

# **BPS ENTITLEMENT TRADING UPDATE - 3.2.2020**

"Whilst I voted to remain, following the UK committing to leave the EU last Friday it is impossible not to celebrate this decisive moment which gives us all the chance to move on and get back to business as normal. We have some difficult times ahead negotiating trade with the EU and the rest of the world but I believe there will be many opportunities for agriculture, however this turns out. With the UK Agricultural Bill now going through Parliament, this will provide us with certainty going forward and I am looking forward to the opportunities now we are starting to draw up our own legislation. As we all adapt to this new environment, whether it be trading or managing carbon, soil, water or other land-based assets and uses, we look forward to working with you to make the most of these opportunities."





**HUGH TOWNSEND** 

#### ENGLISH BPS ONLINE TRANSFERS NOW LIVE

It seems therefore fitting that last Friday (Brexit day) the RPA announced that the online BPS entitlement and land transfer screens have now gone live on Rural Payments online, and you can also now add land parcels by email. This gives a very strong "business as usual" message and ensures claimants have as long as possible leading up to the 15<sup>th</sup> May to prepare for their claim.

Sales of entitlements are continuing to increase, and this week we have agreed sales of Non-SDA at £115-125 plus VAT for large to mid-sized lots, and smaller or Non-VAT registered lots have been sold at up to £155-160. SDA has been selling at £200 plus VAT for mid-sized lots with lots of 7-40 units available. Moorland is available at £45-65 plus VAT depending on lot size. Scottish Region 1 have been selling at between £180-£200 with Region 2 and 3 in high demand. The market for Welsh and Northern Irish entitlements is

starting to pick up with both vendors and purchasers showing more interest. There is demand for several lots of 40-50 Welsh entitlements.

### **Entitlements Wanted**

Total ha	Transfer type	Entitlement type	TCS ref	Deadline
9.7-10	BUY	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20P368	15th May 2020
16	BUY	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20P375	15th May 2020
47	BUY	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20P370	15th May 2020
20	BUY (NO VAT)	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20P396	15th May 2020
140	BUY/LEASE	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20P450	15 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
18	BUY	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20P378	15th May 2020
14.5	BUY	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20P379	15th May 2020
12	BUY (NO VAT)	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20P401	15th May 2020
4.95+	BUY (NO VAT)	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20P413	15th May 2020
6.3	BUY (NO VAT)	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20P424	15th May 2020
28	BUY	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20P405	15th May 2020
40	BUY	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20P410	15th May 2020
20	BUY	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20P447	15th May 2020
700+	LEASE	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20P450	15 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
9	BUY	ENGLISH SDA	20P263	15th May 2020
13	BUY	ENGLISH SDA		15th May 2020
6	BUY	ENGLISH SDA		15th May 2020
70	BUY	WELSH		30th April 2020
98	BUY	WELSH		30th April 2020
60.7	BUY	WELSH		30th April 2020
48.32	BUY	SCOTTISH – REG 1		2nd April 2020
50	BUY	SCOTTISH - REG 1		2nd April 2020
40	BUY	SCOTTISH - REG 1		2nd April 2020
30	BUY	SCOTTISH - REG 2		2nd April 2020
500	BUY	SCOTTISH – REG 2		2nd April 2020
10	BUY	SCOTTISH – REG 2		2nd April 2020
4,410	BUY	SCOTTISH - REG 3		2nd April 2020
1,000	BUY	SCOTTISH REG 3		2nd April 2020
2,000	BUY	SCOTTISH REG 3		2nd April 2020
6.5	BUY	NORTHERN IRISH		4th May 2020
48	BUY	NORTHERN IRISH		4th May 2020

## **Entitlements Available**

Total ha	Transfer type	Entitlement type	TCS ref	Deadline
110	SELL	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20V312	15th May 2020
27.12	SELL	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20V314	15th May 2020
20	SELL	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20V317	15th May 2020
4.61	SELL	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20v318	15th May 2020
31	SELL	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20v356	15th May 2020
465	SELL	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20V326	15th May 2020
119.1	SELL	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20V342	15th May 2020
6	SELL	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20V338	15th May 2020
80	SELL	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20V324	15th May 2020
73	SELL	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20V361	15th May 2020
47.88	SELL (NO VAT)	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20V359	15th May 2020
80	SELL	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20V334	15th May 2020
50	SELL	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20V333	15th May 2020
50-100	SELL	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20V331	15th May 2020
68	SELL	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20V330	15th May 2020
24.4	SELL	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20V357	15th May 2020
43	SELL	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20V328	15th May 2020
33	SELL	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20V351	15th May 2020
16.59	SELL	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20V323	15th May 2020
130	SELL	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20V352	15th May 2020
15.82	SELL	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20V320	15th May 2020
6.32	SELL	ENGLISH NON-SDA	20V360	15th May 2020
7	SELL	ENGLISH SDA		15th May 2020
54.34	SELL	ENGLISH SDA		15th May 2020
12.2	SELL	ENGLISH SDA		15th May 2020
150-200	SELL/LEASE	ENGLISH MOORLAND		15th May 2020
50	SELL/LEASE	WELSH		30th April 2020
158	SELL	SCOTTISH REGION 1		2nd April 2020
100+	SELL	SCOTTISH REGION 1		2nd April 2020
300	SELL	SCOTTISH REGION 2		2nd April 2020
300+	SELL	SCOTTISH REGION 2		2nd April 2020
48.8	SELL	NORTHERN IRELAND		4th May 2020

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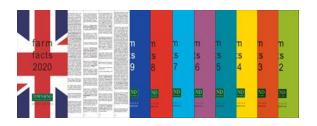
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