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Award

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

College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise

UK6: Contract award notice - Procurement Act 2023 - [view information about notice types](#)

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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.

Lot 1. Suckler cow and calf feed

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Lot 2. Beef finishing and store cattle

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Lot 3. Ewe and Lamb Feed

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Lot 3 Ewe and Lamb Feed

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

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Lot 5. Calf and Heifer Rations

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Lot 5 Calf and Heifer Rations

Lot 6. Milk Substitute

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Lot 7. Straights

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Contract 1. Lot 1 - Suckler cow and calf feed

Lots

Lot 1. Suckler cow and calf feed

Supplier

- JOHN THOMPSON & SONS, LIMITED

Contract value

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

Below the relevant threshold

Award decision date

22 September 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

22 September 2025

Earliest date the contract will be signed

2 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 3 October 2025 to 2 October 2026
- Possible extension to 2 October 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

- 15700000 - Animal feedstuffs

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Contract 2. Lot 2 - Beef finishing and store cattle

Lots

Lot 2. Beef finishing and store cattle

Supplier

- UNITED FEEDS LIMITED

Contract value

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

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

22 September 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

22 September 2025

Standstill period

- End: 1 October 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

2 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 3 October 2025 to 2 October 2026
- Possible extension to 2 October 2030
- 5 years

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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

- 15700000 - Animal feedstuffs

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Contract 3. Lot 3 - Ewe & Lamb Feed

Lots

Lot 3. Ewe and Lamb Feed

Supplier

- UNITED FEEDS LIMITED

Contract value

- £196,000 excluding VAT
- £235,200 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

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2 October 2025

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Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 15700000 - Animal feedstuffs

Contract locations

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

Lots

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

Supplier

- UNITED FEEDS LIMITED

Contract value

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

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

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22 September 2025

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- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

2 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 3 October 2025 to 2 October 2026
- Possible extension to 2 October 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

- 15700000 - Animal feedstuffs

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland
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Contract 5. Lot 5 - Calf & Heifer Rations

Lots

Lot 5. Calf and Heifer Rations

Supplier

- UNITED FEEDS LIMITED

Contract value

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

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

22 September 2025

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22 September 2025

Standstill period

- End: 1 October 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

2 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 3 October 2025 to 2 October 2026

- Possible extension to 2 October 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

- 15700000 - Animal feedstuffs

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland
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Contract 6. Lot 6 - Milk Substitute

Lots

Lot 6. Milk Substitute

Supplier

- BRITMILK

Contract value

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

Below the relevant threshold

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22 September 2025

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22 September 2025

Earliest date the contract will be signed

2 October 2025

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- Possible extension to 2 October 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

- 15700000 - Animal feedstuffs
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Contract 7. Lot 7 - Straights

Lots

Lot 7. Straights

Supplier

- FANE VALLEY FEEDS LIMITED

Contract value

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

Above the relevant threshold

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22 September 2025

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- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

2 October 2025

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- 3 October 2025 to 2 October 2026
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- 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

- 15700000 - Animal feedstuffs

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Information about tenders

Lot 1. Suckler cow and calf feed

- 3 tenders received
- 3 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 2 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 2 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Lot 2. Beef finishing and store cattle

- 3 tenders received
 - 2 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 2 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 1 supplier unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Lot 3. Ewe and Lamb Feed

- 3 tenders received
 - 2 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 2 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 1 supplier unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Lot 4. Dairy Cow Rations (this includes blend, parlour nuts and Pre-calver nuts)

- 3 tenders received
 - 3 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 2 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 2 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Lot 5. Calf and Heifer Rations

- 3 tenders received
- 3 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 2 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 2 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Lot 6. Milk Substitute

- 3 tenders received
 - 3 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 3 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 2 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Lot 7. Straights

- 1 tender received
 - 1 tender assessed in the final stage:
 - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Lots that will not be awarded

Lot 8. Feed additives

Description

Lot 8 Feed additives

CPV classifications

- 15710000 - Prepared animal feeds for farm and other animals
- 15700000 - Animal feedstuffs

Date of decision not to award

22 September 2025

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Suppliers

BRITMILK

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYTG-2738-VRPP
- Companies House: SC100357

51 Rae Street

Dumfries

DG1 1JD

United Kingdom

Email: info@britmilk.co.uk

Website: <http://www.britmilk.co.uk>

Region: UKM92 - Dumfries & Galloway

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 6. Lot 6 - Milk Substitute

FANE VALLEY FEEDS LIMITED

- Companies House: NI025752
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNMH-5321-JVBG

Fane Valley Co-Op Soc Ltd Units 1 & 2 Glenavy Road Business Park

Moirá

BT67 0LT

United Kingdom

Email: sales@fanevalleyfeeds.com

Website: <https://fanevalleyfeeds.com>

Region: UKN0E - Lisburn and Castlereagh

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 7. Lot 7 - Straights

JOHN THOMPSON & SONS, LIMITED

- Companies House: R0000447
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHQW-8975-XTCN

35/39 York Road

Belfast

BT15 3GW

United Kingdom

Email: peter.mcclean@thompson.co.uk

Website: <http://www.thompson.co.uk>

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1. Lot 1 - Suckler cow and calf feed

UNITED FEEDS LIMITED

- Companies House: NI038000
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBBN-5752-WNVJ

Dale Farm House, 15

Belfast

BT3 9LS

United Kingdom

Email: aboyd@ufeeds.com

Website: <http://www.ufeeds.com>

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 2. Lot 2 - Beef finishing and store cattle

Contract 3. Lot 3 - Ewe & Lamb Feed

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

Contract 5. Lot 5 - Calf & Heifer Rations

Contracting authority

College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYCL-3331-QQMP

Greenmount Campus, 45 Tirgracy Road

Antrim

BT41 4PS

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Website: <https://www.cafre.ac.uk/>

Region: UKN0D - Antrim and Newtownabbey

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-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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Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Contact organisation

Contact CPD - Supplies & Services Division for any enquiries.