

As the days get longer and warmer and hopefully dryer :-

Beef and lambs selling at a good price but numbers are limited. Milk has seen a small improvement.

For the livestock sector things are looking a lot better as inputs are a lot less.

Wheat £170 per ton - fertiliser down to £350 per ton.

But the red tape continues to cause unnecessary stress - last week a farmer took his own life four days after a Red Tractor inspection.

AHDB are going to increase levies which ministers have approved - for what exactly?!

High interest, machinery costs and labour is putting immense pressure on most farms. There are tenants receiving notice to quit because Landlords can get bigger money by re-wilding the farm. I think there is a need to be for environmental payments to be more integrated with production.

The public wish to access the countryside more but still continue to ignore the need to have dogs on leads - only last week on Hardown Hill with no owner in sight and also the incident in Tavistock- the result - 40 lambs and ewes killed.

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