SKILLS & MENTORING DASHBOARD
March – May 2017

RAG Status
- Red: Behind with target
- Amber: Nearly achieved target
- Green: Target on track

Training
- 873 applications have been approved during this period
The breakdown per training category is as follows:

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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>No. of “Approved” Applications</th>
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<tr>
<td>Category 1 – Business Improvement</td>
<td>89</td>
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<td>Category 2 - Technical</td>
<td>455</td>
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<td>Category 3 - Machinery &amp; Equipment Use</td>
<td>329</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>873</td>
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In Category 1, the majority of the courses being supported are Marketing your Business, Business Planning & Development and Financial Recording & VAT.

Within Category 2, the highest number of courses being supported is for the Rodent Control on Farms with 61 application approvals. There were also 53 Cattle Foot Trimming and 44 DIY AI applications approved.

The highest number of courses being supported under Category 3 includes Pesticide related courses (135 applications), Chainsaw related courses (87 applications), and Rough Terrain Telescopic Lift Truck (65 applications).

Application Statistics
Number of Supported Applications for clients under and over the age of 40

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<th>Number of Supported Applications</th>
<th>Under 40</th>
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<td>555</td>
<td>318</td>
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E-learning
369 E-LEARNING COURSES COMPLETED

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<tr>
<th>Course Title</th>
<th>Number of Completed Courses</th>
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<td>Anthelmintic Resistance on Sheep Farms</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Cattle Lameness</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Grazing Management</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>Health &amp; Safety</td>
<td>348</td>
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<td>Farm Liverfluke Management</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>The Benefits of Using High Sugar Grasses</td>
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<td>Tree Identification Deciduous</td>
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In addition, the Business Planning, Biosecurity, Farm Finance, Preparing a Winter Feed Budget, Piglet Survival and Sheep Scab courses were each completed once.

TOTAL 369

Candidate numbers have traditionally been low in North Wales so we tailored the marketing campaign to specifically target North Wales and received increased applications from the region as a result.

Megan McNamara
Sector: Goats
Location: Clarbeston Road
Selected for: Business & Innovation Programme

A part-time nurse who recently ventured into the production and direct marketing of Boer goat meat, Megan is delighted to be selected for the Agri Academy. Megan has ambitious plans for business expansion, doubling her herd to 200 breeding does over the next 18 months and developing her direct marketing.

Gareth Davies
Sector: Beef & Sheep
Location: Howey, Llandrindod Wells
Selected for: Rural Leadership Programme

Gareth is eager to start developing ideas and to network with like-minded people within the industry. He hopes that the Agri Academy will provide a platform where his voice can be heard and give him the skills and confidence to inspire others.
Management Exchange

The countries visited by the Management Exchange programme are highlighted green.

Guto Huws
Sector: Beef & Sheep
Location: Trawsfynydd
Selected for: Junior Programme
An agriculture student at Coleg Glynllifon with his sights set on studying Agriculture at university, Guto believes that the Junior Agri Academy will support his application as it has for previous alumni. Guto is eager to gain as much experience as possible before applying his new found knowledge to the family farm.

Click here to read the full biographies of all selected candidates.

Agrisgôp

27 ACTIVE GROUPS
with
221 MEMBERS
attending a total of
55 MEETINGS

Discussion Topics
Career options for students
Entrepreneurship
Animal health & welfare
Grassland management
Organic Dairy
Living off 10 acres
Dairy Sheep
Welsh Wine
Women & Brexit
Women leaders
Resilience and time management
Farmers market
Combined heat and power technology
Farm tourism
Poultry Breeding
Free Range Eggs
Adding value to lamb
Pullet Rearing
Jersey Breeders
Brainstorming Business
Anaerobic Digesters
Boer Goat meat production

Gethin Owen visited France in May
Exchange Topic: To see the ‘Charpentier’ system of permanent cover crops on a mixed farm which produce beef self-sufficiently on home grown forage crops.
Click here to read more about Gethin’s exchange

Sonia Winder’s exchange partner Marc Redemann visited Wales from Germany in May
Exchange Topic: Looking at sustainable woodland management in particular mature continuous cover forestry, how to preserve biodiversity, encourage natural regeneration and deal with threats from pests and diseases.
Click here to read more about Sonia’s exchange

Mentoring

65 MENTEES
and
13 NEW MENTEES APPLIED
FOR MENTORING

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