

FAR Update

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Welcome

Welcome to the summer 2026 edition of the FAR Update. In this issue, I am pleased to share news of the Government's plans for Great Britain Deforestation Regulations and the implementation of the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) in Northern Ireland.

You will also find an update on the latest information from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) review of the Water Regulations and what it means for feed advisers, as well as the launch of the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB) Beef and Lamb Environmental Roadmap.

There are updates on the review of the FAR Core Modules training and the release of the Nutrient Balance Continuing Professional Development (CPD) module for poultry. Finally, we will be saying goodbye to Carolyn in the autumn and wish her well in her well-deserved retirement.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please get in touch at far@agindustries.org.uk or via the contact details on the back page.



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Government Sets Out Plans for Great Britain Deforestation Regulation and Implementation of EUDR in Northern Ireland

The Government announced in June its plans to introduce new rules in Great Britain (GB) to tackle illegal deforestation in GB supply chains.

The commodities in scope are wood, cattle, cocoa, coffee, palm oil, rubber, soya and certain derived products, such as chocolate and furniture. Businesses with an annual turnover of more than £1 million will fall within scope and will be required to carry out due diligence.

This will require them to:

- a) establish a due diligence system;
- b) report on their activities; and
- c) retain evidence of compliance, including collecting geolocation data on the origin of products.

It is important to note that requiring due diligence reporting is a different method of demonstrating compliance from the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR), which operates at the point of placing commodities on the European Union (EU) market.

The Government appears to be taking a progressive approach to regulation. It has indicated that, in due course, its ambition is to transition to a deforestation-free standard. This would require relevant products to be produced without any deforestation, whether illegal or legal, and may also be extended to include land conversion.

The Government expects legislation to implement this regime in GB to be introduced in 2027.

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European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) and Northern Ireland



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The Government has also confirmed that, to maintain Northern Ireland's dual market access to both the UK Internal Market and the EU Single Market, the EUDR will apply in Northern Ireland in phases from 30 December 2026.

The Government has also confirmed the appointment of two competent authorities in Northern Ireland. The Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) and Northern Ireland's Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) will act as competent authorities. OPSS will be responsible for rubber and wood products, while DAERA will oversee palm oil, soya, cocoa, cattle and coffee.

The main implications for AIC Members are as follows:

- Many feed businesses are likely to fall within scope due to their use of commodities such as soya and palm products, meaning new due diligence requirements are expected.
- Businesses may face increased compliance costs and practical challenges, particularly in collecting geolocation data and verifying supply chains.
- Companies operating across GB and Northern Ireland may need to manage dual regulatory requirements, depending on their obligations under the EUDR.

- There will be implications for supply chains, particularly where sourcing from higher-risk regions becomes more complex.
- Members will need to consider their current level of supply chain traceability and engagement with suppliers ahead of future requirements.



James McCulloch
Head of Animal Feed

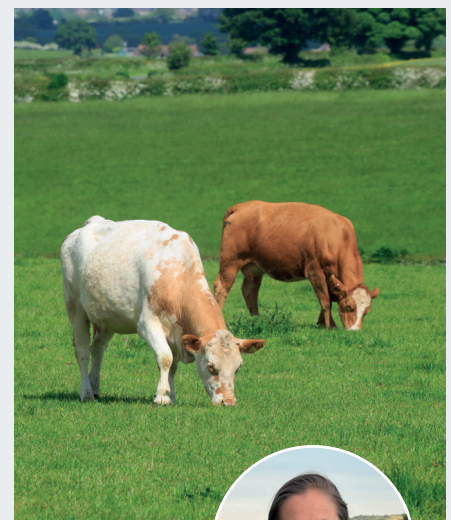
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Defra's Addressing Water Pollution from Agriculture Regulatory Review: What It Means for Feed Advisers

Work with the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) on its review of the regulations relating to water pollution from agriculture has continued, with a more focused approach on specific themes, including farm nutrient balance.

The contribution feed makes to whole-farm nutrient balance has been discussed during two task and finish group meetings, including the role that Feed Adviser Register (FAR) advisers play in providing professional advice. Defra policy leads attended AIC's Feed Sustainability Committee to present their current thinking and seek Members' views on their approach.

AIC expects a consultation on the regulations later in the year, which will provide a further opportunity to represent the views of AIC Members.



Vicky Robinson Head of Sustainability

BEEF & LAMB Environmental Roadmap

AHDB Launches Updated Beef and Lamb Environmental Roadmap

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AIC has been identified as a joint lead in two priority areas and looks forward to working with industry partners to help develop them. The roadmap also recognises the contribution of professional nutritional advice to supporting environmental outcomes, aligning with AIC's role in hosting the Feed Adviser Register.

