

Glastir and BPS 2017 payments processed quicker and earlier

Glastir payments started on 29 January and more than 77% of claims to farm businesses have been processed to date – a significant improvement compared with last year's day one payment performance.

In addition, 88% of Glastir capital works claims received have also been processed. Farm businesses are being urged to submit their capital works claims by the deadline of 28 February as late claims cannot be accepted.

The BPS payment window opened on 1 December and over 91% of claims were paid on the first day. Rural Payments Wales, once again, outperformed the Rural Payments Agency and other administrations, paying a higher percentage of BPS claims on day one.

In parallel with the improved Glastir payment performance, the BPS performance continues to progress with over 96% of claims paid to date. Over £223m has been paid into the bank accounts of over 15,000 Welsh farmers and businesses.

Lesley Griffiths said:

“I am pleased to see such significant progress in the processing of both Glastir and BPS payments this year. With the deadline for Glastir capital works claims closing on 28 February, I urge all farm businesses to ensure claims are completed and submitted ahead of this.

“As with previous years, not all farm businesses will have received their Glastir and BPS payments on day one. My officials are working hard to process the remaining claims as quickly as possible. I expect all but the most complex claims to be paid under both schemes by the end of April.

“I would like to thank everyone, including the industry, who have worked closely with us to continually develop RPW online and contribute towards the improved 2017 Glastir and BPS payment performance.”