RESOURCEFUL FARMING: A BRAVE NEW WORLD



AGENDA

BPS & Countryside Stewardship: The short term | John Read

ELMs: The future | Ross Kent

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BPS & COUNTRYSIDE STEWARDSHIP: THE SHORT TERM

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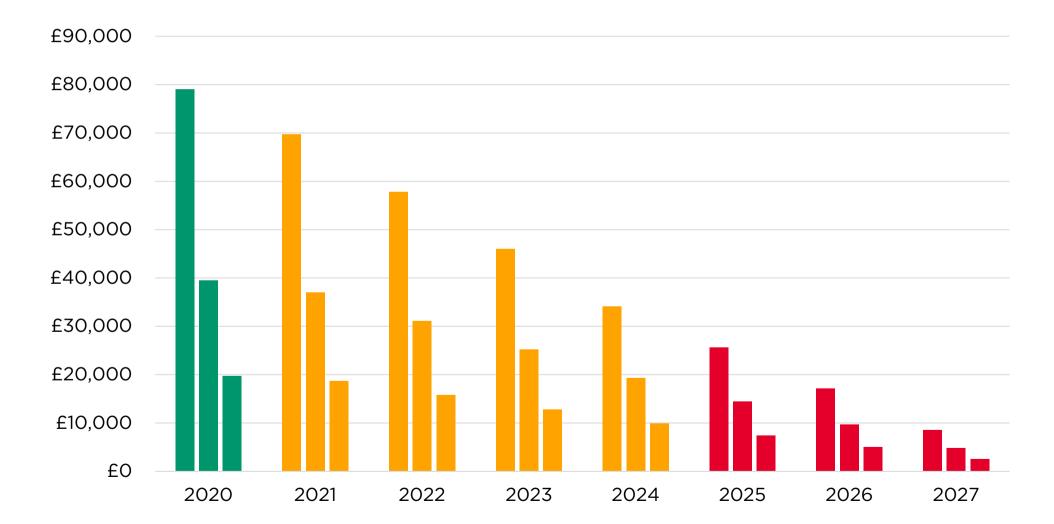


