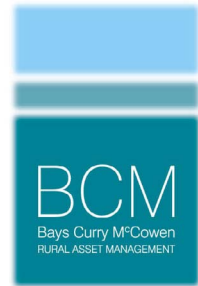


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Farmers Take Note of the Cross Compliance Inspectors Handbook

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Farmers are encouraged to look closely at the RPA's website <http://www.rpa.gov.uk> as they have recently published the guidance notes for cross compliance inspectors.

Andrew Bays from Bays Curry McCowen (BCM) Rural Asset Management team commented "the publishing of these guidelines gives a very clear insight as to precisely what cross-compliance inspectors are going to be looking for and what action might be taken for any breaches found. I urge all farmers to obtain a copy of these guidelines and answer the questions the inspectors will be asking to check that they are not found wanting. It is the clearest indication yet of the stringency, scope and policing of the cross-compliance regulations.

Farmers should also be reminded the guidelines make it very clear that they must have a completed Soil Protection Review either on their files or that of their agents/advisers."

For further information and advice on this process contact Andrew at BCM on 01962 763900 or by e mail at abays@bcm.co.uk

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