets and publications, and the regional boundary maps.

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