

UTASS Briefing: 4th December 2013

SINGLE PAYMENT SCHEME 2013.

The RPA expect to be making payments from Monday 2nd December 2013 and hope to pay 93% of claimants by the end of December. Though the exchange rate was confirmed at the end of September, it has not been possible to work out the regional payments until the EU agreed the overall CAP budget cut (financial discipline) on 11th November 2013. The table below shows the regional payment rates with last year for comparison. However, payments will be subject to the same “modulation” reductions of 14% for the first 5000 euros and 19% over that amount as last year.

Region	SPS 2013 per hectare	SPS 2012 per hectare
Non SDA	£270.86	£258.50
SDA	£217.62	£207.72
SDA Moorland	£38.02	£36.29

SHEEP AND GOAT ANNUAL INVENTORY.

All keepers of sheep and goats are required to record the number of sheep and goats on their holding on the 1st December 2013 in their Holding Register under Section 7. If a keeper has more than one holding/CPH the number of sheep on each holding must be recorded in each separate holding register. Keepers also need to complete and return the annual inventory form to Defra by 31st December 2013. Defra should send forms out automatically, but if a form has not been received by mid-December please contact Defra on 01904 455284. Failure to submit a return, even if Defra have not sent one out, could result in an SPS penalty. There is the ability to submit returns online this year <https://defra.experiencehorizon.com/SAG2013>

SOIL PROTECTION REVIEW: REMINDER.

SPS applicants need to review 2013 by the end of December. On inspection failure to produce a Soil Protection Review or an incomplete review will result in penalties.

SHEEP AND GOAT IDENTIFICATION.

As part of the EU requirement to have a national database for the UK flock, Defra are planning to introduce changes during the next year to the Sheep and Goat Identification and Movement (SAGIMO) rules. This will include a new AML1 form, electronic reporting of movements and all slaughter tags becoming electronic. There may also be a requirement to electronically identify all older sheep. UTASS intends to produce a briefing in January 2014 when the actual requirements for compliance have been clarified.

C REG 20 FORMS are currently being sent out by the RPA. They are just to make sure that the RPA has the most up to date information about a business and those within the business as CAP reform approaches in 2015. If you receive one and would like assistance please let us know.

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