What is the background to the National Fallen Stock Scheme?
Since May 2003, it has been illegal to bury fallen stock (dead animals) on farms throughout Europe under the EU Animal By-Products Regulation. Farmers must now dispose of all fallen stock using approved methods.

What is the Government doing to help farmers meet the new requirements?
The Government recognises the cost to farmers of meeting the new requirements. It has developed the National Fallen Stock Scheme together with the farming industry. The scheme aims to help farmers cope with the change by facilitating a cost-effective method of disposing of fallen stock. The scheme is due to begin in autumn 2004 and it is the result of extensive consultation and reworking to ensure that it best meets farmers’ needs. The National Fallen Stock Company Ltd will run the scheme.

What is the scheme?
The Scheme is a voluntary, nationally co-ordinated collection and disposal service for fallen stock. Government will be jointly funding the scheme with farmers in the first three years. After that it will be entirely run and financed by the farming industry.

How does the scheme work?
• All livestock farmers will be able to use the scheme by paying a small annual registration fee set at approximately £25 (tbc) in the first year. The fee will be reviewed annually. This will be used to cover the administration costs of the scheme.
• Farmers will be able to choose their preferred approved collector from a list provided by the National Fallen Stock Company. It will show all the prices of the collectors who cover their area.
• Collectors will invoice the National Fallen Stock Company directly for the collection of fallen stock.
Farmers will pay for the collection using a variable direct debit to the National Fallen Stock Company. Farmers will pay the amount charged for the collection, less a government contribution in the first three years.

**Why should I join the National Fallen Stock Scheme?**
- The Government is providing £20m over three years. This means that, in most cases, by using the scheme, you can meet the new requirements to dispose of fallen stock at a lower cost than by making your own arrangements.
- The scheme allows you to be sure of using approved collectors that stick to strict biosecurity guidelines.
- The scheme is a fair solution for all farmers, regardless of species or size of farm.
- The amount you pay is directly related to the services you receive.
- The National Fallen Stock Company takes care of administration of payments to collectors.
- The membership fee is small and the more farmers that enrol, the lower the fee for joining the scheme.

**Animal Health and Welfare Strategy**
The National Fallen Stock Scheme is an example of the partnership approach outlined in the Animal Health and Welfare Strategy for Great Britain.

**What should I do next?**
You can register your interest in the scheme by returning the registration form in this leaflet. When the scheme is launched, the National Fallen Stock Company will send you an application pack containing all the information you need to join the scheme.

If you registered your interest in the scheme in 2003, you will automatically receive the application pack and a letter explaining the development of the scheme.
The scheme is open to all farmers in the UK.

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You may wish to send this registration form in an envelope.
You can register your interest in the National Fallen Stock Scheme by filling in this form and returning it to the National Fallen Stock Company. An application pack will be sent to you with everything you need to join the scheme once it becomes available.

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