

## **£292.7m issued in Direct Payments**

More than 99% of farmers in Northern Ireland have received their full Direct Payment for 2020, Agriculture Minister Edwin Poots MLA has announced.

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## **Avian Influenza housing order to come into force**

New housing measures are to be introduced as part of the Avian Influenza Prevention Zone in Northern Ireland (NI) from 23 December, Agriculture Minister Edwin Poots MLA has announced.

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## **Dodds welcomes decision to extend furlough until April**

Economy Minister Diane Dodds today welcomed the decision by Chancellor Rishi Sunak to extend the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme by another month until the end of April 2021.

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## **Economy Minister outlines important steps businesses should take**

Economy Minister Diane Dodds has outlined basic steps businesses can take to prepare for the end of the transition period.

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## **Agri-food research funding programme now open for applications**

A joint DAERA/DAFM research funding programme is now open for applications from public performing research institutions in NI to participate in joint projects with the Republic of Ireland that will benefit the local agri-food sector.