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Tender

ID 6048315 - DAERA – CAFRE – Supply and Delivery of Ruminant Beef, Sheep

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) - College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE)

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Scope

Reference

ID 6048315

Description

The College of Agriculture Food & Rural Enterprise (CAFRE) requires the supply and delivery of ruminant beef, sheep and dairy rations. The requirement has been separated into 8 Lots as outlined below. A separate contract will be established for each LOT.

Suckler Cow and Beef Enterprise (Beef and Sheep Centre (BSC) & Hill Farm Centre (HFC))

Lot 1 - Suckler cow and calf feed

Lot 2 - Beef finishing and store cattle

Lot 5 - Calf & Heifer Rations

Sheep Enterprise (Beef and Sheep Centre & Hill Farm Centre)

Lot 3 - Ewe & Lamb Feed

Dairy Enterprise (Dairy Centre (DC))

Lot 4 - Dairy Cow Rations (this includes blend, parlour nuts and Pre-calver nuts)

Lot 5 - Calf & Heifer Rations

Lot 6 - Milk Substitute

Additional feed components (All centres)

Lot 7 - Straights

Lot 8 - Feed additives

Suppliers should refer to the Specification for more details on the services required.

Total value (estimated)

- £2,352,000 excluding VAT
- £2,822,400 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 22 September 2025 to 21 September 2026
- Possible extension to 21 September 2030
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

Initial contract period of one year with four options to extend by up to one year each, i.e.
1yr +1yr +1yr +1yr + 1yr

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 15710000 - Prepared animal feeds for farm and other animals
 - 15700000 - Animal feedstuffs
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Lot 1. Suckler cow and calf feed

Description

Lot 1 Suckler cow and calf feed

Lot value (estimated)

- £84,000 excluding VAT
- £100,800 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Beef finishing and store cattle

Description

Lot 2 Beef finishing and store cattle

Lot value (estimated)

- £266,000 excluding VAT
- £319,200 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 3. Ewe and Lamb Feed

Description

Lot 3 Ewe and Lamb Feed

Lot value (estimated)

- £196,000 excluding VAT

- £235,200 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 4. Dairy Cow Rations (this includes blend, parlour nuts and Pre-calver nuts)

Description

Lot 4 Dairy Cow Rations (this includes blend, parlour nuts and Pre-calver nuts)

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,190,000 excluding VAT
- £1,428,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 5. Calf and Heifer Rations

Description

Lot 5 Calf and Heifer Rations

Lot value (estimated)

- £126,000 excluding VAT
- £151,200 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 6. Milk Substitute**Description**

Lot 6 Milk Substitute

Lot value (estimated)

- £70,000 excluding VAT
- £84,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 7. Straights

Description

Lot 7 Straights

Lot value (estimated)

- £350,000 excluding VAT
- £420,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 8. Feed additives

Description

Lot 8 Feed additives

Lot value (estimated)

- £70,000 excluding VAT
- £84,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

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Participation

Technical ability conditions of participation

Lot 1. Suckler cow and calf feed

Lot 2. Beef finishing and store cattle

Lot 3. Ewe and Lamb Feed

Lot 4. Dairy Cow Rations (this includes blend, parlour nuts and Pre-calver nuts)

Lot 5. Calf and Heifer Rations

Lot 6. Milk Substitute

Lot 7. Straights

Lot 8. Feed additives

As per Tender documentation.

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Suckler cow and calf feed

Lot 2. Beef finishing and store cattle

Lot 3. Ewe and Lamb Feed

Lot 4. Dairy Cow Rations (this includes blend, parlour nuts and Pre-calver nuts)

Lot 5. Calf and Heifer Rations

Lot 6. Milk Substitute

Lot 7. Straights

Lot 8. Feed additives

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

8 August 2025, 3:00pm

Tender submission deadline

18 August 2025, 3:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Tenders must be submitted electronically via the relevant Call for Tender (CfT) opportunity on eTendersNI, website details immediately below.

Paper submissions will not be accepted or considered and will be rejected by the Contracting Authority / Buyer.

The tender documents are available with unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: URL <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

8 September 2025

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 1 May 2030

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
AC2 Estimated Annual Cost	As per Tender documentation.	Price	90%
AC1 Contract Management	As per Tender documentation.	Quality	10%

Other information

Payment terms

For further details on invoicing procedures please see : <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/account-ni-good-invoicing-practice>

Contract Value

The estimated value figure indicated in the Scope Section represents an overall estimated contract value. This value reflects the potential scale of the contract and takes into account potential optional extension periods and the uptake of potential optional services as detailed in the tender documents. This figure does not however take into account the application of indexation or increases to charges due to increases in the Real Living Wage. Neither CPD nor the contracting Authority can provide any guarantee as to the level of business under this contract. The Contracting Authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. Suppliers remain responsible for all costs and expenses incurred by them or by any third party acting under instructions from the Supplier in connection with taking part in this procurement process regardless of whether such costs arise as a consequence, directly or indirectly of any amendments made to the procurement documents by the Contracting Authority at any time. No legally binding contract shall arise (and a Supplier shall have no legitimate expectation that a contract will

be entered into) until such time as entry into the Contract has been confirmed by the Contracting Authority.

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

**Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) -
College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE)**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYCL-3331-QQMP

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Region: UKN0D - Antrim and Newtownabbey

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

CPD - Supplies & Services Division

Summary of their role in this procurement: Construction and Procurement Delivery - Supplies and Services Division, is a Centre of Procurement Expertise and provides a central procurement function for central government in Northern Ireland.

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWG-8426-YWXV

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Contact [CPD - Supplies & Services Division](#) for any enquiries.