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Organic Centre Wales

Support for organic farming and Glastir, 2011- 2013

The Welsh Government has confirmed its proposals to support organic farming for the remainder of the current Rural Development Programme (RDP).

In a key change, farmers entering organic agreements will no longer have to join Glastir to access organic support, at least in the short term. Instead, farmers already in the Organic Farming Scheme (OFS) will be offered extensions to their existing agreements to take them up to the end of the current RDP period (i.e. 31 December 2013). Farmers in the Organic Farming Conversion Scheme (OFCS) will not need extensions because their agreements outlive the current RDP.

Organic farmers can, of course, still join Glastir but are no longer eligible for the 50% points reduction. We expect organic support to integrate with Glastir in the next RDP, starting on the 1 January 2014.

There will be further windows for applications for the OFCS in the current RDP. One opened between 3 October and 4 November 2011, and another is expected in 2012. Farmers considering organic management for the first time and existing organic farmers wishing to increase their organic land area may apply for support.

The Welsh Government funds the Organic Conversion Information Service (OCIS) which aims to ensure that farmers considering conversion do so on the basis of complete and accurate information. OCIS is managed by Organic Centre Wales and provides a helpline, an information pack and up to three, free, on-farm advisory visits. For more information contact Organic Centre Wales on 01970 622100 or organic-helpline@aber.ac.uk.

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