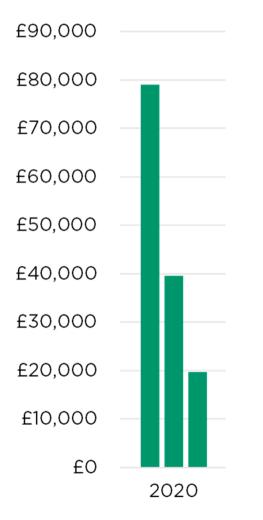
BPS 2021

No Greening Entitlements 17th May 2021

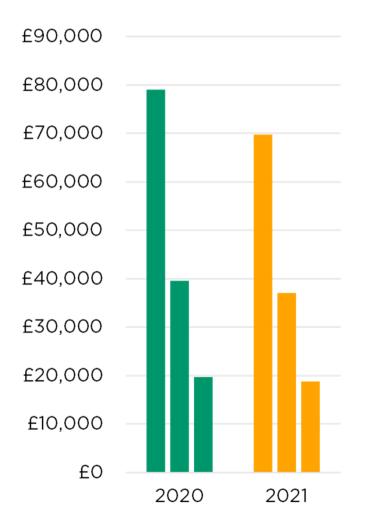
BPS PAYMENT REDUCTIONS

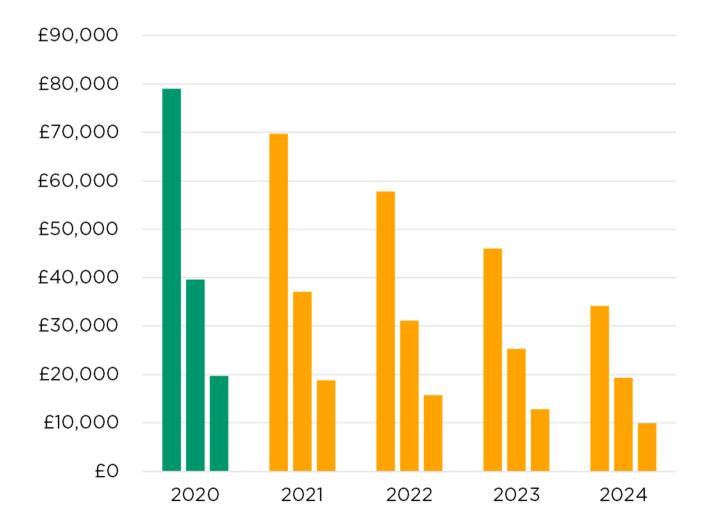
2021 to 2024 Sliding Scale Progressive Reductions 2025-2027 ? Payment Calculators



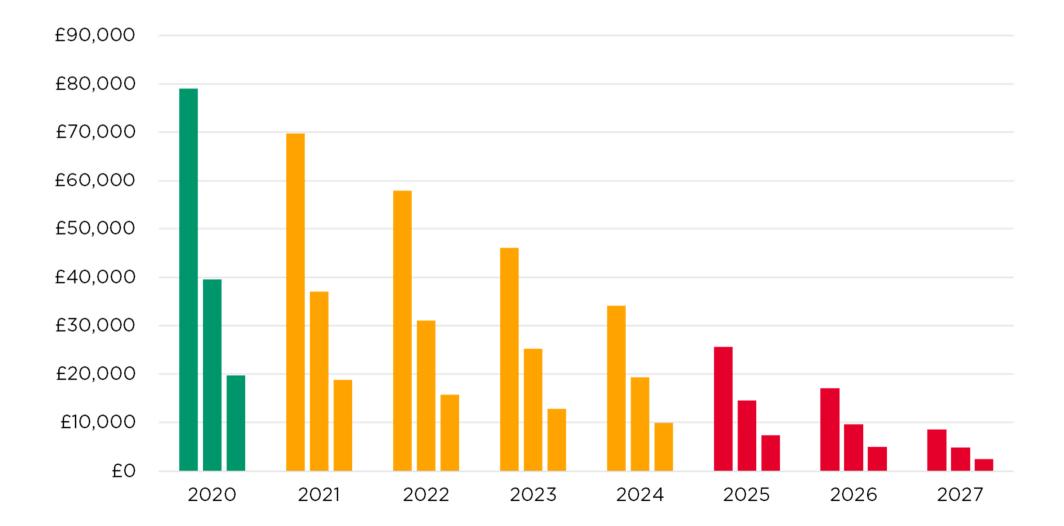


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LUMP SUM EXIT SCHEME

Retirement Scheme 2021 Consultation 2022?

COUNTRYSIDE STEWARDSHIP

Mid-Tier Wildlife Offers

CONCLUSIONS?

ENVIRONMENTAL LAND MANAGEMENT (ELMS): THE FUTURE

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Agriculture Act 2020 First UK Agricultural Policy since 1947

Little/no reference to food production Environmental benefit Public money for public good

Focus shift from results to actions



25 Year Environment Plan

Clean air

Clean and plentiful water

Thriving plants and wildlife

Reduced risk of harm from environmental hazards such as flooding and drought

Enhanced beauty, heritage and engagement with the natural environment Mitigating and adapting to climate change

Carbon net zero by 2050

ELMS

Sustainable Farming Incentive

Measures compatible with farming

Local Nature Recovery

Measures alongside farming for species and habitat

Landscape Recovery

Larger scale collaboration

SUSTAINABLE FARMING INCENTIVE (SFI)

