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BRINGING GROWERS AND BREWERS TOGETHER

Charles Faram Farms Ltd is made up of independent family farms who work hand in hand with us on all aspects of hop growing and development.

This includes continuous improvement by reducing reliance on artificial fertilisers, reduction in crop protection products, increased bio-diversity and cover cropping and the use of alternative fuel and drying techniques.

Through constant collaboration and sharing of knowledge and best practice we work together to supply brewers around the world with the best of British hops.

Charles Faram Farms Ltd also follow our core values

Quality • Innovation • Respect • Community • Expertise • Reliability

MEET THE GROWERS

Name	**RB Phillips Hopmech Ltd**
Location	Herefordshire, UK
Farms	Lower Eggleton Court and Tarrington
Began	1850
Managed by	Richie Phillips
Varieties	Bramling Cross • Golding Pilgrim • Jester® Harlequin®
Hop development	Member of the development team
Hop hectares	24.3Ha
Other farming	Small amounts of grassing and combinable crops.

The Phillips family have been growing hops in Herefordshire since they moved to the area in 1850. Richard farms with his wife Lucy and their two sons Bertie and Sam, Lucy is also from long established hop growing family. Both brothers are carrying on the strong family tradition of hop growing into the sixth generation!

Richard is the Chairman of Charles Faram Farms and works very closely with the other grower members to coordinate the varieties and volumes that are required for forward contracts. He is also a great supporter of the hop variety development programme and is keen to work with brewers to select the best new varieties for brewing.

The Hawkins family have been at The Farm, Bosbury since the mid 1940's but the earlier generations were based at farms in both Herefordshire and Kent. They very keen on experimenting with new varieties and new and sustainable ways of producing the crop.

John and Henry Hawkins will be the sixth generation of hop growers and they take a huge interest in the hops.

Name	**Hawkins Farming**
Location	Bosbury, Herefordshire, UK
Farms	The farm & Millend Farm
Began	Current location 1940's
Managed by	Sarah Hawkins & Matt Bailey
Varieties	Golding • Progress • Sovereign Pilgrim • Jester® • Olicana® Harlequin®
Hop development	Many Charles Faram trial varieties and soil/pest regenerative management methods
Hop hectares	30 Ha
Other farming	110ha cider apple Christmas trees Arable crops Countryside Stewardship environmental scheme Bosbury Herefords prime pedigree Hereford cattle

Richard and his son Doy Hollamby are the present family members involved with the hop growing here in the High Weald.

Hops have been grown at Woodknowle since the 1600's, where the traditional oast house is still used for drying.

Name	**R Hollamby & Sons**
Location	The High Weald, Sussex, UK
Farms	Woodknowle
Began	1910
Managed by	Richard and Doy Hollamby
Varieties	Admiral • Phoenix Progress • Target
Hop development	Member of the development team
Hop hectares	11.48Ha
Other Farming	Some combinable crops

Name	Okells Organics
Location	Bosbury, Herefordshire, UK
Farms	Bargains Farm
Began	2008
Managed by	Sue Okell, Frank and Olivia
Varieties	Organic First Gold
Hop development	-
Hop hectares	2Ha
Other farming	Cider fruit Combinable crops Eating apples Vegetables Livery yard

Unusually for British hop growing, this is a relatively new enterprise, and, rather perversely, started at the same time that many of the other English hopyards were being taken out, in the early 2000s.

Sue is a farmer's daughter, but trained as a physiotherapist, knowing the family farm would go to her brother. However, she subsequently bought a small farm for herself, initially planting half of it with cider fruit, for which Herefordshire is well known. Over time she built this up and is now in a farm partnership with her husband Frank, and daughter Olivia,

Name	J W Barrett
Location	Castle Frome , Herefordshire, UK
Farms	Walsorpthorne
Began	1860
Managed by	Jimmy Barrett
Varieties	Ernest • Jester® Harlequin®
Hop development	Many Charles Faram trial varieties
Hop hectares	6.3Ha
Other farming	

The Barrett family have been hop growers in the area for at least 4 generations. Jim has a wealth of experience and is often helping other growers with agronomy and even lending a hand in the kiln.

