

What's due	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
TB testing annual: no breakdown since Apr 2019 (HRA default six-monthly) + pre-movement		ANNUAL HERD TEST		PRE-MOVE TESTS FOR MAY SALE STOCK								
Slurry & digestate on grass NVZ closed period · valley clay loam (higher ground: check soil map)	closed to 31 Jan	OPENS 1 FEB · MAX 30 M ³ /HA, 3 WEEKS APART								closed from 15 Oct	closed	closed
Slurry & digestate on maize NVZ closed period · tillage land	closed to 31 Jan	OPENS 1 FEB · MAX 30 M ³ /HA, 3 WEEKS APART								closed from 1 Oct	closed	closed
Slurry store 5 months of cattle slurry, 1 Oct-1 Mar · digestate: ask the EA	storage period	storage period	1 MAR — STORAGE PERIOD ENDS						STORE ROOM FOR 5 MONTHS BY 1 OCT	storage period	storage period	storage period
Bagged nitrogen NVZ closed period — grassland (maize ground 1 Sep-15 Jan)	closed to 15 Jan								closed from 15 Sep	closed	closed	closed
NVZ paperwork plan before spreading · record within a week		NITROGEN PLAN FOR EACH FIELD BEFORE FIRST SPREADING		30 APR — 2026 LIVESTOCK & N RECORD								
Red Tractor routine assessments · spot checks can come at short notice	POULTRY: ROUTINE DUE BY JAN				DAIRY: ROUTINE DUE BY MAY (EVERY 18 MONTHS)							
Herd & flock health dairy vet review — your date: ____	MOBILITY SCORE (YOUR PLAN)			MOBILITY SCORE (YOUR PLAN)			MOBILITY SCORE (YOUR PLAN)	3 AUG — FLOCK HEALTH PLAN REVIEW		MOBILITY SCORE (YOUR PLAN)		
Avara crops Salmonella sample in the 3 weeks before slaughter, every crop		CROP 20		CROP 21		CROP 22	CROP 23		CROP 24		CROP 25	CROP 26
Arla Climate Check annual — milk price incentive · deadline: your Arla date ____					GATHER FUEL, POWER & FERTILISER FIGURES							
Digester OFGEM returns (your dates) · digestate analysis	OFGEM RETURN	DIGESTATE ANALYSIS		OFGEM RETURN			OFGEM RETURN	DIGESTATE ANALYSIS		OFGEM RETURN		
Tests & renewals parlour, water, sprayer, insurance		12 FEB — PARLOUR PLANT TEST	PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY TEST			SPRAYER TEST (EVERY 3 YEARS)			30 SEP — FARM INSURANCE RENEWAL			
Money not in SFI or CS · I text you when a grant opens												31 DEC — ARLA CONTRACT ROLLS OVER

Key: Amber — something to send, book or test Green — routine, on the list NVZ closed or storage period "your date: ____" — write in the date from your own paperwork

First four months

- 15 Jan — bagged nitrogen can go on grassland again
- January — Red Tractor poultry routine assessment due
- 1 Feb — slurry and digestate can go on grass and maize ground again (max 30 m³/ha, 3 weeks apart, to end Feb)
- February — annual TB herd test · nitrogen plan done before first spreading
- 30 Apr — record of 2026 livestock numbers and nitrogen produced

Red Tractor audit coming up this spring? I'll help you find your records before the assessor does. Ring Stanley on 07507 772620.

Through the year

- May — Red Tractor dairy routine assessment due · pre-movement tests for sale stock
- 3 Aug — poultry flock health plan review with the vet
- September — store room for 5 months of slurry before 1 Oct · bagged N closes on grass 15 Sep
- 30 Sep — farm insurance renewal: file the new schedule
- 1 Oct · 15 Oct — maize ground closes, then grassland

Standing rules

- Suspected bird flu: report straight away to APHA, 03000 200 301
- Pre-movement TB test within 60 days before cattle move (exemptions apply, e.g. direct to slaughter)
- Broilers: Salmonella sample in the 3 weeks before slaughter, every crop
- Every spreading written up within a week; records kept 5 years
- Glyphosate: GB approval runs to 15 Dec 2026 with renewal pending, so check before the spring burn-down