

UTASS Briefing: 30th November 2018.

SHEEP AND GOAT ANNUAL INVENTORY.

All keepers of sheep and goats need to complete an annual inventory showing the number of animals on their holding on 1st December 2018. This needs to be done by 31st December or it may incur additional inspections and possible penalties. Those keepers who have done this online in the past should receive an email with a link to a partially prepopulated form. Paper copies should be sent to everyone else. However, if you do not receive a form or link you should contact Defra on 03000 600140 or e-mail surveys@defra.gsi.gov.uk

BPS 2018.

The RPA are “quietly optimistic” that they will be able to make many more payments in December this year. The exchange rate has been set at 1 Euro = £0.89281. This is fractionally down on last year and should give total payments (basic and greening) of approximately:

Region	Euros	Pounds Sterling
Non SDA	259.52	231.70
SDA	257.53	229.92
SDA Moorland	70.23	62.70

Payments will have a small deduction (Financial Discipline Mechanism) which will be reimbursed by the RPA later in 2019 if they are “within budget”.

BPS 2019.

We are aware that a lot of members have had mapping alterations made by the RPA over the last year. Many of these are almost imperceptible but the onus is on the claimant to make sure that the information held by the RPA is accurate. Last year we asked members who make claims with us online to make appointments well before the application window opened to check their data. This turned out to be time really well spent and made the actual application process simpler and safer for all concerned. We are intending to do this again and would ask members to contact UTASS to make an appointment by the end of February to check not just their mapping information but their business details prior to the 2019 application period.

MAKING TAX DIGITAL

HMRC are planning to roll this out for VAT returns for all businesses whose turnover exceeds the vat threshold (£85,000) early next year. We have been investigating various different options but it is not clear yet exactly what will be required or when. We hope that we may be able to give more definitive information early next year.

For further advice and assistance please call UTASS 01833 641010.

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