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NVZ's - coping with the rules

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It's vital to understand the NVZ rules as well as practically interpret them on your farm. This will ensure you comply with the rules and minimise the chance of a Cross Compliance failure.

Things to consider include:

- Livestock manure N farm limit – this limits stocking density. It must be calculated using a standard format. If you cannot comply with this limit you must either; reduce stocking numbers, increase the land under your control, export muck or apply for the derogation to increase the N farm limit.
- Organic manure N field limit – this limits how much muck you can apply to individual fields during a year. Good record keeping is the key to complying with this rule.
- Closed periods – there are key dates when you cannot spread muck or bagged nitrogen, although some exemptions exist. Know the dates and when to leave the spreader or tanker away in the shed.
- Muck storage – how much storage do you really need? It is vital to know how to calculate your storage requirement so you can plan for the future. This needs to be calculated using a set format allowing for slurry production and water entering the pit.
- Nutrient planning – make the most of muck and save money. Each crop need to have a plan for how much nitrogen will be supplied by the soil, any muck applied and from the bag. The nutrients supplied need to match the crop nutrient requirements.
- Limitations on where and how you spread muck – there are a few key rules which you need to know.

The talk by Martin and David will show how the Kingshay team can bring a strong practical element to this somewhat confusing subject, allowing you to apply the NVZ rules on your farm.

There is an independent confidential telephone helpline available to answer technical queries from farmers, growers and advisers relating to the new NVZ rules, open from 7am to 7pm Mondays to Fridays on 0845 345 1302 and for online help see www.crosscompliance.org.uk/cms/nvz - where you can also find details of Cross Compliance workshops in your region.

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