

# Combinable Crops Priorities 2016

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# Crop Protection: EU Consultation

Consultation Jan 2015: Endocrine Disruptor 'hazard cut off' definition

Active names	Arable	Vegetable (inc Potato)	Some product names (for illustration purposes)
<b>FUNGICIDES</b>			
Mancozeb	Y	Y	Laminator, Manzate, Penncozeb, Fobul Gold WG, Guru
Iprodione	Y	Y	Compass, Hi-Prodione, Rovral Aqua-flo, Rovral WG
Cyproconazole	Y	Y	Alto Elite, Alto Xtra, Furlong, Escolta
Epoconazole	Y		Adexar, Bassoon, Kingdom, Keystone
Maneb	Y	Y	Trimangol 80, Trimangol WDG
Metconazole	Y	Y	Juventus, Caramba, Librax
Fluazinam		Y	Legacy, Ibiza 500, Nando 500SC
<b>HERBICIDES</b>			
loxynil	Y	Y	Oxytril CM, Stellox, Totril
Linuron		Y	Messidor 45 SC, Linurex 50SC, Cleancrop Affable
flumioxazine	Y		Digital, Guillotine, Sumimax
S-metolachlor	Y		Dual Gold
Terbuthylazine	Y		Alpha Bromotril PT, Calaris
<b>INSECTICIDES</b>			
Abamectin		Y	Dynamec, Agrimec
Thiacloprid	Y	Y	Biscaya, Calypso, Provado Ultimate Bug Killer

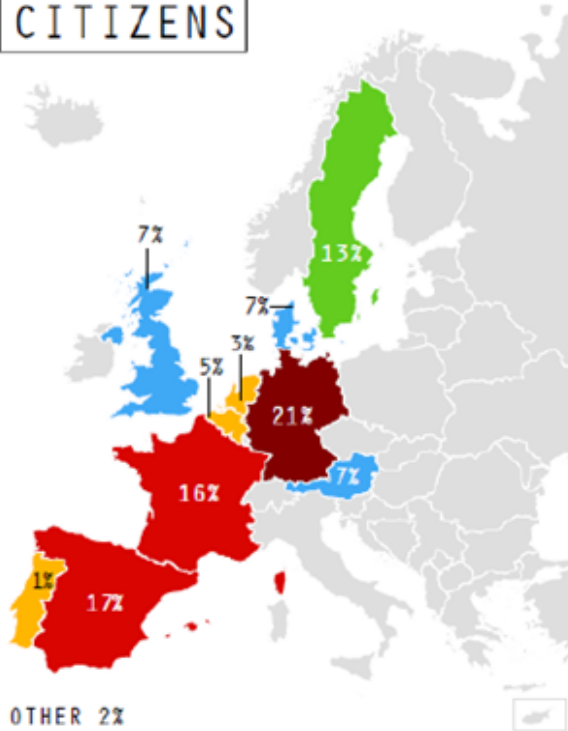


# ED definition consultation

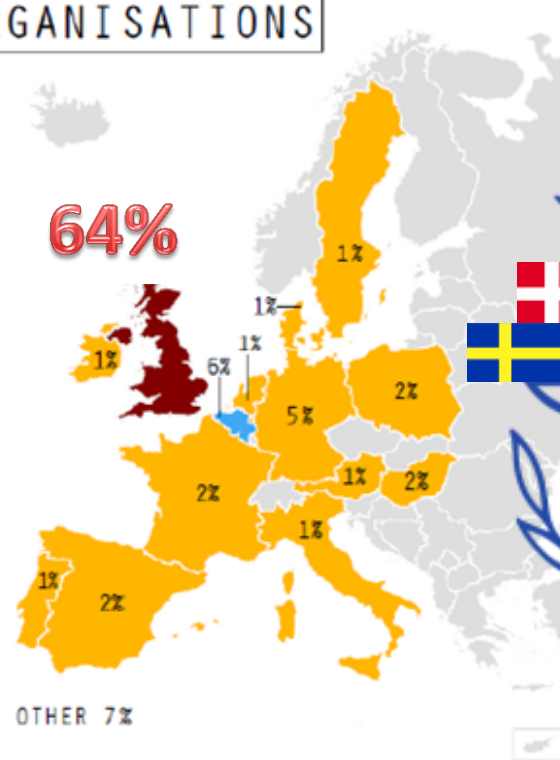
## DISTRIBUTION OF REPLIES

- Most below 20% of EU response

CITIZENS



ORGANISATIONS



0% 1%-5% 6%-10% 11%-15% 15%-20% 21%+

# Neonicotinoid seed treatments



## 2015 Emergency Use Authorisations: Modesto, Cruiser OSR

Royal Courts of Justice  
Strand, London, WC2A 2LL

Date: 12/11/2015

Before:

