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### Interest Rates, Inflation and Crystal Ball Gazing

Many of you will have seen the changes to base rates and also be experiencing the current price inflation.

I am afraid with what is currently happening in Ukraine the world is now experiencing changes that most of us have not really seen before and not anticipated. Hindsight is of course a wonderful thing.

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### Don't Let the Sparks Fly

Don't let stray voltage make the sparks fly in your dairy. Actually stray voltage is not strong enough to make sparks fly; if it was, we would all see it. Dairy cows are very sensitive to extremely low voltages, with research demonstrating that some cows can pick up voltages as low as 0.5 volts and they certainly sense a problem if it's there. Stray voltage results in cows receiving a tingle or even a mild shock that disturbs their normal behaviour. This often reduces 'let down' leaving milk in the udder after milking leading to higher cell counts or increased mastitis cases.

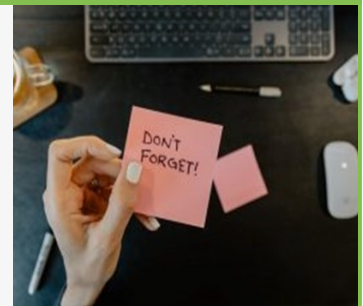
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### Commodities Update



### Payroll Update for Employers

With everything going on currently it's easy to forget that normal day to day HR changes are still taking place so I thought it might make sense to set out some of the key changes taking place now or in the coming weeks.



### Cash Is King!

Cashflow is the lifeblood of any business. Hard work, a good idea and a commitment to put a plan into practice can all fall down if sufficient cash is not available, even if the enterprise is immediately profitable. For established farm businesses in 2022 the same principles are even more pertinent.

From March 24<sup>th</sup> the old SSP rules now apply meaning no SSP is payable for the first three days of absence and is only payable from day 4 for eligible employees. In essence COVID is simply another illness and to be treated the same as any other employee sickness issue. [Read more](#)



Doing quite a few budgets currently at present shows that though well-run businesses are still profitable, they

are running out of cash in some cases. The two loads of fertiliser that were delivered and paid for this time last year is the equivalent of two thirds of a load delivered and paid for this year at this time. The later that commodities are bought in smaller quantities, the more paid per unit. [Read more](#)

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