The roadmap sets out how the beef and lamb sectors in England and Wales can continue improving environmental sustainability while maintaining productive, resilient and commercially viable farm businesses. It brings together evidence, industry data, case studies and a practical action plan for 2026–2030, developed with input from farmers, processors, levy bodies, industry organisations, researchers and technical experts from across the supply chain.

For AIC Members, the roadmap is particularly relevant as it identifies AIC as a joint lead in priority areas covering nitrogen efficiency and improved nutrition. These workstreams focus on improving nutrient planning, feed efficiency and forage quality, helping to support both environmental improvements and business performance.

Improving Farm Nutrient Balance Training for Poultry Advisers

Following the release of Part 1, which helps advisers support their customers in measuring farm nutrient balance, Part 2, for poultry advisers, is now available.

This training focuses on how to calculate farm nutrient balance for different broiler and layer systems. It includes a simplified farm nutrient balance worksheet, which is available to all advisers completing the training and can be used with customers to help drive improvements on farm.

The feed and fertiliser sectors have committed to working more closely on training to support a more integrated approach to whole-farm nutrient management.

An application has also been made for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points for advisers who are part of the BASIS and FACTS Professional Register.

The training is accessed via the VBMS portal using individual login details, which will be provided to advisers by email from VBMS.

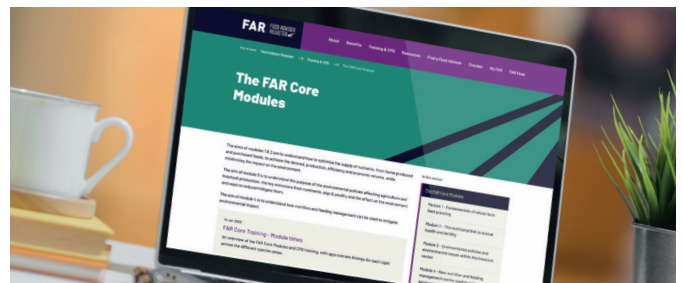


FAR CASE STUDY: Jim Uprichard

Jim is the Sustainability Manager at Trouw Nutrition, based in Northern Ireland, working with feed mills, processors and farmers to calculate carbon footprints and develop mitigation strategies across different species.

In this case study, Jim shares the work he has carried out with key egg packers, feed compounders and the Trouw poultry nutrition team, calculating a baseline for GHG emissions from egg production. This included both the carbon footprint of the feed and emissions generated on-farm to provide Life Cycle Assessments (LCAs) for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, measured as carbon dioxide equivalents (CO₂e) and to identify ways to reduce these emissions.

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Keeping FAR Training Up to Date

The Feed Adviser Register (FAR) is reviewing its core training modules to ensure registered Feed Advisers continue to provide farmers with the latest, evidence-based advice.

All core Modules 1–4, across every livestock sector, are being updated by industry experts to reflect the latest science, legislation, feeding recommendations, and best practice. Assessment questions are also being reviewed to ensure they remain relevant and effective.

Once complete, the refreshed training will ensure FAR-registered Feed Advisers continue to have the knowledge and skills needed to deliver high-quality advice, giving farmers confidence that the guidance they receive is current, practical, and supports productive, efficient, and sustainable livestock farming.



Sepsis Trust Farming Awareness Campaign

The UK Sepsis Trust has been actively working to raise awareness of sepsis within the farming community. As part of this work, it has launched a campaign that includes a video aimed at educating farmers and rural workers about the dangers of sepsis.

The video features on-farm scenarios where people could be at risk of developing sepsis, helping to raise awareness, potentially save lives and protect livelihoods.

Carolynn says "Goodbye"

After 22 years at AIC, and having worked on the Feed Adviser Register (FAR) since the launch of the scheme in 2013, I will be retiring on 25 September 2026.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time administering the FAR scheme, but the time has come to hand over the reins and retire. I would like to thank everyone I have been in contact with over the years, especially those with whom I have worked most closely.

A special thank you goes to **Kerry Starr** at far@agindustries.org.uk, who has taken on my role.



FarmersAid App from RABI

RABI have launched an app which gives real time guidance for serious on-farm accidents with clear step-by-step instructions to follow while emergency services are on the way.



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Our new FAR application form is now available on our website. To apply, you will need to create an account or register on the website (if you have not already done so), and then complete the online application form, available by scanning the QR code.

All FAR applicants can also upload their photograph directly through the website, or by scanning the QR code, ready for their FAR Digital Wallet ID Card.

If you have any questions or encounter any issues, please contact us at far@agindustries.org.uk



Events in 2026

UK DAIRY DAY

Come and visit us and the Forage Analysis Assurance Group at stand F28 on Wednesday, 16 September at the Telford International Centre, TF3 4JH.

www.ukdairyday.co.uk