Improving **environmental performance** of farming operations

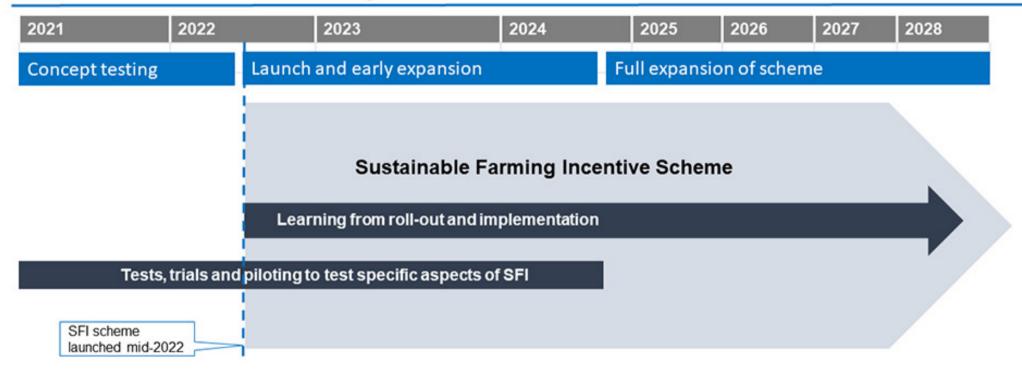
Environmentally sustainable farming and forestry practices

Action rather than outcomes

Pilot trials **2021** Fully open in **2024**

SUSTAINABLE FARMING INCENTIVE (SFI)

Roll-out of the Sustainable Farming Incentive



LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY

Support local **nature recovery** and local **environmental priorities**

Encouraging **collaboration** between farmers

Piloting in **2022** Launch in **2024**



LANDSCAPE RECOVERY

Landscape and ecosystem recovery through long-term projects, such as:

Restoring wilder landscapes in places where it's appropriate

Large-scale tree planting

Peatland and salt marsh restoration

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SFI - EXAMPLE PAYMENT RATES

STANDARD	INITIAL BASE RATES (FIRST PHASE OF PILOT ONLY)
Arable and horticultural land standard	from £28 up to £74 per hectare
Arable and horticultural soils standard	from £30 up to £59 per hectare
Improved grassland standard	from £27 up to £97 per hectare
Improved grassland soils standard	from £6 up to £8 per hectare
Low and no input grassland standard	from £22 up to £110 per hectare
Hedgerow standard	from £16 up to £24 per 100 metres
On farm woodland standard	£49 per hectare
Waterbody buffering standard	from £16 up to £34 per 100 metres

Source - Defra

SFI - IMPROVED GRASSLAND STANDARDS

Introductory level (£27 per hectare)	Intermediate level (£62 per hectare) All actions in the introductory level plus	Advanced level (£97 per hectare) All actions in the introductory and intermediate levels plus
Increase above and below ground biodiversity by grazing to retain a minimum sward height	Increase biodiversity and provide habitat for breeding birds by altering the timing of your silage cuts	Increase biodiversity and habitats for wildlife by managing grazing or cutting to provide a higher sward height over a larger area
Increase habitats for insects and small mammals by leaving uncut margins to produce flowers and seeds	Increase habitat for farm and aquatic wildlife through rotational ditch management	Improve soil structure and biology and provide increased pollinator resource with legume and herb-rich swards
Protect your areas of historic interest by maintaining permanent grassland cover on them	Improve nutrient use efficiency and reduce losses to the environment with a nutrient budget	Increase the food available for birds in winter by leaving some ryegrass to bear seed
Protect soils and reduce loses to the environment by following a nutrient management plan	Use slurry more efficiently by testing content, managing application rates and using low emission technologies	Better target your nutrient application by carrying out soil mapping
Provide more habitats for wildlife by taking small areas out of cutting and grazing management	Improve your soil structure and biology, provide pollinator resource and reduce fertiliser application, with clover and legumes	Use efficient precision application equipment for fertilisers and organic manures

