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UK BPS ENTITLEMENTS UPDATE & NEW RULES ANNOUNCED FOR NEW FOREST BPS CLAIMS - 21.4.21

UK BPS ENTITLEMENTS



English - deadline 17th May

NON-SDA

Non-SDA has seen strong demand with double the number of purchasers than vendors and half the number of vendors than compared with this time last year. We have purchasers looking for lots ranging from 1 unit to over 300 units. We have available lots of 1, 2.96, 3.2, 5, 8, 10, 16, 17.5, 22.57, 26, 30, 39, 44.87, 46, 56, 60, 121, 155.86, 200, 289.

We also are looking for more Naked Acres which are attracting a rental of £80 per acre. This demand has come from the Exit/Retirement Scheme the government is currently consulting on which is expected to come out in 2022.

SDA

The SDA market is gathering speed after a slow start. SDA have sold at £170 to £190 plus VAT depending on lot size. We have lots available of 8, 12.8, 27, 38, 41, 50.

MOORLAND

Moorland has been quieter than previous years, with several smaller deals completed compared to the large lot sizes sought last year. We have lots of 9, 17, 80.55, 160 and 650.



Welsh - deadline 15th May

The Welsh government has confirmed that BPS entitlements will have the same claim value for 2021 and 2022 with no reductions. Welsh entitlements are in demand with lots of 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13.22, 20 and 30 units sought however the market remains quieter compared with this time last year.



Northern Ireland - deadline 4th May

For 2021 at least, entitlements in Northern Ireland will not suffer any reductions to the payment value. We have purchasers seeking lots of 3 to 70 units for a total of 114 units.

Contact Hugh Townsend or Alasdair Squires on 01392 823935 or entitlements@townsendcharteredsurveyors.co.uk.



NEW FOREST BPS CLAIMS – NEW RULES FOR 2021

The rules for BPS claims on the New Forest have now changed following the RPA's consultation. The rules were previously that claimants would be allocated a share of the Forest for their BPS according to the number of animals on which they paid Marking Fees in the previous year. Marking Fees are the payment per animal made to the Verderers, the administrative body for the Forest, allowing that animal to graze in the Forest. These Marking Fees were submitted with the BPS claims each year. The Fees were then converted into "grazing livestock units" (GLU), an estimate for the amount of grazing expected from that number of animals. Claimants would then be able to claim on a proportion of the Forest which equated to their share of the total number of New Forest GLUs for which Marking Fees had been submitted.

The RPA have now changed this and picked a reference period of 2015 to 2020. Claimants will be able to claim based on the year of this period in which they submitted the most Marking Fees which the RPA will automatically select. All claimants' figures will then be added up, and each claimant allocated a given percentage figure of this total. This will then be applied to the total eligible area of the Forest for the current claim year. Claimants will no longer need to submit the previous year's marking fees with their claim. They will no longer need to have paid marking fees for the claim year, provided they are "using" the common, which can mean maintaining fences or gateways and cutting back ungrazeable scrub, as well as grazing. If they can demonstrate this "usage", they can claim the full amount of area they were allocated based on the calculation above. This is regardless of how many animals they actually graze, if any.

The only exception to this is in 2021. If you have not claimed on the New Forest before, you may still be able to claim under the old system based on marking fees for 2020.

For further information please contact Mark Burton mburton@townsendchartersurveyors.co.uk

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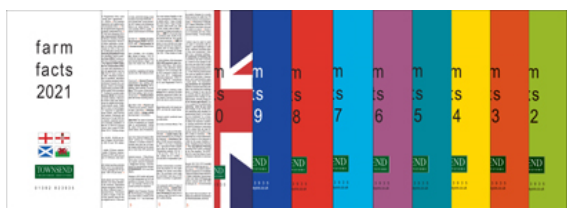
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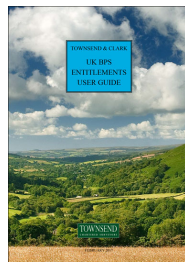
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