

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/058445-2025>

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](#)

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-058445

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0565df ([view related notices](#))

Published 22 September 2025, 12:00pm

### **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**

### **Description**

Lot 1 Suckler cow and calf feed

---

## **Lot 2. Beef finishing and store cattle**

## **Description**

Lot 2 Beef finishing and store cattle

---

## **Lot 3. Ewe and Lamb Feed**

## **Description**

Lot 3 Ewe and Lamb Feed

---

## **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 5. Calf and Heifer Rations**

## **Description**

Lot 5 Calf and Heifer Rations

---

## **Lot 6. Milk Substitute**

## **Description**

Lot 6 Milk Substitute

---

## Lot 7. Straights

### Description

Lot 7 Straights

---

## 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

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 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

## **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

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 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**

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

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 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

## **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

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 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

### **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 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

### **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

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)
-

### **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)
- 

### **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)
- 

### **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)
- 

## **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)
- 

## **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](mailto: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

Moir

BT67 0LT

United Kingdom

Email: [sales@fanevalleyfeeds.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

United Kingdom

Email: [SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk)

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

Clare House, 303 Airport Road West

Belfast

BT3 9ED

United Kingdom

Email: [SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk)

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

---

## Contact organisation

Contact CPD - Supplies & Services Division for any enquiries.