The farm has been run by the Pennington family since 1961 when Tims father moved from a farm near Liverpool. The farm had previously been growing hops and the Pennington family have continued that ever since. Tim has 2 sons, Charlie (a Fabricator and Engineer) and Will (an Agricultural contractor) who are keen to follow in Tims footsteps.

Name	**HG Pennington**
Location	Madley , Herefordshire, UK
Farms	Lulham Court
Began	1961
Managed by	Tim Pennington
Varieties	Bramling Cross and Golding
Hop development	-
Hop hectares	8.16Ha
Other farming	Vineyard, Combinable crops Potatoes

John Perry Pudge's father started hop growing in Dilwyn in 1892. John moved Brook House Kings Pyon in 1936 and hops have been grown by the family ever since. Colin is the current generation (4th) growing hops with his daughter Erin showing keen interest in becoming the 5th hop farmer.

Name	**Colin Pudge**
Location	Kings Pyon , Herefordshire, UK
Farms	Brook House,
Began	1936
Managed by	Colin Pudge
Varieties	First Gold, Sovereign, Endeavour, Faram Fuggle
Hop development	Member of the development team
Hop hectares	9.3Ha
Other farming	Sheep Cattle Cider apples Christmas trees

Hops have been grown at Reeds Farm for hundreds of years. In 1972 the Wilson family purchased the farm and have been growing hops there ever since.

Name	**CWL Wilson**
Location	Kent, UK
Farms	Reeds Farm
Began	1972
Managed by	Alan Clark
Varieties	Target, Pilgrim and Bramling Cross
Hop development	-
Hop hectares	12.02Ha
Other farming	Sheep

Name	**Edward Lewis**
Location	Dilwyn, Herefordshire, UK
Farms	The Haven
Began	1888
Managed by	Ben Lewis
Varieties	Fuggle
Hop development	-
Hop hectares	2.55Ha
Other farming	Hereford Cattle Cider apples Combinables

The Lewis family came to The Haven in 1888 and have farmed there ever since. Edward and his son Ben work as a team to grow only Fuggles at this time, being a farm free from Verticillium Wilt.

Hops have been grown at Thinghill court and Claston for hundreds of years. James and his brother Paul started growing hedgerow hops 27 years ago and have become specialists in this field, they are the 3rd generation of the Hawkins family to farm this area with deep roots in hop growing. The next generation is showing great interest.

Name	**JS and CP Hawkins**
Location	Herefordshire, UK
Farms	Thinghill Court and Claston
Began	Unknown
Managed by	James Hawkins (Jimmer)
Varieties	First Gold, Sovereign, Faram Fuggle, Archer, Pioneer, Pilot, Boadicea
Hop development	Many Charles Faram trial varieties
Hop hectares	42.11Ha
Other farming	Strawberries Garlic Turf Combinables Cattle Chickens Hazelnuts Cider apples

The Walker family having been growing hops locally for many generations going back to the mid 19th Century. John and family started growing as hedgerow specialists in 1996 when First Gold was released.

Ed, John and Sues son has returned to the farm, post college, and is actively involved in the farm and hop growing.

Name	**E B Walker & Co**
Location	Herefordshire, UK
Farms	Tedney
Began	1920
Managed by	John Walker
Varieties	Organic Sovereign, Organic Endeavour Organic Experimentals
Hop development	Many Charles Faram trial varieties
Hop hectares	6.9Ha
Other farming	Hereford Cattle Sheep Damsons Cider apples Perry pears Combinables

The growing of hops at Instone court can be traced back 130 years and probably much further! Simon and Lenny are passionate about hop growing with Simon being a former Chairman of the British Hop Association and a Director of Charles Faram Farms.

On the farm they grow many varieties of hop and are an important member of the Hop Development team, contributing a wealth of experience and willingness to trial new and exciting varieties.

