



R.M. JONES Newsletter

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December 2024

Christmas Gift Ideas



Christmas Opening Hours

December 24 th	9am to 1pm	December 28 th	9am to 12pm
December 25 th	Closed	December 30 th	9am to 1pm
December 26 th	Closed	December 31 st	9am to 1pm
December 27 th	9am to 1pm	January 1 st	Closed

Arable Update – December

Comments

What a difference a day makes – or in this case 2 – 3 weeks of drier weather. Spuds and maize are mostly all done and most of 2024's planned crop has been planted up. In most cases herbicides have been applied.

Tasks - not many this month (it is Christmas...)

OSR:

Late residual weed control with Kerb/Astrokerb is ready to apply, in most cases soil temperatures have declined sufficiently

Grain:

We have had lots of people with grain store pests. There have been issues with resistance developing to some of the grainstore pest control products. Please talk to us about alternative solutions and ideas. In the meantime there is pest monitoring tips in the Technical box.

<https://ahdb.org.uk/knowledge-library/grain-storage-guide>

Events:

We will be running a couple of arable events this autumn including

- Fertiliser planning and Crop Marketing (Mid Dec)
- Farm field walk (TBC)

If you are interested in any of these events please let us know. If there are other event topics that would be useful then, again, let us know.

Our NROSO courses are planned for the 15th and 29th January. Please book through Hay Farmcentre 01497 820410

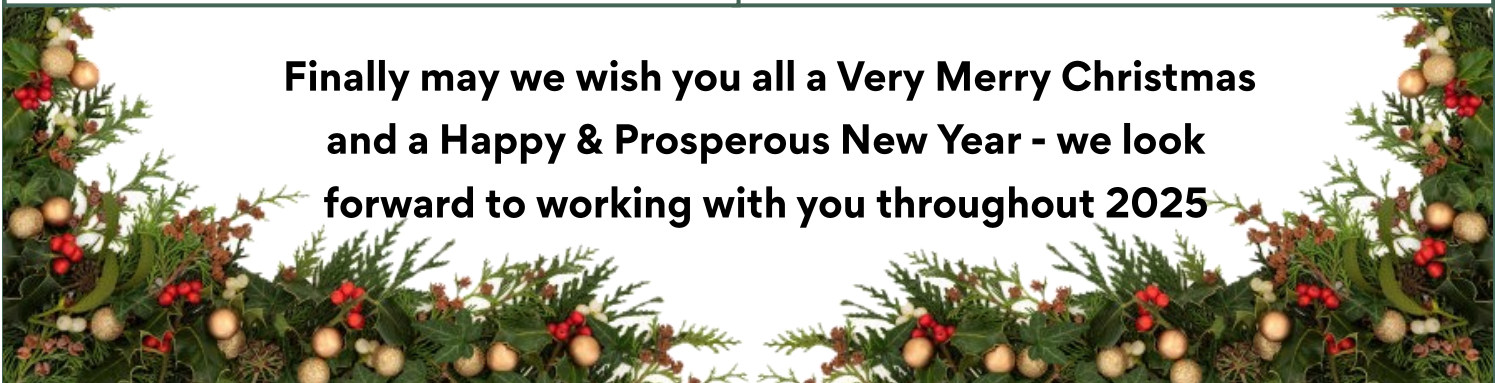
UK LIFFE Wheat Nov24	£187- £192/t
MATIF OSR Nov24	£430 - £440/t
AN34.5% Fertiliser	£335- £340/t

Current wheat GS	GS11-GS22
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Current OSR GS	GS20-25
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Technical Corner: Pest monitoring: trapping tips

- Some traps are designed for use in the store, others for use within the grain bulk
- Place traps 4–5 m apart
- Position traps within the grain bulk on the surface and around 5–10 cm below the surface (e.g. a combination of probe and pitfall cone traps in pairs) to target different insect and mite species with different behaviours
- Ensure that insect bait traps do not contain allergens (e.g. nuts)
- Monitor temperature weekly, until grain reaches and stays at 5°C, then monitor monthly
- Additionally, check for storage mites in the surface layer of the grain
- Traps should be accounted for each time they are examined and a permanent record of the contents kept
- Record-keeping, either electronically or on paper, will illustrate due diligence and enable changes in grain condition to be readily identified. This can provide an early warning of potential problems
- If pests are detected, increase the number of traps to determine extent of infestation and consider the need for treatment



**Finally may we wish you all a Very Merry Christmas
and a Happy & Prosperous New Year - we look
forward to working with you throughout 2025**