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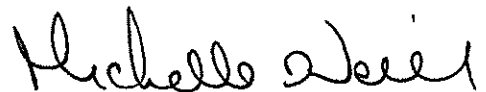
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Paul Frew asked:

To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development how her Department is communicating with farmers on single farm payment issues; and to provide the general letters on this issue that have been sent to farmers.

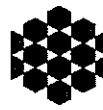
ANSWER

The Department issues a range of letters to farm businesses on Single Farm Payment matters throughout a scheme year. These letters contain specific business information but are issued to all farm businesses. A copy of these letters is enclosed and has also been placed in the Assembly Library.



MICHELLE O'NEILL MLA

This is your 2014 Single Application acknowledgement:Do Not Destroy



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Tel: 0300 200 7848

Fax: 028 7131 9800

E-mail: gspd.sfps@dardni.gov.uk

Business ID :

Date: 6 May 2014

2014 Single Application: Acknowledgement.

Dear Farm Business,

We received your 2014 Single Application on 5/5/2014.

The information recorded at Sections 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 of your Single Application Form is summarised below.

Please note that only the area entered for aid under each scheme on your Field Data Sheet(s) (SAF2) can be considered for payment. If the area(s) shown below do not match the total area(s) on your SAF2 payment can only be considered on the area of the fields you have declared on your SAF2.

Question 1: You have claimed hectares to activate 2014 Single Farm Payment Entitlements.

Question 3: You have claimed hectares for 2015 Less Favoured Area Compensatory Allowance.

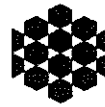
Question 10: You have selected to be paid in Sterling (£).



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If any of the information above is incorrect you should immediately contact Single Farm Payment Branch at the address above to check and, if necessary, amend your application.

Please ensure that you have made arrangements to be paid via Bankers Automated Clearing System (BACS).

Yours faithfully

**Karen Donaghey
Single Farm Payment Branch**



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19 March 2014

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Dear Farm Business

The 2014 Single Application period is now open

Your 2014 Single Application for Single Farm Payment, Less Favoured Area Compensatory Allowances, NI Countryside Management Scheme and NI Organic Farming Scheme should be submitted to the Department by **15 May 2014**. Applications received between 16 May 2014 and 9 June 2014 will receive a financial penalty. Applications will not be accepted after 9 June 2014 except in exceptional circumstances.

The **Single Application online service** is the most efficient and secure method of submitting your application. It has added benefits this year as the application will be pre-populated with your previous year's claim so you will only have to record changes. The improved online farm map service will also make it all the easier to complete your application accurately.

More online applications can help us pay more farmers earlier.

So, to help us to help you, please use the Single Application online service.

If you have not registered before to use our online services, please call us on (028) 9442 6699 or text EASY to 66101 or visit www.dardni.gov.uk/onlineservices

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As you complete your application, please refer to the enclosed Guide, which includes information on key changes at section 2. This and further information on area-based schemes is available at www.dardni.gov.uk or from any DARD Direct Office.

It is important that you do not assume that you should claim the MEA for each field. The MEA is our assessment of the eligible area of your fields but you need to check whether there are any other ineligible areas that we have not picked up on. If you claim for these ineligible areas, and we find these at inspection, your payment is likely to be delayed and, depending on the results of our investigations, your claim will be reduced and you may be penalised.

A paper application is also contained within the pack. If you do choose to complete a paper application, please follow the instructions precisely as paper applications tend to have more mistakes that may lead to delays in payments.

CAP Reform and future area-based schemes

The Single Farm Payment and Less Favoured Area Compensatory Allowance schemes will close in 2014 and be replaced by new schemes to be established following reform of the Common Agricultural Policy. Further details and regular updates will be provided on the DARD website: www.dardni.gov.uk

Participants in the Northern Ireland Countryside Management Scheme (NICMS) and the Organic Farming Scheme (OFS) will continue to be invited to submit annual claims on the Single Application.

In particular, it should be noted that given current proposals and subject to final decisions being taken, it will only be in exceptional circumstances that in 2015, landowners renting out land in conacre will be able to establish entitlements on that land.

