

The Andersons Centre – Latest News Update

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Single Payments for 2009 Start

With the 1st December reached, it becomes legally possible for Single Payments to be made (EU regulations state that they can only be paid after this date).

There seems to be a bit of inter-agency competition as to who can get the most payments out quickest. The Scottish Government intends to pay the majority of their farmers this week, with three-quarters getting their money on the first day. Over 90% of Scottish claimants should be paid by the end of the month.

The Welsh Assembly Government is claiming it has paid out to over 80% of claimants on the first day. Over in Northern Ireland, the administration was aiming to make 83% of payments by the end of December and 90% by the end of January.

As ever, the laggards are likely to be the RPA. However, a number of English farmers were paid on the 1st December (although the number is not known). Overall, the RPA's payment targets are the same as last year - the aim is to have 75% by value issued by the 31st January 2010, and 90% by the 31st March.

Still, a welcome pre-Christmas boost for many farmers.

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