SFI - ARABLE & HORTICULTURAL LAND STANDARDS

Introductory level (£28 per hectare)	Intermediate level (£54 per hectare) All actions in the introductory level plus	Advanced level (£74 per hectare) All actions in the introductory and intermediate levels plus
Provide year-round resources for farmland birds and insects	Improve nutrient use efficiency and reduce loses to the environment by carrying out a nutrient budget	Provide nesting and shelter for wildlife by having areas of tall vegetation and scrub
Better meet your soil requirements by following a nutrient management plan	Increase habitat for farm and aquatic wildlife through rotational ditch management	Benefit from crop pest predators by locating their habitats next to cropped areas
Minimise emissions of ammonia through rapid incorporation of organic manures and slurry on ploughed land	Better target your nutrient application by carrying out soil mapping	Use efficient precision application equipment for fertilisers and organic manures
Additional action	As in introductory level	As in introductory level
This applies only: to in-field trees on arable and horticultural land		
Actions required: protect your in-field trees and provide a habitat for wildlife by having a buffer		
Additional payment on top of the base		

payment: £10 per tree

SFI - EXAMPLE PAYMENTS

LAND USE	INTRODUCTORY LEVEL PAYMENT	INTERMEDIATE LEVEL PAYMENT	ADVANCED LEVEL PAYMENT
Improved Grassland	£27/ha	£62/ha	£97/ha
Improved Grassland (soils)	£6/ha	£6/ha	£8/ha
Improved Grassland Total	£33/ha	£68/ha	£105/ha
Unimproved Grassland	£22/ha	£89/ha	£110/ha
Arable Land	£28/ha	£54/ha	£74/ha
Arable Land (soils)	£30/ha	£47/ha	£59/ha
Arable Total	£58/ha	£101/ha	£133/ha
Woodland Management	£49/ha	(not available)	(not available)
Hedgerows	£16/100m	£21/100m	£24/100m
Waterbody Buffering	£16/100m	£29/100m	£34/100m

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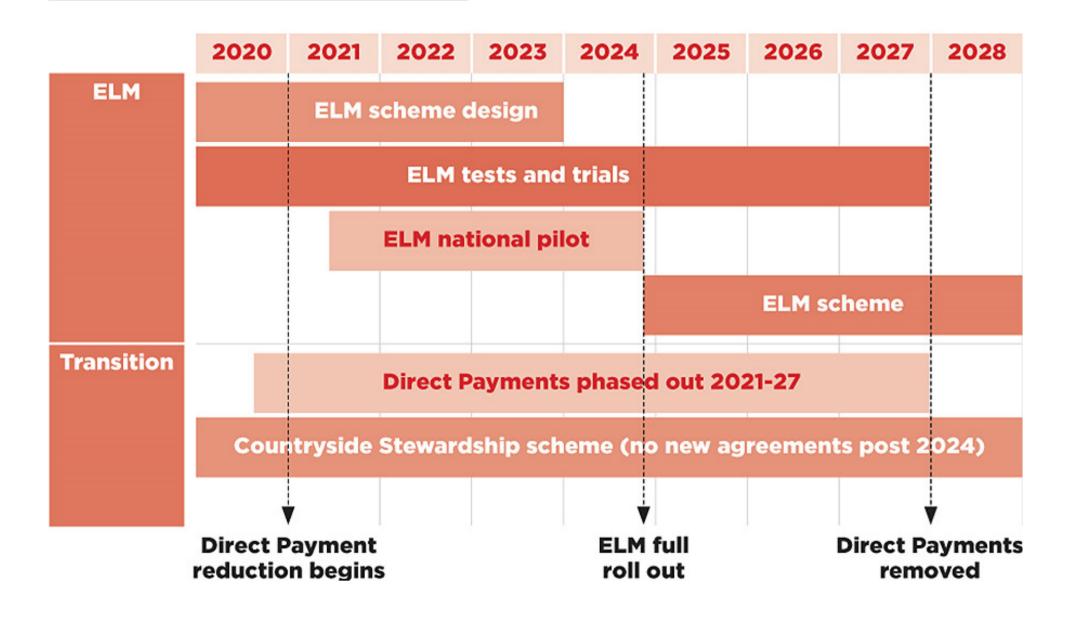
Environmen	tal Options	Payment Range Assigned by test Participants	Countryside Stewardship Rate
Soil & Water	Sow a quick establishing single species cover crop post-harvest (winter cover crop)	£150-220/ha	£114/ha
	Sow a quick establishing mixed multiple species cover crop post-harvest (winter cover crop)	£200-220/ha	
	Plant in-field grass strip in arable field (any shape). No inputs. Can be grazed	£735-1000/ha	£557/ha
	Establish a zero-input grass buffer adjacent to a ditch/water course 12-24m	£500-£700/ha	£512/ha
	Zero application rates in waterside fields	£250/ha	£131/ha
	Sow multi-species diverse grass leys; to include mix of 5 grasses and 5 forbs, including legumes and some deep-rooted species.	£500-650/ha	£309/ha