THE HON. MRS JUSTICE PATTERSON DBE

Between:

THE QUEEN on the application of FRIENDS OF  
THE EARTH LIMITED

Claimant

- and -

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE  
ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Defendant

- and -

NATIONAL FARMERS UNION

Interested Party



# Forward contracts and futures markets

MiFID I, EMIR  
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into force  
Jan 2017  
(or **2018?**)

NFU engagement on MiFID with UK and EU Government, Regulators, media

# NFU activity: Fertiliser competition

Potash anti dumping  
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**NFU Win**

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N and P EU  
import tariff  
suspension  
BIS & DG  
ENTER Jun  
2014 - **not  
successful**

AN (Russia)  
anti  
dumping  
review  
DG TRADE  
Jun 2014  
**partial  
success**

*N and P  
import tariff  
abolition*

*Inquiry into  
fertiliser  
vertical  
integration*

*AN (Russia)  
interim anti  
dumping  
review*



# MH Themes for Board Strategy



# The Financial Challenge



AHDB CropBench Average cost of production £/T (including imputed rent & finance costs)	Current ex-farm price £/T	% of Production cost
£146.40	£101.60 - Feed £106.60 - Bread	69.4% 72.8%
£162.40	£96.10 - Feed £107.20 - Malt	59.2% 66.0%
£318.60	£268 delivered	84.1%



# 1. Themes for prioritising activity 2016



Maintain a regulatory environment that does not compromise technical efficiencies or place the arable sector at a competitive disadvantage. 'Freedom' to operate.

# Examples – Strategic Policy Priorities

- CAP and Greening review
- Cultivating engagement: member, county, region, HQ (e.g. BPS, CSFB survey)
- Cereals Development Programme – 2016/17
- Seeds: New Breeding Techniques (definitions, patents)
- e-Grain passport (e-data exchange)
- Forward marketing and business risk management (MiFID)

## 2. Themes for prioritising activity 2016



To focus on policies that will deliver **bottom line** profit to Members.

# Examples of policy priorities - **Profit**

- Wayleaves – April 2016
- Healthy Harvest – pesticide regulation in EU, UK and farm stewardship
- Market opportunities e.g. biofuels
- Tractor and trailer weight and speed – Harvest 2016
- Fertiliser market competition



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# Agriculture policy post 2020



- Budget?
- Environmental policy?
- Economic policy?

# Competitiveness in the future



**eGrain**  
P A S S P O R T  
P I L O T



# Cereals Development Programme



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# New breeding techniques, patents



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# Current situation



"I think we all want a successful outcome, but I think our first priority should be some successful income."

# Wayleaves



12m Boom  
10 kph  
Spot rate 12 Ha/Hr



36m Boom  
16 kph  
Spot Rate 57.6 Ha/Hr

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# Crop Protection Legislation

Crop Production Technology:  
 The Effect of the Loss of Plant  
 Protection Products on UK  
 Agriculture and Horticulture  
 and the Wider Economy