Yours faithfully



Dr Jason Foy

Head of Single Farm Payment Branch

Brainse na nAoníocaíochtaí Feirme



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A Dhuine Uasail/Bhean
Uasal,

Tá tréimhse Aoníarratais 2014 oscailte anois

Ba chóir go mbeadh d'Aoníarratas 2014 ar Aoníocaíocht Feirme, Liúntais Chúiteacha na Limistéar Mídheisiúil, Scéim Bainistíochta Tuaithe TÉ agus Scéim Feirmeoireachta Orgánaí TÉ curtha faoi bhráid na Roinne faoin **15 Bealtaine 2014**. Gearrfar pionós airgeadais ar iarratais a gheobhfar idir an 16 Bealtaine 2014 agus an 9 Meitheamh. Ní ghlacfar le hiarratais i ndiaidh an 9 Meitheamh 2014 ach amháin i gcúinsí eisceachtúla.

Is é an **tseirbhís Aoníarratais ar líne** an modh is éifeachtúla agus is sláine le d'iarratas a chur isteach. Tá buntáistí breise ag baint léi i mbliana ar an ábhar go mbeidh sonraí curtha san iarratas roimh ré ó d'iarratas na bliana roimhe seo; ní bheidh ort ach athruithe a chur isteach mar sin. Déanfaidh an tseirbhís mapa feirme ar líne é i bhfad Éireann níos fusa duit d'iarratas a chríochnú go beacht.

Tig le níos mó iarratas ar líne cuidiú linn níos mó feirmeoirí a dhíol níos luaithe.

Mar sin, le cuidiú linn cuidiú leat, úsáid an tseirbhís Aoníarratais ar líne le do thoil. Murar chláraigh tú roimhe seo le húsáid a bhaint as ár seirbhísí ar líne, cuir scairt orainn ar (028) 9442 6699 nó cuir an focal EASY chuig 66101 nó tabhair cuairt ar www.dardni.gov.uk/onlineservices

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Agus tú ag comhlánú d'iarratais, déan tagairt don Treoir atá faoi iamh le do thoil. Tá faisnéis faoi bhunathruithe le fáil in alt 2. Tá an treoir agus faisnéis bhreise ar scéimeanna ceantarbhunaithe ar fáil ó www.dardni.gov.uk ó Oifig DARD Direct ar bith.

Tá sé tábhachtach nach nglacfaidh tú leis gur chóir duit an MEA a éileamh le haghaidh gach páirce. Is éard atá sa MEA ná measúnú s'againne ar an cheantar inghlactha de do chuid páirceanna ach caithfidh tú a sheiceáil cé acu tá ceantar inghlactha ar bith eile nár thug muid faoi deara. Má éilíonn tú le haghaidh na gceantar neamh-inghlactha sin, agus tagann muid orthu le linn cigireachta, is dócha go gcuirfear moill ar d'íocaíocht agus, ag brath ar thorthaí ár gcuid imscrúduithe, laghdófar d'éileamh agus seans go ngearrfar pionós ort.

Tá iarratas páipéir faoi iamh sa phaca fosta. Má roghnaíonn tú iarratas páipéir a chomhlánú, lean na teoracha go díreach mar atá leagtha amach ar an ábhar go mbíonn níos mó botún sna hiarratais pháipéir de ghnáth agus d'fhéadfadh sé sin moill a chur ar íocaíochtaí.

Leasú CBT agus scéimeanna ceantarbhunaithe amach anseo

Cuirfear deireadh le Scéim na nAoníocaíochtaí Feirme agus le Liúntas Cúiteach na Limistéar Mídheisiúil le linn 2014 agus tabharfar scéimeanna úra isteach ina n-áit i ndiaidh leasú an Chomhbheartas Talmhaíochta. Cuirfear tuilleadh mionsonraí agus nuashonruithe rialta ar fáil ar láithreán gréasáin DARD: www.dardni.gov.uk

Leanfar de chuireadh a thabhairt do rannpháirtithe i Scéim Bhainistíocht Tuaithe Thuaisceart Éireann (NICMS) agus i Scéim Feirmeoireacht Orgánach (OFS) éilimh bhliantúla a chur isteach ar an Aoniaratas.

