



Red Meat Benchmarking - Terms and Conditions

The Red Meat Benchmarking project is funded by Welsh Government and is an opportunity for beef and sheep farmers in Wales to take part in work that will enable them to have a greater understanding of their business performance and contribute towards a resilient red meat sector for future generations.

The project is voluntary and will compensate farmers £1,000 for their time to collate and submit their farm business data. The payment is available for up to 2,000 businesses, with breeding ewes and/or cattle. The payment will be on a first come first served basis and will only be confirmed once the data has been independently verified by HCC.

The window for application will be between 8 October – 10 December 2018.

In order to qualify for the payment, all information on the data collection website must be completed and submitted by 11.59pm, 10 December 2018, any submissions made after that date will not be eligible for the payment.

Farms with land outside Wales can participate in the scheme if the majority of their land is in Wales, and they have a valid Customer Reference Number (CRN) with Welsh Government.

Participants will need to register their business with Farming Connect in order to access the system to start the Benchmarking project.

Only one application per farming business (or CRN) is permitted.

Once the data has been submitted, a verification process of the data will be undertaken. If the data is found to be inconsistent or if problems or queries arise, HCC will contact the participant to request clarification. Following this process should there be a need to re-enter/amend data, the participant will need to enter the system, alter the required fields and resubmit their information. The data verification process will then re-begin. Only once this process has been complete and the data has been verified will participants be confirmed as an eligible business for payment.

If the data is deemed inconsistent, participants may be required to provide additional proof (i.e. official accounts or accountant letter) before the data can be verified.

If participants have submitted their initial information before the closing date but following the verification process need to amend some data fields after the 10th December, they will have until the midday 15th December to re-submit.

Data submitted must be from the 2016-17 or 2017-18 financial years. Participants must have a minimum of 235 breeding ewes or 25 beef breeding cattle, or a combination of both as detailed on the project website. The definition of breeding ewe/cattle is based on the number of female animals that were put to tup/bull during the chosen financial year.

Participants may wish to engage the help of your accountant, adviser or farm secretary in completing and sending the data. Data will remain confidential and any aggregated data used for reports will be anonymised. Please see the relevant privacy notice for more information on how the data will be held and used.

Payments will be made by Rural Payments Wales (RPW) and will be processed in January. Payments will only be made by Bankers Automated Clearing System (BACS). To receive a payment, participants must have a valid CRN and RPW must have their full bank details. If participants are not registered as a customer with RPW or bank account details are incomplete/out of date they must call the Customer Contact Centre on 0300 062 5004 (Monday - Thursday 8.30 - 17.00, Friday 8.30 - 16.30).



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