## Healthy HARVEST

The impact of losing plant protection products  
 on UK food production

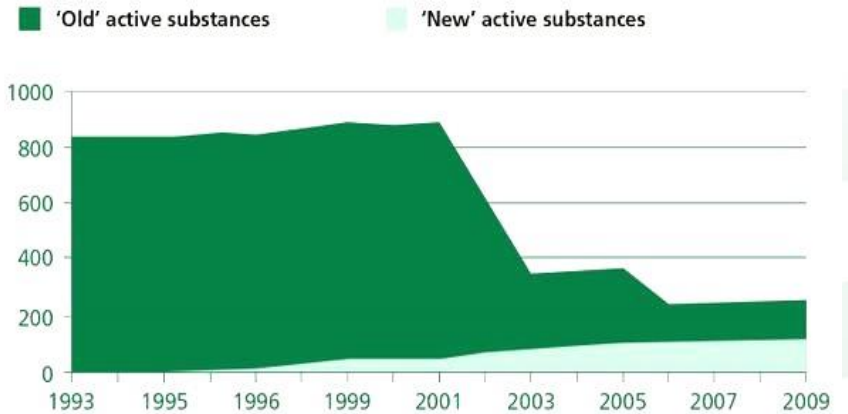


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## DEVELOPMENT OF APPROVED ACTIVE SUBSTANCES

Source: European Commission

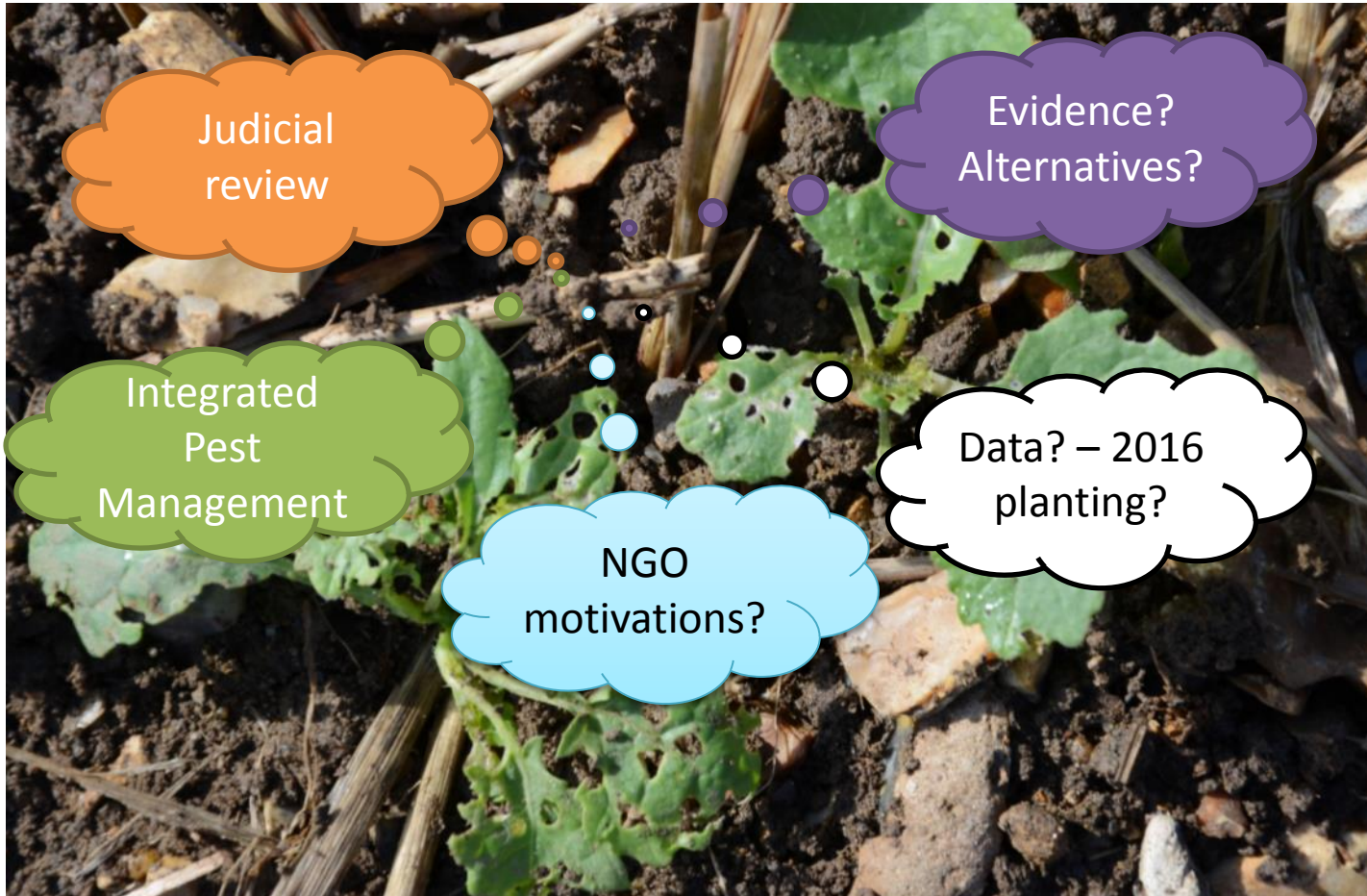


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# CSFB in oilseed rape



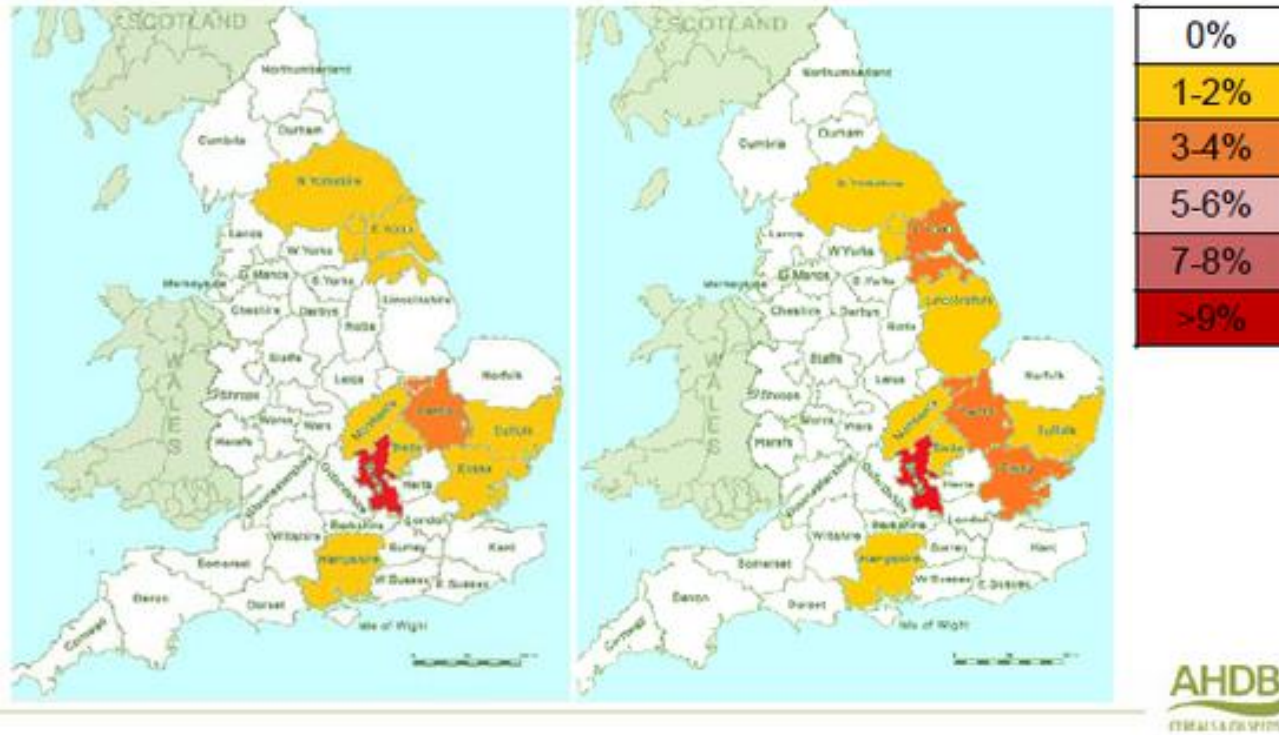


# Cabbage Stem Flea Beetle 2015/2016

## Proportion of county area lost

Assessment 1  
(Cotyledon – 2 leaves)

Assessment 2  
(3 – 4 leaves)



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## Take part in our OSR Survey - your data matters

Thursday, February 18, 2016



We need your help to establish the extent of the cabbage stem flea beetle damage in oilseed rape in your 2015/16 crop.

An **online survey is now live** to assess adult feeding damage in the young plants in Autumn 2015 and the numbers of larvae found in plants in Spring 2016.

