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Seed Update

We recently sat down with our seed supplier for a review of the past year and for the year ahead. A couple of things came out of the meeting which are discussed below:

Maize Seed: We now have prices for the coming year for maize seed. Most of our popular varieties are still there, i.e. Lovely and Picker, and they've been joined by the new varieties Tommen and Myrdal, among others. [Read more](#)

Replace the Spinner with a Sprayer?

This article is taken from some interesting work that was done by EIP Wales. I think that under the current trend of high fertilizer prices it is very topical.

Most nitrogen (N) fertilisers are applied to grassland systems in solid prill form.

The nutrients are washed into the topsoil by rain and subsequently taken up by the roots of the plants. A host of factors such as soil compaction, drainage, bioactivity, soil temperature, dry or wet weather can affect the nutrient release and uptake by the grass with this method with some N lost to the atmosphere as Ammonia. [Read more](#)



Yes, you can go soya free

With increasing pressure from supermarkets and processors to go soya free, can it be done? Yes, quite happily provided, like always, the diet is correctly formulated and balanced.

Usually, and depending on your level of production, it includes using a mixture of rape, protected rape, prairie meal and feed grade urea, or ideally molasses containing feed grade urea as its protein source. [Read more](#)



What3Words

More than just a navigation App!

A number of you will have heard of and possibly used the What3Words app. For those of you that haven't, this is a free app. The app company has divided up the UK and most of the world into squares 1m x 1m and given it square a unique name. For example our office in Trent has the reference ///discourage.series.hasten The app is great for giving people the exact location of where you are if you are meeting someone. We use it for our discussion group meetings to help members find the location of the farm we are meeting at.

[Read more](#)

THE FARM TRANSFORMATION FUND

The Improving Farm Productivity grant provides funding towards capital items for robotic or autonomous equipment and systems to aid livestock productivity.



The grant will cover:

- Voluntary robotic milking systems
- Robotic feeding systems
- Advanced ventilation control units

Never has there been a more important time

'Over the past five months, my milk price has increased by 5ppl, that should cover it '..... This was one farmers' answer to my query of how he was going to cope with volatile and inflationary price pressures on his business in the next 6-12 months.

One hour later after doing a simple annualised (not cashflow) budget for his business, he realised that he needed a 6ppl milk price increase to break even based on current cost increases. [Read more](#)

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