

The DEFRA-funded Free Advice Scheme closed in December 2006 – Where to Go Now for Advice?

What are the Issues I might need advice on?

- **Technical matters in all Farm and Horticultural situations**
- **Marketing**
- **OELS and other Grant Scheme applications**
- **Organic Certification application**
- **Animal health plans**
- **Planning application support**

For expert advice contact The **Organic Advisory Service**.

What is the Organic Advisory Service (OAS)?

- It is **the leading UK advisory body** on all aspects of organic farming and growing - providing advice and support to commercial farmers and producers since 1984.
- It draws on the detailed knowledge and experience of a network of **specialist advisers**.
- Has access to the **latest developments in organic research** via the internationally renowned Organic Research Centre, Elm Farm
- Is supported by **Organic Inform** – a part-Defra/part-Organic Research Centre funded initiative (www.organicinform.org)

What can the OAS offer me?

- **TELEPHONE ADVICE**
 - direct telephone access to an adviser on a **one-off** basis or as an ongoing **annual** contact
An initial contact with an adviser costs **£25.00** plus VAT.
 - specific technical issues, marketing queries and others are dealt with effectively and promptly.
- **ON-FARM CONSULTANCY VISITS**
 - on-farm practical **tailored advice** for agricultural and horticultural producers.
 - annual contracts offer total flexibility and choice with a summary report provided with each visit.
We provide as many visits as you want together with telephone support from your specialist adviser.
- **CONVERSION PLANNING**
 - a **customised service** based on a detailed whole-farm assessment.
 - a key management tool covering all aspects of the farm business including conversion management, crop rotation, livestock, nutrient supply, soil management and financial budgeting.

All advisory work is quoted for on the basis of individual farm requirements

- **ANIMAL HEALTH PLAN**
 - A requirement of organic certification. Available for £20.00 plus VAT.
- **EVENTS AND PUBLICATIONS**
 - The 2007 Organic Farm Management Handbook price £18.00
 - Notification of on-farm and other events throughout the year
 - The Organic Research Centre regular *Bulletin* - annual subscription £12/year

How to contact the OAS

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