Please complete the survey **here** so that we can assess the scale of the problem - the survey takes around 10 minutes to complete.

We particularly want to get an insight into which areas of the country are most affected by CSFB and where the real hotspots are located.

Thanks for your help in completing the survey.

### NEWS



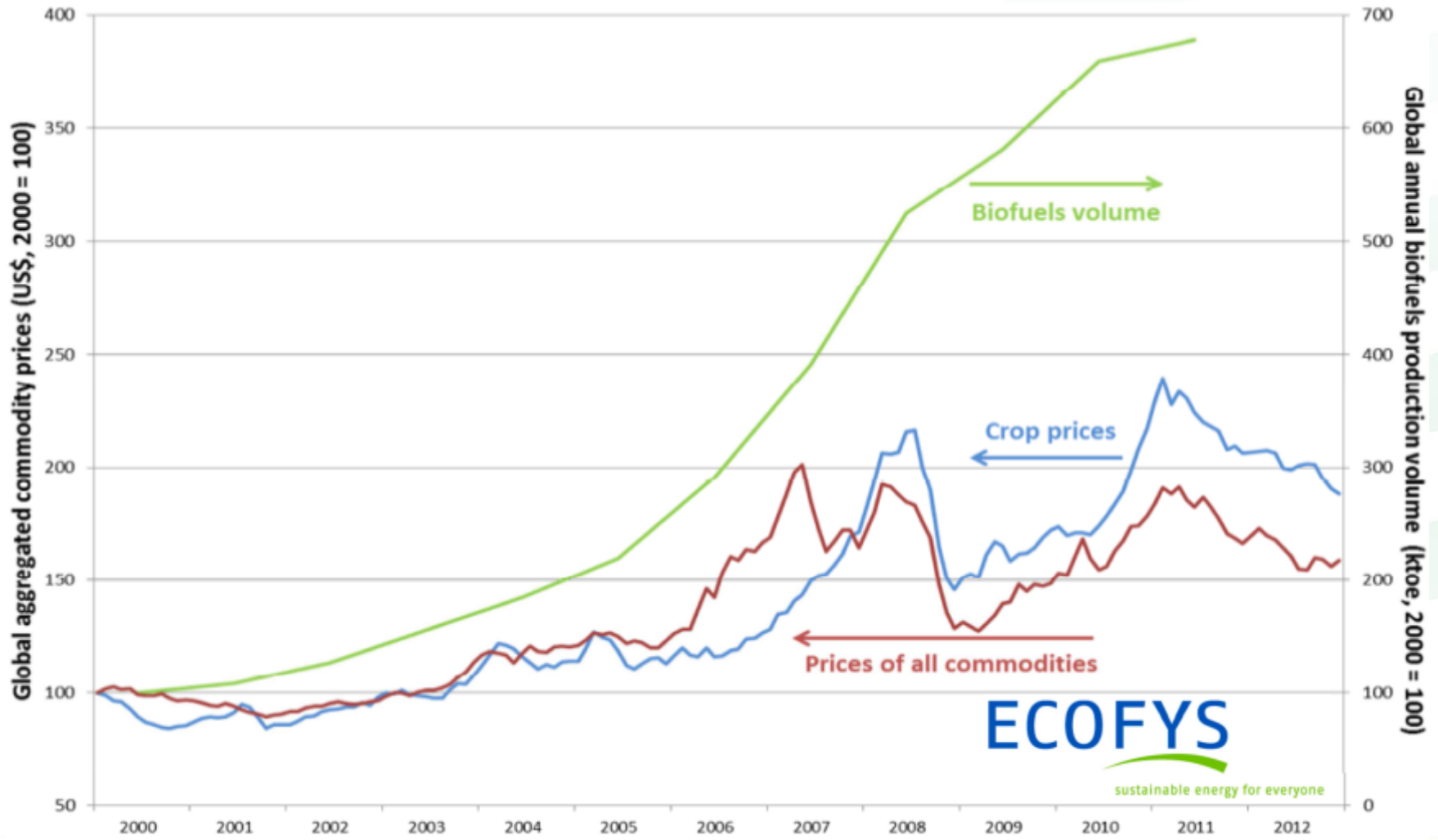
**NFU seeks comments on 'minor' water abstraction exemptions**