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Hedgerow	Plant standard tree in hedgerow	£10 - 14.75/tree £200/tree	£8.80/tree
Tree Planting	Plant single trees in field (for shade, protection)	£100-250/tree	£8.80/tree
Other Biodiversity	3	£550 -700/ha	£539/ha £511/ha £550/ha
	Arable winter bird seed mix field margin (4-6m) or as a whole field break-crop rotation	£840/ha	£640/ha

Table 1: payment rates suggested by farmer participants in the Respryn Bridge Natural Capital test, coordinated by Lanhydrock Estate.

DELIVERY TIMELINE



OTHER SCHEMES

Protected Landscape Payment 2021 National Parks, AONBs etc Animal Health & Welfare Pathway 2022 Tree Health Scheme 2024 Farm Resilience Scheme 2021 Farming Investment Fund 2021 Innovation Research & Development Scheme 2022

MARKETS, TRADE AND CLIMATE: THE HEADWINDS

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TRADE WITH THE EU

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The EU is the UK's largest trading partner

Border controls – more to come – disruption?

Increased paperwork

Increased transportation costs

Trade gradually increasing but still below 2020 levels



DOMESTIC MARKET

C19 shortening the gap between producer and consumer?

Public engagement = more value placed on products

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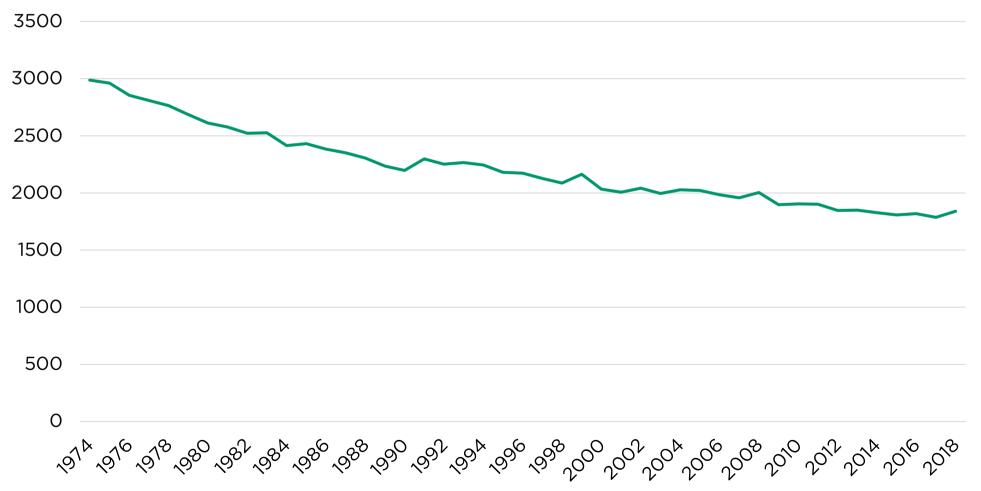
Changing diets and consumer fashions

Two tier market between the environmentally conscious and the price conscious?

