

# Future Farming and Countryside Programme for England

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
<b>Direct payments, lump sum and delinking</b>							
'Progressive Reductions' to BPS payments	5 - 25% cuts	20 - 40% cuts	35 - 55% cuts	50 - 70% cuts	Rate of cut not published yet	Rate of cut not published yet	Rate of cut not published yet
Delinked payments	Consultation			Open	→		End
Lump Sum Exit Scheme (aka retirement scheme)	Consultation Further info delayed	Opened 4/22 to 9/22	End				
New Entrant Support Scheme	Consultation Info expected 11/21 delayed	Scheme delayed Pilot expected to start 2022	→	Open			
<b>Environment and animal health &amp; welfare</b>							
Countryside Stewardship	Open	→	Last year for new applications	End			
Nature for Climate Peatland Grant Scheme	Open	→		→	End		
Sustainable Farming Incentive (previously Tier 1)	SFI pilot cohort 1 started 11/22	SFI pilot cohort 2 starts 7/22 SFI 2022 opened 6/22 Full details of all standards published	SFI pilot cohort 3 starts 7/23	Full scheme open	→		
Local Nature Recovery (previously Tier 2)	Pilot recruitment delayed	Pilot delayed. Options and rates to be published	'Early version' trialled with limited numbers	Full scheme open	→		
Landscape Recovery (previously Tier 3)	Pilot recruitment starts	Pilot starts of up to 15 projects	Pilot cohort 2 starts	Full scheme open	→		
Farming in protected landscapes	Started 7/21	→		End			
Tree Health Scheme	Pilot started 8/21	→		Full scheme open	→		
England Woodland Creation Offer	Open 6/21	→			Becomes part of ELM		
Animal health and welfare pathway	Consultation	Vet visits start. Small and large grants open late 22	Payment-by-results pilot open	→	Full scheme open	→	
<b>Farming Investment Fund and other prosperity funds</b>							
FIF - Farming Equipment and Technology Fund (smaller grants, simple application)	Opened 11/21	Further rounds expected	→			End	
FIF - Farming Transformation Fund (larger grants, two stage application)	Water Management theme opened 11/21	Improving Farm Productivity theme opened 1/22	→			End	
Future Farming Resilience Fund (advice for farmers)	Low demand for 'interim phase'	'Scale up phase' postponed to late 22.	→	End			
Slurry Investment Scheme (no longer stand alone; will be part of FIF)	Consultation	Capital grants open autumn 22	→		End		
Farming Innovation Programme (NB Previously called Innovation R&D Scheme)	Opened 11/21	Large R&D Partnership Projects and Farming Futures R&D Fund open spring 22	Feasibility studies and small R&D Partnership Projects open	→			
UK Shared Prosperity Fund	Consultation	Local groups submit investment plans by 8/22	Open	→			
<b>Other schemes</b>							
Regulatory reform		Office for Environmental Protection strategy published	→	New regulatory approach implemented	→		

**NB:** We have included some current schemes to show how they will dovetail, for example Countryside Stewardship and ELM.

**Sources:** The Path to Sustainable Farming, DEFRA, November 2020; Sustainable Farming Incentive plans for piloting and launching, DEFRA, March 2021; Agricultural Transition Plan June 2021 progress update, DEFRA; Farming is changing, December 2021; George Eustice's speech at the Oxford Farming Conference and subsequent policy papers, January 2022. New farming policies and payments in England, DEFRA, July 2022; various DEFRA blogs.