



The Tried & Tested newsletter is written by the Tried & Tested Team and is published bi-monthly.

[Green manures workshops](#)

[PLANET v3](#)

[British scientist urges government to address 'peak phosphate' risk](#)

[Farming Futures dairy workshop](#)

[Changes to the Catchment Sensitive Farming \(Nitrate Vulnerable Zones\) Capital Grant Scheme in Wales](#)

[Upcoming events](#)

[The Professional Agricultural Analysis Group](#)

[Tried & Tested memory sticks now include the new Fertiliser Manual](#)

[Tell us what you think!](#)

[The nutrient management website](#)

Green manures workshops

The Tried and Tested team recently attended two workshops on green manures staged by Garden Organic. Green manures are used as an alternative to fertiliser to improve soil fertility, with the added bonus of protecting soil structure and reducing nitrate leaching. If you would like to learn more about green manures, click [here](#) to read more about the workshop in Farmers Weekly, or [here](#) to go to the Garden Organic site.

PLANET v3

A new version of the electronic nutrient management tool, PLANET, is now available. Version 3 has been released to reflect changes to RB209, the Fertiliser Manual. Click [here](#) to go to the planet site to download, or request, your copy.

British scientist urges government to address 'peak phosphate' risk

Professor Brian Chambers (ADAS Head of Science - Environment) warns that rapid rollout of anaerobic digestion plants is needed to address looming global shortage of crucial fertiliser. As imported rock phosphate becomes more expensive and may one day run out, there could be a solution much closer to home, in the form of recovering nutrients from household compost, livestock and human manure and municipal waste. Click [here](#) to read the full article that appeared in The Guardian.

Farming Futures dairy workshop

The Tried and Tested team attended a Farming Futures workshop on reducing the carbon footprint of the dairy industry. To find out more about Farming Futures, and to learn how to make your dairy herd more sustainable click [here](#) and go to the Farming Futures site.

Changes to the Catchment Sensitive Farming (Nitrate Vulnerable Zones) Capital Grant Scheme in Wales

The Welsh assembly government have made some important changes to the above grant scheme:

- The financial limit for each item has been increased from £10,000 to £30,000 of grant.
- Young Farmers could claim up to £37,500 of grant subject to eligibility.

- Standard costs for the scheme have been withdrawn.

If you think you are affected by these changes and would like to know more click [here](#) to go to our website where you can find more information and application forms.

Upcoming events

Lookout for Tried and Tested at the NFU stand at this years' Dairy Event and Livestock Show. This years' event will be on September 7th-8th at the NEC, Birmingham. Tried and Tested materials will be available at the NFU stand.

The Professional Agricultural Analysis Group

The groups' second report on soil nutrient analysis will be available on our website soon. The report will update last year's analysis of soil pH, P, K and Mg for UK agricultural land.

Tried & Tested memory sticks now include the new Fertiliser Manual

Tried and tested resources are still available and include hard copies of the plan, A3 record sheets and USB memory sticks which have been updated with the new Fertiliser Manual (RB209) and the Environment Agency's 'ThinkSoils'. To order your free resources please call 02476 858896, email nutrientmanagement@nfu.org.uk, fax 02476858897, or go to our website nutrientmanagement.org

Tell us what you think!

Your feedback on the Tried & Tested Nutrient Management Plan is extremely valuable and will help us evaluate the plan in the future. Please help us by taking a few minutes to complete our online survey [here](#).

The nutrient management website

Please visit www.nutrientmanagement.org for our new one-stop-shop for nutrient management advice, events, news and much more. You can contact us [here](#) if you have any feedback or ideas for publications, events etc. that we should feature on the site. We look forward to hearing from you!

If you would like to unsubscribe from this newsletter please email nutrientmanagement@nfu.org.uk

Website: www.nutrientmanagement.org

Email: nutrientmanagement@nfu.org.uk

Telephone: 02476 858 896

Fax: 02476 858 897

Tried & Tested is part of a project to provide advice on nutrient management to farmers and advisers through a strategic partnership between the Professional Nutrient Management Group (NFU, FWAG, LEAF, AIC and CLA) and the England Catchment Sensitive Farming Delivery Initiative (ECSFDI)