**Cash-flow pressures on British farmers must be addressed**



# Food *and* Fuel – farmers’ response:



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# Tractor & Trailer



March 2015

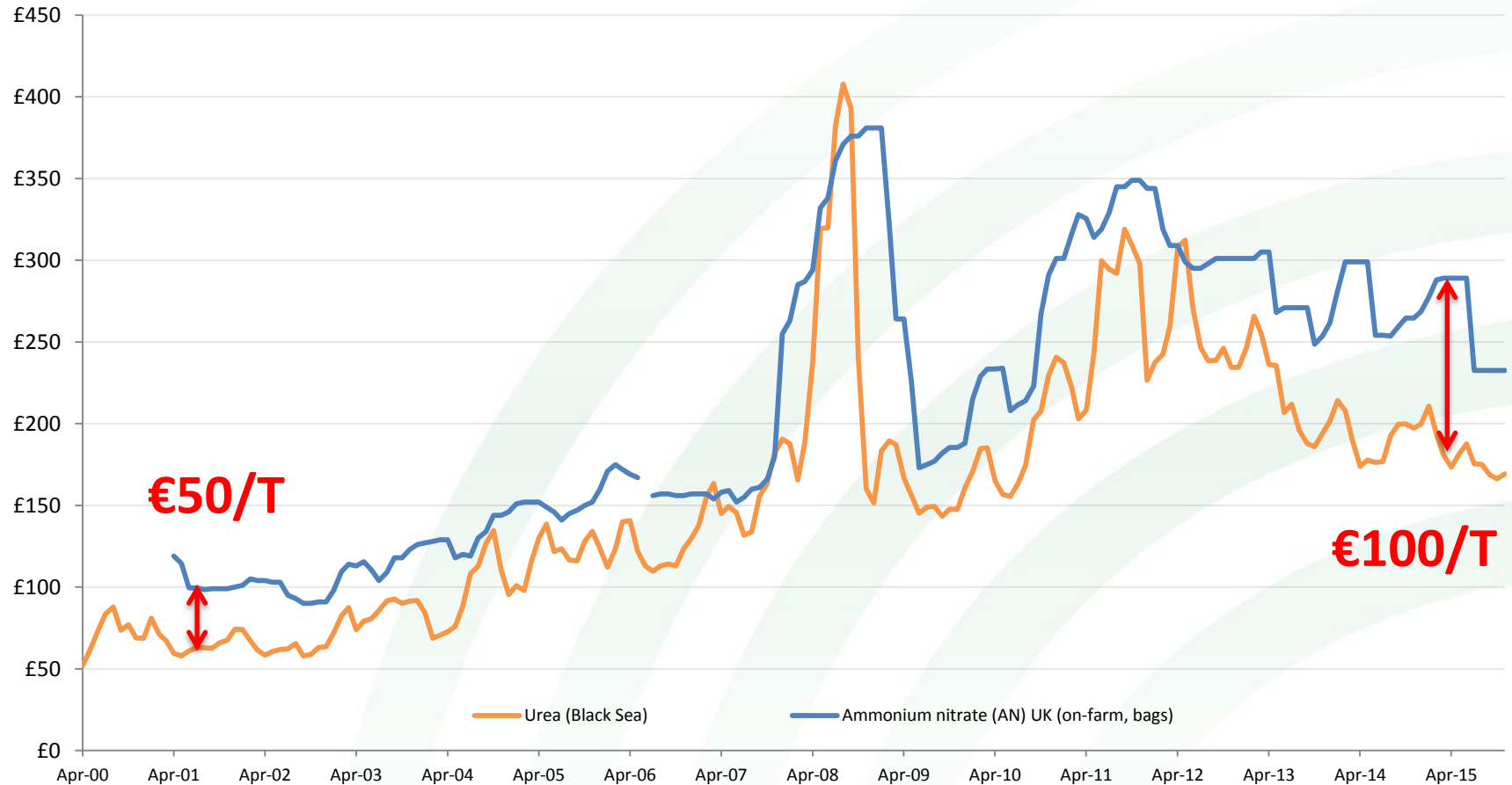
- Increase from 24.39 mT to 31 mT GTW
- Increase in speed to 40 kph
- **NO** additional testing required