Name	**Simon Parker**
Location	Herefordshire, UK
Farms	Instone Court
Began	1919
Managed by	Simon and Lenny Parker
Varieties	Admiral, Bullion, Ernest, Golding, Jester®, Emperor®, Opus®, Pilgrim, Progress, Target
Hop development	Many Charles Faram trial varieties
Hop hectares	19.3Ha
Other farming	Chickens Sheep Hazelnuts Cider apples Cooking apples

With roots tracing back to the 1940s, Church Farm is a testament to the enduring legacy of hop farming through generations. Tom, a fourth-generation farmer, inherits a proud tradition of excellence, with his steadfast commitment to quality and sustainability, Tom manages Church Farm with a keen eye on the future, supported by his dedicated team.

Name	**Tom Probert**
Location	Weston Beggard, Herefordshire
Farms	Church Farm
Began	1940
Managed by	Tom Probert
Varieties	Bramling Cross, Goldings, Progress, Willamette, Hersbruker
Hop development	-
Hop hectares	16.2Ha
Other farming	North Devon Cattle Arable

Stocks Farm, nestled in Suckley, has flourished for 60 years under the Capper family's care. Richard Capper, the current owner and manager, continues this legacy with dedication, assisted by his wife Ali and their two children. Richard oversees the 200-acre farm, where they grow a large range of hops, such as Goldings and Harlequin ® and many different varieties of apples. Stocks Farm is also an important member to the Hop Development team.

Name	**Stocks Farm**
Location	Suckley, Worcestershire
Farms	Stocks Farm
Began	1962
Managed by	Richard Capper
Varieties	Goldings, Pilgrim, Target, Phoenix, Olicana®, Jester®, Harlequin®, Godiva™
Hop development	Yes
Hop hectares	40.5Ha
Other farming	Apples

Name	**Hampton Estate**
Location	Seale, Farnham, Surrey
Farms	Hampton Estates Farm
Began	1931
Managed by	Bill Biddell, Bridget Biddell and James Windridge
Varieties	Fuggles
Hop development	No
Hop hectares	10 Ha
Other farming	Pasture Fed Pedigree Sussex Cattle, Forestry

Hampton Estate, Surrey, has been a family-run business for four generations, with hop growing at the heart of its heritage. The Hampton team continues a tradition of cultivating Fuggle hops that stretches back hundreds of years. Once the centre of a thriving industry that covered more than 1,500 acres of Surrey, Hampton Estate now stands as the county's last commercial hop grower. Committed to producing first-class Fuggle hops, the team employs regenerative practices throughout the hop gardens, including biological pest control and green cover cropping, ensuring a sustainable approach to hop production for future generations.

Name	**Brook House Farm**
Location	Herefordshire, UK
Farms	Brook House Farm
Began	2015
Managed by	Chris Higton
Varieties	Admiral • Bramling Cross • Cascade • Challenger • Chinook • Fuggles • Goldings • Progress
Hop development	Yes
Hop hectares	21 Ha
Other farming	Cider Apples & Holiday Cabins

Brook House Farm has been growing hops in the Herefordshire countryside since 2015, with Chris Higton purchasing the farm in 2024. Although new to hop growing, Chris has quickly established himself within the industry, winning the Charles Faram Hop Grower of the Year award after his first season. Fascinated by the challenge and intricacies of hop production, Chris's enthusiasm for continual learning and innovation inspired his move into the industry. Alongside hops, the farm also grows a variety of cider fruit and offers holiday cabins, providing visitors with the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful Herefordshire countryside.v

Name	**Orleton Court Farm**
Location	Worcestershire, UK
Farms	Orleton Court Farm
Began	1957
Managed by	Tom and Amber Spilsbury
Varieties	Admiral • Challenger • Fuggles • Harlequin® • Olicana® • Sorachi Ace • UK Hersbrucker
Hop development	Yes
Hop hectares	18.6 Ha
Other farming	Cider Fruit

Orleton Court Farm began growing hops in 1957, third-generation hop grower Tom Spilsbury continues the family tradition established by his grandfather, John, and father, Philip. Alongside his wife, Amber, Tom oversees the growing of a diverse range of hop varieties. Beyond hop growing, Orleton Court Farm is also home to Spilsbury & Jones Brewery, where a range of British hopped beers are brewed and served in the farm's taproom. In addition, the farm hosts camping, weddings and a variety of events, making it a popular destination for visitors throughout the year.