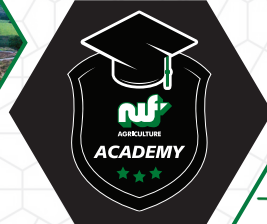


# 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

1871 - 2021

NWF AGRICULTURE



1871

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NWF Agriculture was established as the Cheshire Farmers Supply Association Ltd on the 5th June 1871.

47 years later in 1918, the Cheshire Farmers Supply Association Ltd grew to become a cooperative, expanding its capital base and incentivising members to trade with the cooperative.

After 40 years, in 1958, following a merger of the Cheshire, Shropshire & North Wales Farmers Supply Association and the Chester Farmers, the cooperative changed its name to North Western Farmers Ltd, still operating as a cooperative.

The Wardle Mill site officially opened in 1980, the largest specialist ruminant feed mill in the UK. Continuing to produce ruminant feeds, North Western Farmers Ltd consistently grew and in 1988 it became a limited company, operating as NWF Group Ltd, with the feed division now known as NWF Agriculture.

In 1995, the NWF Group was listed on the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange, becoming the first company in the North West to do so.

In March 1998 NWF Agriculture manufactured its one millionth tonne of ruminant feed.

In July 2003 NWF Agriculture manufactured its two millionth tonne of ruminant feed.

UK expansion in 2004 saw NWF Agriculture purchase JGW Thomas in Devon, expanding ruminant feed supply from Cheshire to the South West.

In October 2005 NWF Agriculture manufactured its three millionth tonne of ruminant feed.

In 2013 NWF acquired the ruminant business SC Feeds. This acquisition further strengthened operations and opportunities to support farmers across Cheshire, Staffordshire, Shropshire, Derbyshire, North Wales & surrounding areas.

In 2015 NWF acquired 100% of the issued share capital of ruminant feeds manufacturer & nutritional advisory business, New Breed (UK) Limited.

In 2016 NWF acquired the ruminant business Jim Peet Agriculture. This acquisition further strengthened operations and opportunities to support farmers across Cumbria, Lancashire, Northumberland and the South-West of Scotland.

In 2019, the NWF Academy was launched. A specific 18 month training programme to train professorial farm advisors of the future to assist British livestock farmers and the livestock industry in developing a sustainable, profitable future.

In 2020, NWF launched an online eCommerce store, Agri Express, to retail a wide range of associated livestock products with nationwide delivery.

On the 5th June, NWF Agriculture celebrate our 150th anniversary. Starting in Nantwich, Cheshire in 1871, NWF now feed 1 in 6 dairy cows in the UK and operate from five locations across Cumbria, Lancashire, Cheshire & Devon. The business supplies over 4,500 British farmers, employ over 250 members of staff, delivers over 50,000 tonnes of ruminant feed a month and has a fleet of lorries driving more than a million miles each year!