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LMC announces upcoming FQAS mart clinics

THE Livestock and Meat Commission (LMC) is pleased to once again extend its liaison service to marts. Over the coming weeks LMC will visit a number of livestock markets across Northern Ireland, with a range of dates and venues now confirmed.

The forthcoming series of mart clinics run by LMC Farm Liaison Officer Terry White, aim to provide assistance for participants of the Northern Ireland Beef and Lamb Farm Quality Assurance Scheme (NIBL FQAS). Terry will be present to assist participants of NIBL FQAS with non-conformances, general scheme queries and any issues prior to or following an inspection. Any farmers who wish to join the scheme can also do so through their local FQAS mart clinic.

Terry will be available at the livestock marts listed below on the following dates:

Day	Date	Livestock Mart
Wednesday	09 November	Saintfield
Monday	21 November	Omagh
Wednesday	23 November	Kilrea
Thursday	01 December	Enniskillen
Tuesday	06 December	Markethill
Friday	09 December	Ballymena

The LMC owns and manages NIBL FQAS on behalf of the beef and sheep meat industry and provides a dedicated liaison service to both new applicants and existing NIBL FQAS participants.

The mart clinics are in addition to the daily NIBL FQAS helpline that LMC currently provides. The helpline is available to any producers needing assistance with scheme queries or non-conformances. Some farmers can find a number of the scheme requirements such as the completion of records daunting, the liaison service is in place to assist farmers and ensure that as many producers as possible can continue to benefit from being a member of the scheme.

Depending on demand the chosen marts may vary, changes will be highlighted in LMC's weekly bulletin and via text message. Participants can also call the NIBL FQAS Helpline on (028) 9263 3024.

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