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## Do We Just Add Clover?

Is nitrogen fixation really as simple as just adding clover to grass swards?

The answer to this is of course no – there are many factors to consider in making use of this free resource. The atmosphere is 78% nitrogen and well-functioning soils should have the ability to capture most if not all their nitrogen needs from the air. How do we achieve this? [Read more](#)

## Farm Accounts and MTD

As from this 1<sup>st</sup> April, all VAT registered businesses will have to produce and report their VAT digitally. Anyone still working out figures on a spreadsheet and then 'manually' transferring them to submit to C & E will (technically) be breaking the law.

So, no adding up figures and taking away the one you first thought of on little bits of paper will be allowed, now. Our Farm Accounts software will enable you to do this. It is software specially written for farmers and farm secretaries. [Read more](#)



## Commodities Update



## Farming Equipment and Technology Fund

Since Mid February the Farming Equipment and Technology Fund has been offering agreements to successful applicants.

How to ensure you get your claim through the RPA without any hiccups? [Read more](#)

## Pre-Cut or Grazing Grass Testing

With some cows out to grass and others that should be soon, you may want to see what your grass quality is like to ensure a correctly balanced ration as they transition to full grazing or maybe you zero graze, so want to balance the ration for this?

If you are on a multicut silage system and looking to cut grass in the next month or so, weather permitting, or on a more traditional system, either way you want to test the nitrate levels in your grass, to ensure that it is safe to cut? [Read more](#)



## Miscanthus - An Alternative Sustainable Cattle Bedding?

Sand, Straw and Sawdust are becoming high-cost bedding materials. Straw potentially would add carbon back to the soil so chopping behind the combine could become the normal.

Miscanthus also known as elephant grass, has traditionally been grown for biomass fuel for power stations around the world. The crop grows over three metres tall and produces a crop every year. With a twenty-year lifespan, very little input costs after establishment and similar characteristics to straw why cannot it be used as a bedding material either through a straw spreader or ground for cubicles beds. [Read more](#)



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