

ENVIRO NEWS



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FARMERS URGED TO PLAN AHEAD AS BEDDING SQUEEZE CONTINUES

Livestock farmers are being warned to brace for continued high bedding costs and supply issues, as straw and hay prices are expected to remain elevated throughout 2026 and beyond.

According to AHDB, tight supplies, ongoing weather challenges and rising production costs are continuing to drive the market, with little sign of easing in the near term.

In its latest straw outlook, AHDB Senior Economist Jess Corsair said: "Wet weather at the start of 2026, tight straw supplies, reduced cropping areas and high contracting costs mean straw prices may stay elevated through 2026. It is likely that higher price levels for straw and hay could remain throughout 2026 and future years."

Further pressure is expected as cropping areas decline, with spring barley predicted to be down 15% in 2026 and winter barley also seeing a reduction, raising concerns over future availability.

The warning comes after two difficult harvests in 2024 and 2025, which saw wet weather impact both yield and quality.

Wheat straw prices have already risen by an average of 20% year on year, with barley straw following a similar trend.



At the same time, sawdust markets have tightened, with large volumes being exported for biomass production, leaving many producers struggling to secure sufficient, good quality bedding.

The impact is now being felt on farm, with shortages, inconsistent quality and rising costs pushing producers to consider alternatives.

Liz Russell, founder of EnviroSystems, said demand for paper-based bedding is rising sharply.

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To round things off, we soaked up the sunshine with a few well-earned drinks in the Northern Quarter.



Some team members who couldn't make it to Manchester enjoyed a lovely meal in the sun at the Cross Keys, a local pub near Fogs!



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