

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

### **Tried & Tested launch online blog**

Consultant Ian Richards shares top tips for better nutrient management, improved yields and reduced costs. Click [here](#) to read his blog and find out why it's so important to look after spreaders and fertilisers.

### **Manure derogation deadline for grasslands fast approaching**

Farmers in NVZs have until December 31 to apply for a derogation to increase the amount of manure used on farm. The derogation is a concession to European rules, and allows for whole farm average rates to be 50 per cent above normal limits. Applications to the Environment Agency must be made annually and those who have applied previously should have been contacted about their renewals. Anyone applying for the first time, however, must do so before the deadline expires. For guidance on how to apply, click [here](#).

### **PLANET v.3 now available on DVD**

DVDs of PLANET v3.0 are now available. If you have already requested a copy or been told that one will be sent to you, this will be posted to you within the next few days. If you have not requested a copy but would like one, then please email [planet.admin@adas.co.uk](mailto:planet.admin@adas.co.uk) giving the following information which will not be passed on.

- Your name, address and contact telephone number
- Your email address
- Are you a farmer, adviser or other
- Your farm type

### **Soil Protection Review must be completed**

Farmers are reminded to complete their Soil Protection Review by December 31st or risk losing out on support payments. The online version of the form is available at [www.wholefarm.defra.gov.uk](http://www.wholefarm.defra.gov.uk). A spreadsheet version is available on the RPA website, [here](#). For extra hard copies of the documents, contact the RPA Customer Service Centre on 0845 603 7777. The cross compliance technical helpline can answer any questions on the SPR 2010 – available on 0845 345 1302.

### **Dates for your 2011 diary:**

The Tried & Tested team will be at the following events with free nutrient management resources for you to take away

- **Oxford Farming Conference** January 4<sup>th</sup>, at the fringe meeting
- **Lamma** January 19-20<sup>th</sup>, Newark and Nottingham Showground
- **South West Climate Change Trade Fair** February 24<sup>th</sup>, Exeter
- **Muck North West** March 15<sup>th</sup>, Reaseheath College
- **Grassland and Muck** 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May, Stoneleigh Park

## **Tried & Tested memory sticks still available**

Due to their popularity, we have produced another batch of memory sticks; these ones include our new SNS calculator as well as electronic Tried & Tested record sheets, The Fertiliser Manual (RB209), the Environment Agency's 'Think Soils' and NVZ booklets. To order yours please call 02476 858896, email [nutrientmanagement@nfu.org.uk](mailto:nutrientmanagement@nfu.org.uk), or go to the Tried & Tested [website](#). Other free resources available include hard copies of the plan and A3 record sheets.

## **Nutrient management events and workshops**

Click [here](#) to find your local nutrient management events and workshops, helping you to meet NVZ obligations and other useful tips for improving your soils.

## **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](http://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!

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