Ba chóir a thabhairt do d'aire faoi leith, mar gheall ar mholtaí reatha agus faoi réir cinntí deiridh, is i gcúinsí eisceachtúla amháin gur i 2015 a bheas úinéirí talún a chuireann talamh amach ar cíos i gconacra in ann teidlíochtaí a bhunú ar an talamh sin.

Mise, le meas,



Dr Jason Foy

Ceann Bhrainse na nAoníocaíochtaí Feirme

Sing'l Fairm Hansellin Ootlat



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Fairm Hannlin, Guid Billie,

Tha while fur tha 20an14 Sing'l Ownin is apen thenoo.

Ye may pit in fur yer 20an14 Sing'l Ownin fur Sing'l Fairm Hansellin, Ill-Fendit Airt Mennin Looances, Norlin Airlan Lannwart Guidin an NA Naitrel Growein ploys tae tha Männystrie ere **15t Maie 20an14**. Petitor foarms 'at's gat atween 16t Maie 20an14 an 9t Juin 20an14 wull be sillerie skaithed. We wanna tak foarms eftèr 9t Juin 20an14 oot-takkin in a hoult 'at's past ordnar.

Tha **Sing'l Ownin lectronic fennin** bes tha maist purpose-like an siccar wye o pittin in yer petitor foarm. Ye'll get e'en mair o tha guid o't theyeir seein tha foarm wull be panged aforehan wi yer ownin frae tha towmond afore, tha wye aa ye'll hae tae dae is pit in onie cheynges. Tha fordèrt lectronic fairm chairt fennin wull mak it aa tha aisier furtae throch yer ownin siccarlie forbye.

Mair ownins pit in owre tha wab wull gie us a heeze wi pyein mair farmers timeous.

Sae, furtae gie us a heeze wi giein ye a han, we'd be ableeged gin ye'd uise tha Sing'l Ownin lectronic fennin. Gin ye're no registratit afore furtae uise oor lectronic fennin, we'd be ableeged gin ye'd gie us a caa oan (028) 9442 6699 or taxt EASY tae 66101 or lann wi www.dardni.gov.uk/onlineservices

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In coorse o fillin in yer petitor foarm, wud ye ivver hae a leuk at tha Airtin lappit in, 'at taks in wittins anent heid cheynges at shaidin 2. This an mair yit o wittins anent airt-steidit ploys is pit tae yer han at www.dardni.gov.uk or frae onie MFKF Direck Offys.

It recks gyely 'at ye dinnae jalouse 'at ye shud pit in fur tha MEA fur ilka fiel. Tha MEA wad be whut we hae wechtit as tha bouns o yer fiels 'at's shuitin; ye may see is thar onie ither airts 'at's no shuitin 'at we haenae jubed oan. Gin ye pit in fur thae airts 'at's no shuitin, an we fyn thaim whan we're leukkin roon, yer hansel wull aply be hinnèrt an, lippenin til tha ootcum o oor spierin, yer ownin wull be laiched an ye nicht cud be skaithed.

Forbye, we hae lappit a paiper petitor's foarm in wi tha bunnle. Gin ye dae wale tae fill in a paiper foarm, we'd be ableeged gin ye'd follae tha wisins siccar, seein paiper foarms maks fur mair mistaks 'at nicht cud weer til hinnèrt hansellin.

CFR Mennin an airt-steidit ploys in tha oncum

We'r fur daein awa wi tha Sing'l Fairm Hansellin an Ill-Fendit Airt Mendin Looance ploys in 20an14 an steid o thon thar'll be a wheen new ploys tae be stellit effèr tha mennin o tha Claught Fairms Roadin. Ye'll can hae mair wittins an reglar newins frae tha MFKF wabsteid: www.dardni.gov.uk

Yins pittin in fur tha Norlin Airlann Lannwart Guidin Ploy (NALGP) an tha Naitrel Growein Ploy (NGP) wull be bìd yit tae pit in fur hansellin ilka towmond oan tha Sing'l Ownin.

Maist o aa, ye maun tak tent 'at, wi an ee til mintins thenoo an lippenin oan tha hinmaist desarns, aa tha time yins 'at owes lan an haes it set in conacre wull be fit tae pruiue thair richt adae wi thon lan wad be in a houl't 'at's past ordnar.

Aefauldlie



Doc Jason Foy

Heid o Sing'l Fairm Hansellin Ootlat

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