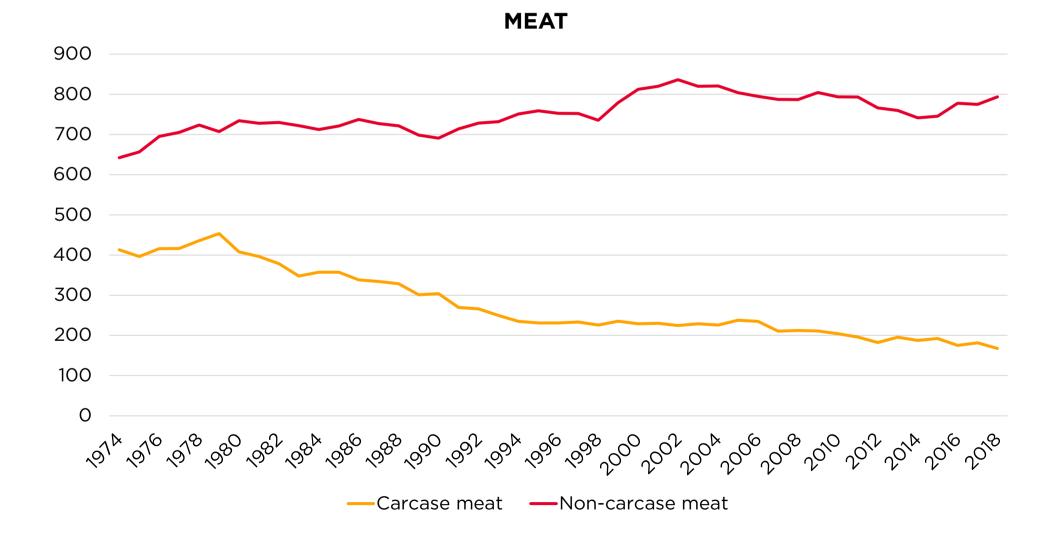


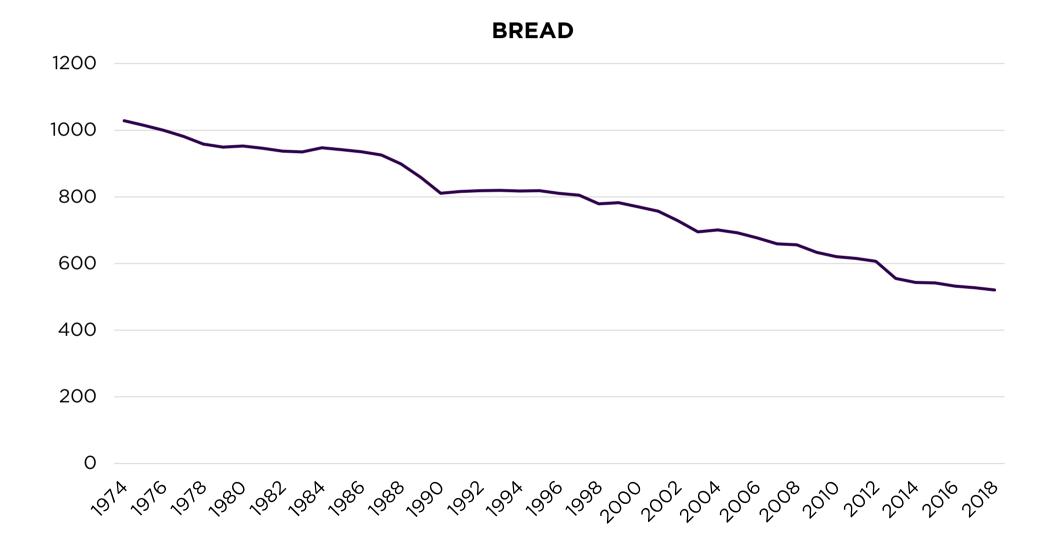


MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS



CHEESE $(4)^{h} (4)^{0} (4)$





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CONKSHAW FOLD FARM

TRADE WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD

ASIA PACIFIC REGION

Middle class with higher budget for food purchases Perception of quality

USA

Ban on British beef removed Gateway for more pork and lamb?

More trade deals under discussion

CLIMATE CHANGE

Ambitious emissions targets

Agriculture is high profile

Methane Fertilisers

Small scale gains over a large area have a large effect

Technological innovation

Potential opportunities to translate to income

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