

Future Farming and Countryside Programme for England

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Direct payments, lump sum and delinking							
'Progressive Reductions' to BPS payments	5 – 25% cuts	20 – 40% cuts	35 – 55% cuts	50 – 70% cuts	63-78% cuts (estimated)	75-85% cuts (estimated)	88-93% cuts (estimated)
Delinked payments	Consultation			Basic Payments delinked and based on 2020-2022 reference period	→		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	Regional pilots started 2022	→	Open			
Environmental Land Management (ELM), other environment and animal health & welfare							
ELM - Sustainable Farming Incentive	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	Open, with 9 standards (6 new) available. SFI pilot cohort 3 cancelled	12 standards (3 new) available	17 standards (5 new) available	→	
ELM - Countryside Stewardship	Open	→	Revised Countryside Stewardship open. Includes options for collaboration, called CS+	→			
ELM - Landscape Recovery	Pilot recruitment starts	Pilot starts of 22 projects	Round 2 starts of up to 25 projects	Further rounds possible	→		
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		
Nature for Climate Peatland Grant Scheme	Open	→		→	End		
Animal health and welfare pathway	Consultation	Vet visits start. Small and large grants open late 22	New capital grants introduced (see FIF below), payment-by-results pilot and disease control programmes to open	→	Full scheme open	→	
Farming Investment Fund and other prosperity funds							
FIF - Farming Equipment and Technology Fund (smaller grants, simple application)	Opened 11/21	Further rounds expected	Both the Productivity and Slurry grant and Animal Health and Welfare Grant are open	→		End	
FIF - Farming Transformation Fund (larger grants, two stage application)	Water Management theme opened 11/21	Improving Farm Productivity theme opened 1/22	Water management grants to open	→		End	
Future Farming Resilience Fund (advice for farmers)	Low demand for 'interim phase'	'Scale up phase' postponed to late 22	Open	End			
Slurry Investment Scheme (no longer stand alone)	Consultation	Capital grants open autumn 22	→	→	End		
Farming Innovation Programme (previously called Innovation R&D Scheme)	Opened 11/21	Large R&D Partnership Projects and Farming Futures R&D Fund open spring 22	Same as 2022 plus Research Starter, Feasibility Studies (open 9/23), on-farm trials (aut 23) and Small R&D Partnerships competitions (open 8/23)	→			
UK Shared Prosperity Fund	Consultation	Local groups submit investment plans by 8/22	Rural England Prosperity Fund available through some local authorities (to 2025)	→	End		
Other schemes							
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; Environmental Land Management update, January 2023; various DEFRA blogs.

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