

1st October 2024

Dear Manx NFU Member

## Membership 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

Please find enclosed your Manx NFU membership 2024-25 renewal form.

To continue to ensure that all the details I have for each Manx NFU Member is up to date, please can you complete the enclosed membership form, including your email address and mobile phone number, and return it to the office (a scanned copy by email is fine). Even if you pay by annual standing order, please return the completed form as this ensures our records are kept up to date and that everyone is included in our updates and communications.

Our membership fees remain at the same rate as last year and it continues to be a real benefit in these challenging times to be a member of the Manx NFU.

Last year we launched our 'Young Farmers under 30' membership category which is free for the first year and £30 thereafter up to the age of 30 and gives full membership attendance at meetings and a vote. We are pleased to continue with this category and look forward to welcoming more Young Farmer members. If you joined under this scheme last year, please remember you will need to pay the reduced renewal rate of £30. We are also continuing with our Countryside Membership for those who are not farming but have an interest and want to support Manx food and farming. This is a non-voting membership and further details can be obtained by contacting the office.

The Manx NFU continue to work very hard communicating at all levels with the Government, processors and related parties in the many very serious issues that continue to face the agricultural industry and will continue to lobby for the best outcomes for our members and agriculture on the Island as a whole. Manx NFU will also continue to promote and educate the public regarding agriculture at every opportunity. This can be seen in our continued presence at the Agricultural Shows, going into local schools at junior and senior level and liaising with various universities and colleges who offer agricultural and horticultural related courses, and providing our local students with this information.

The Manx NFU continues to drive change, voicing the issues affecting our members. A lot of the work is done behind the scenes, especially when working with the Government and processors. Your membership is vital to ensure this work continues.

We would appreciate, where possible, if payment of membership fees is made by BACs direct to our bank account to keep bank charges to a minimum. Account details are on the membership application form.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you have any queries with the information requested on the membership form, or any problems with payment.

Yours sincerely

Carolyn Lace Assistant General Secretary Manx National Farmers Union

