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Midlands edition

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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Hot topics

New NVZ Regulations go live

The new Nitrate Vulnerable Zone (NVZ) Regulations have been published and came into force on 17 May 2013. These new Regulations bring in some key amendments and changes to boundaries. A handy [update note](#), including a calendar of important dates for 2013-2014 is available.



Fertiliser in store

The changes include; placing an upper limit on fertiliser applications to most horticultural crops and how and where field manure heaps may be built.

Check the [revised maps](#) to confirm if you fall within an NVZ.

Please note that the derogation application period for 2014 will open on 1 October 2013 and close on 31 December 2013.

Additional guidance is available on the [GOV.UK](#) and [Environment Agency](#) websites.

Change to SSAFO regulations

The new NVZ Regulations now also include a change to the Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil Regulations (SSAFO) with regard to 'notifications'. Previously the requirement was for farmers to notify us 14 days prior to commencing use of new, or substantially enlarged or reconstructed facilities. However from 15 June 2013 farmers are now required to notify us at least 14 days before starting work on new or the refurbishment of existing silo, slurry or fuel oil storage systems, specifying its type and location.

This will mean that we are able to determine whether any modifications to your plans are required prior to the start of any construction and therefore avoiding the need for costly reconstruction. Further guidance is available on our [website](#).



On farm fuel storage tanks

CAMS update

We have published updated Catchment Abstraction Management Strategies (CAMS) for all Midlands catchments. These plans set out how we will manage water resources in the Midlands, balancing the needs of abstractors while protecting the environment.

They provide information on how much water is available for abstraction – the process of removing water from watercourses, for a variety of uses including public water supply, agriculture and industry – and the restrictions that are likely to be imposed on future licences. This information will be useful to existing and prospective abstractors as well as those who want to know more about water resources in the Midlands.



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The updated data collated for CAMS identifies where flows may not be supporting ecological objectives due to water abstraction. This underpins all of our work on Water Framework Directive (WFD)

investigations for abstraction pressures. Further details can be found on our [website](#).

Events and diary dates

Event	Date(s)
<p>Demonstration day for water provision on the farm – Free event organised by Catchment Sensitive Farming, the Wye & Usk Foundation and the Herefordshire Rural Hubs Partnership, including examples and demonstrations of affordable and simple sources of water for stock and other farm use.</p> <p>Information is also available on bank-side management, drainage and compaction issues, abstraction licence requirements, biobeds and potential funding sources.</p> <p>Tea/Coffee is provided and NRoSO and Basis points have been applied for.</p> <p>To book a place contact the Herefordshire Rural Hub on 01432 870033 or email herefordshirehub@hct.ac.uk</p>	12 July 2013 (10.00am-16.00pm) - Rough Acre, Stansbatch
<p>CLA Game Fair</p> <p>The world's largest game fair and leading country sport event.</p>	19 - 21 July 2013
<p>Bakewell Market Drop in Centre</p> <p>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>	5 August 2013 2 September 2013 7 October 2013
<p>AgriBuzz – Autumn Issue</p> <p>Please email us with any content ideas, stories or photos.</p>	October 2013

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 revised 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 recognizes 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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