

Catchment Sensitive Farming

Free advice to help you save money

Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF) aims to improve water quality by working with farmers and landowners to reduce the amount of soil, nutrients and pesticides entering our rivers, groundwater and other aquatic habitats. The project encourages farmers to voluntarily implement water friendly farming practices in 60 priority catchments across England.

Your farm is located in the **Lincolnshire Coast Rivers Catchment** which has now been extended to cover parts of North Lincolnshire – please see map overleaf. This means you can benefit from **free training and advice** including soil and nutrient management workshops, specialist farm visits, soil sampling and in some cases capital grants to help reduce diffuse pollution and improve farm profitability.

The following FREE advisory visits are available from 1st October:

- **Whole Farm Appraisal** – particularly relevant if you are new to CSF. An adviser will carry out a comprehensive review of your farm and business providing recommendations to help reduce diffuse pollution and identify further advice available.
- **Soil Sampling and Analysis** – an adviser will collect and analyse soil samples across up to 10 fields and provide a brief report interpreting the results.
- **Nutrient and/or Manure Management Planning** – an adviser will help you stay compliant with NVZ regulations and improve efficiency of nutrient and/or manure usage. They can help you **prepare** a Management Plan or **review** your existing Plan.
- **Soil Husbandry/Sediment Reduction** - this training compliments the Soil Protection Review and will help you identify practical ways to manage soil and drainage issues to reduce soil erosion and run-off.
- **Water Management** - an adviser will look at the main pathways for pollutants related to run-off, including tracks and tramlines and provide practical solutions to help slow or divert damaging water movement to prevent it reaching watercourses.

A series of **PLANET, Nutrient Management and Soil Management Workshops** will also be running this autumn. **All services are FREE of charge and undertaken by qualified independent advisers.**

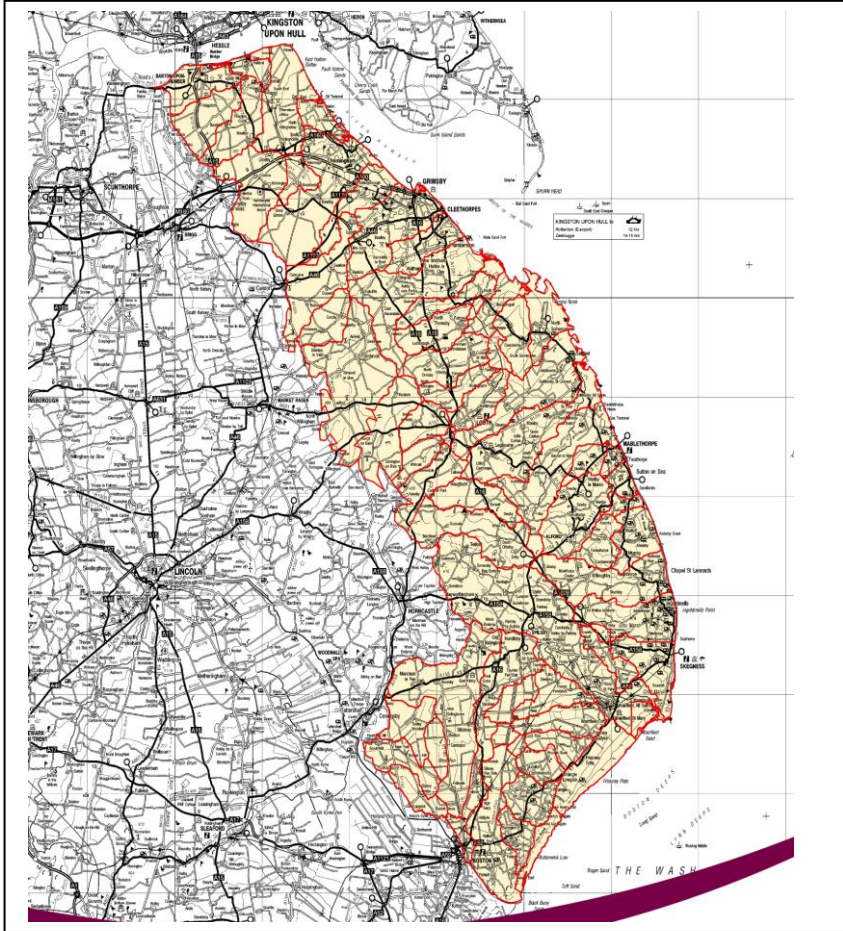
Places are limited so please return the enclosed freepost postcard or phone Sarah Fraser on 0300 060 4722 by ***Friday 23rd September 2011***



**A clear solution
for farmers**

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GAEC 19 – Are you ready?

New cross compliance regulations to protect water from pollution by fertilisers and manures come into effect from 1 January 2012 as part of the CAP Health check. The regulations mean that:

- Inorganic fertiliser must not be applied within two metres of surface waters.
- Organic manure must not be applied within 10 metres of surface waters, except on land managed for breeding wader birds, or as species rich semi-natural grassland and under certain other restrictions.
- Organic manure must also not be applied within 50 metres of a spring, well or borehole.
- If farmers do apply organic manure, they will be asked to keep a map of all surface waters on the holding and land within 10 metres of them; all springs, wells and boreholes on the holding, and within 50 metres of the boundary of the holding, and land within 50 metres of them.
- **Farmers who are meeting the Statutory Management Requirement (SMR) 4 Nitrate Vulnerable Zone requirements will already be meeting the new regulations.**

Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF) is delivered in partnership by Natural England, the Environment Agency and Defra.