Future developments

- Possible increase to 35 & 39 mt for 2 and 3 axle trailers
- Appropriate vehicle testing requirement to run at increased weights
- Implementation unlikely before harvest 2017

# Fertiliser inputs and competition

UK and international nitrogen fertiliser prices, £ Sterling, 2000-2015



Source: AHDB Dairy, AMIS

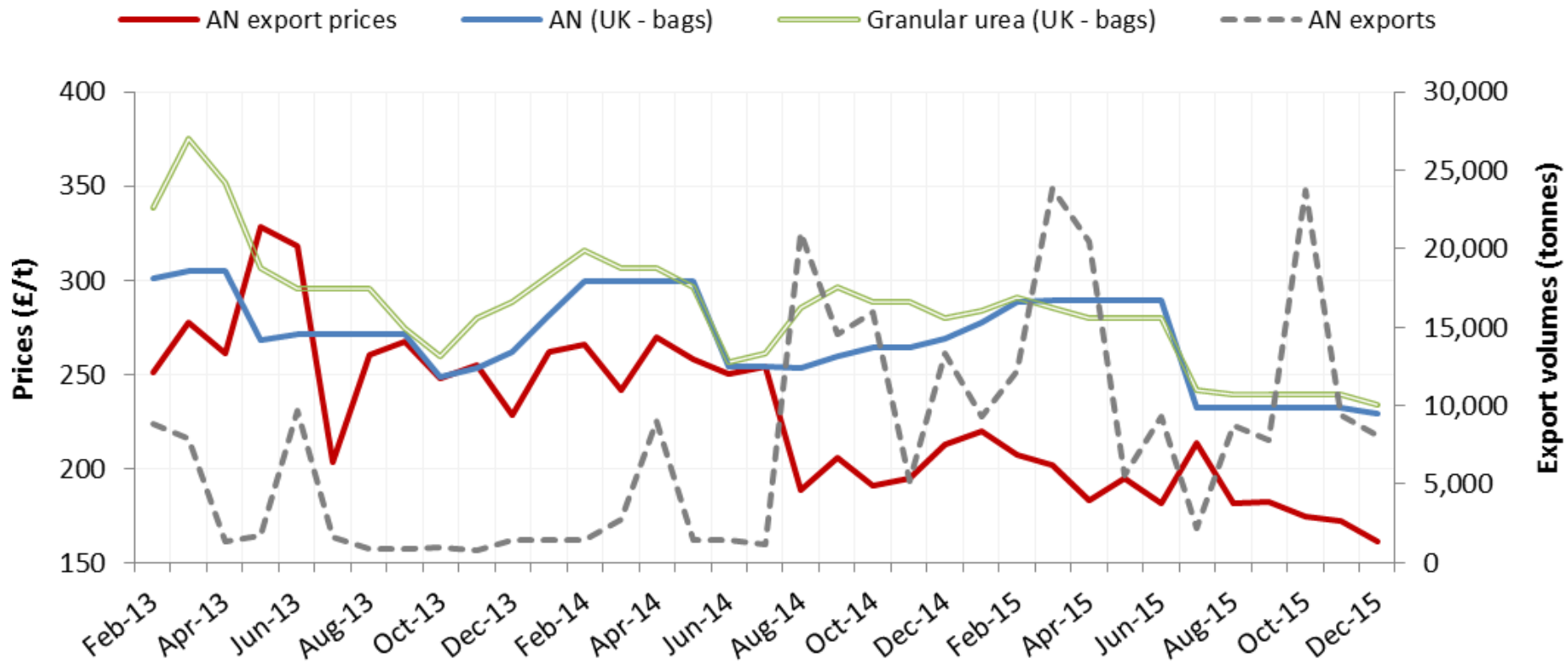
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# UK ammonium nitrate market 2014-15

Trends in UK average fertiliser prices and export volume



Source: AHDB Dairy, Farm Brief, HMRC trade statistics

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Jun 2014  
*partial  
success*

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**'Freedom' to operate ...  
...for the bottom line.**