



## Government and Agriculture – where are we currently?

- BPS – last year to activate Entitlements.
- The 2024 to 2027 payments will be based on claims in reference period from 2019-2021
- 2023 Payments will be made in two parts again – July and December.
- Cross Compliance is active currently but ends on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 after 18 years.

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## Government general direction.

- Make agriculture more efficient
- Adopt Regenerative principles
- Use Capital Grants to stimulate specific areas
- Happy for Agriculture to be supported to sequester carbon and also enter private carbon schemes.

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#### BUT In Reality

- More bureaucracy and sophisticated way to get money from government.
- A single BPS claim was more straightforward
- SFI will be much more bespoke to individual farm circumstances.
- More record keeping
- Businesses more prepared for this system will make it pay.

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#### SFI Currently

- Agricultural and Horticultural Soils
- Improved Grassland Soils
- Moorland

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### SFI 2023

- SFI Management Payment
- Hedgerow Standard
- Integrated Pest Management Standard
- Improved Grassland Standard
- Low Input Grassland Standard

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### Hedgerows

Assess and record condition	£3 per 100m one side
Manage hedgerow for variety of width and height	£10 per 100m one side
Maintain hedge to have at least 1 tree per 100m	£10 per 100m both sides

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### Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

Complete an Integrated Pest Management Assessment and produce IPM Plan	£989 per year
Establish flower – rich grass margins blocks or in field strips	£673 per ha
Establish a companion crop	£55 per ha
No insecticide use	£45 per ha

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### Nutrient Management

Complete a Nutrient Management Assessment (NM) and produce a NM report	£589 per year
Establish and maintain legumes	£102 per ha
Establish a legume fallow	£593 per ha

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### Agricultural and Horticultural Land

Establish and maintain a pollen and nectar flower mix	£614 per ha
Establish and maintain winter bird food	£732 per ha
Establish and maintain grassy field corners	£590 per ha
Establish and maintain 4 - 12m buffer strip	£451 per ha

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### Improved Grassland

Take field corners and blocks out of management	£333 per ha
Maintain improved grassland for winter bird food	£474 per ha
Establish and maintain a 4m to 12m buffer strip	£235 per ha

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### Low Input Grassland

Manage grass with very low inputs (outside SDA)	£151 per ha
Manage grass with very low nutrient inputs (SDA)	£98 per ha

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### Farming Equipment and Technology Fund 2023

Productivity and Slurry Items (£1k to £25k)

Animal Health and Welfare (£1k to £25k)

Direct drill  
Stubble rake  
Air drill for cover crops  
Inter row drill for companion crop  
Liquid fertiliser kit for seed drill

Opening imminently.

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## Farming Transformation Fund

Robotics and Innovation  
Slurry acidification equipment

40% grant funding £35k to £500k projects

## Future Farming Resilience Fund (FFRF)

Business advice from individual/ group meetings and webinars.  
East Midland projects run by  
Brown & Co  
NIAB TAG with Savills & AKC  
Ricardo with Andersons

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## Conclusion

There is good potential for schemes to improve farm profit

These will involve increased bureaucracy for all involved

Need to seek out opportunities - there will be winners and losers

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