

UTASS Briefing: 6th November 2020.

COVID 19: MARTS

The Livestock Auctioneers Association after conversations with DEFRA have confirmed that livestock Marts will stay open during the current Lockdown but subject to the following rules:

- Attendance at markets **WILL** be restricted to those conducting business and only one representative per business will be allowed to enter the site
- Re-introduction of a 'drop and go' policy where possible
- Market sales will be restricted to the sale of livestock – sales of machinery, poultry, fur and feather, furniture, etc., will be postponed, or cancelled
- All on-farm sales of machinery and/or non-livestock goods will be postponed, or cancelled
- Markets will ensure strict social distancing
- Face coverings must be worn at all times. The wearing of face coverings is not a substitute for the need to maintain social distancing at all times
- Market canteens/catering facilities will only offer a takeaway service
- Markets will continue to provide hand washing facilities
- Markets will continue to keep a register of all attendees to their site

AGRICULTURE BILL

The Prime Minister has agreed that the Trade and Agricultural Commission “will be extended and placed on a full statutory Footing”. This is a huge step forward in stopping our future agricultural production being undermined by imports not produced to our own regulatory standards. UTASS wrote to Dehenna Davidson on behalf of our members but many thanks to all those who also contacted MPs on this issue.

BPS PAYMENT RATES

The RPA have announced the region rates for 2020. Payments can be made from the 1st December 2020. This year, as the UK has left the EU, payments will be made in full with no Financial Discipline Mechanism (FDM) deducted. In previous years this has largely been reimbursed after the payment window has closed on the 30th June in the next year. The rates shown below include the Greening element.

Non SDA	SDA	Moorland within SDA
£233.21	£231.56	£63.95

For further advice and assistance please call UTASS 01833 641010.
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UTASS COVID-19 RELIEF SUPPORT

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DO YOU NEED
HELP OR SUPPORT?

Whatever your problem UTASS can help!

We have a bank of capable volunteers able to provide **whatever help** you may need.

They are currently helping people with problems such as...

- collection & delivery of **shopping** and other essentials.
- collection & delivery of **prescriptions** and medication.
- **dog walking**.
- regular **phone calls** to 'Keep in touch'.
- free **counselling** sessions.

... **However our services are not limited to the list above.**

It's good to talk, you are not alone!
Please do get in touch

Our team of staff have a wide range of skills. They are in regular contact with other organisations who can fill the gaps.

If you know of anyone else who needs some help, PLEASE share this information with them



Our Facebook group **'In It Together Teesdale'** is a one stop shop for advice and information. It can be accessed by **ANYONE**, you **don't have to** sign up to Facebook!



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