



Making Nitrogen Fertiliser 30% More Efficient

With new season nitrogen fertiliser prices providing no good news, has the age of cheap and easy grassland nutrition come to an end? Now is a good time to look at alternative approaches. I come across many farmers reluctant or refusing to buy nitrogen, but the consequences of this are well-documented – we all know of the yield losses in the early years of organic conversion.

The first and simplest approach for consideration should be adding a carbon source to all nitrogen applications. [Read more](#)



Farming Equipment & Technology Fund

Have you successfully applied for the Farming and Equipment & Technology Fund (FETF) Round 1? If so, we can assist you with sourcing the following items: [Read more](#)



The Benefits of Feeding Biochar to Ruminants and the Soil

Biochar is available through natural clearing of shrubland and not deforestation.

The addition of biochar as a supplement to ruminant feed, as part of an integrated farming system, has the potential to benefit the health of the animals, improve soil quality and plant growth. Increasing overall farm productivity and reducing net greenhouse gas emissions.

[Read more](#)

Backwards Budgeting

At a recent FCG training event we looked at a case study on a dairy farm, discussing the implications of the loss of the BPS alongside succession planning and whether the business could remain viable in the future.



As part of the discussion, we used a tool called backwards budgeting. This enables you to work back from the profit the business needs, through your fixed costs to what the farming enterprises need to generate to meet the required profit.

[Read more](#)

Commodities Update



Up to £40K Water Capital Grants Still Available!

Although the application window for getting Natural England Catchment approval has closed, there is still an opportunity to apply for capital items that don't require endorsement. Options below are available under the Water Capital Grant Scheme and Mid Tier Stewardship. [Read more](#)

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