

Agricultural Transition 2021 in England

Finally, after much talk, we have the outline of where agriculture is going in the next 4 years; 4 years because that is the term of the Parliament and they cannot predict after that point. The foundations are being laid well beyond 2024 that is for certain.

Basic Payment Scheme

What will be my Direct Payment reductions?

| Payment Band | 2021 scheme year | 2022 scheme year | 2023 scheme year | 2024 scheme year |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| £30,000 | 5% | 20% | 35% | 50% |
| £30,000 to £50,000 | 10% | 25% | 40% | 55% |
| £50,000 to £150,000 | 20% | 35% | 50% | 65% |
| £150,000 | 25% | 40% | 55% | 70% |

As an example

| Payment value before progressive reductions | New value for 2021 scheme year | New value for 2022 scheme year | New value for 2023 scheme year | New value for 2024 scheme year |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| £5,000 | £4,750 | £4,000 | £3,250 | £2,500 |
| £10,000 | £9,500 | £8,000 | £6,500 | £5,000 |
| £20,000 | £19,000 | £16,000 | £13,000 | £10,000 |
| £40,000 | £37,500 | £31,500 | £25,500 | £19,500 |
| £80,000 | £70,500 | £58,500 | £46,500 | £34,500 |
| £160,000 | £134,000 | £110,000 | £86,000 | £62,000 |

As from 2021 all greening rules will be removed and the process simplified; then a proposal to “de-link” remaining payments from 2024-2027. **2027 will be the last payment**

Countryside Stewardship Scheme

Applications can continue to be made up to and until 2023. Capital grants will be limited to £20,000 for hedgerow and boundaries, lower evidence, simplified application.

Environmental Land Management scheme ELM

This will have three components:

1. Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) available to all farms on an individual basis - this is stop gap support before ELM fully rolled out in 2024. Will morph into ELM as will later-starting CSS agreements. Measures will include soil management and health plus integrated pest management.
2. Local Nature Recovery – this involves smaller areas coming together to protect a particular environment or flooding or erosion issue for example.

3. Landscape Recovery- larger collective of farmers coming together to enhance and improve a landscape

All the above will be rolled out in 2024

ELM Pilots

5,500 farms – not in a current CSS, HLS ES scheme can voluntarily enter an ELM pilot scheme.

SFI pilot – Autumn 2021,

Local Nature Recovery Pilot 2022-2024

Landscape Recovery Pilot 2022-24; ten areas to be selected

ELM Convenor Role

Components 2 & 3 require farmers to work as a collective for an area or landscape, working with county geographies and local nature recovery strategies. The role is strategic and will sit between local stakeholders, farmers and the ELM national team. Building those “groups” will require facilitation and an understanding of the local area priorities.

Farming in Protected Landscapes

All land with National Parks and AONBs will receive extra grant aid support for the implementation of ELM and rural economy.

Lump sum Exit Scheme 2022 - Currently under consultation more info July 2021.

New Entrant Scheme – More details November 2021.

Slurry Investment Scheme – 2022; concentration on investment in equipment and covers particularly in areas at risk.

Farm Resilience Scheme – March 2021; business support for those most affected by BPS removal.

Farm investment Fund – December 2021; applications accepted for grant aid support to improve business. **Tier 1** – similar to the Countryside Productivity Small Grant Scheme **Tier 2** - for more detailed grant applications, diversification, reservoirs, new projects.

Innovation and research programme – October 2021

Tree Health Scheme – pilot scheme 2021 for roll out in 2024

- For more details
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/939925/agricultural-transition-plan.pdf
- https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/939683/farming-changing.pdf can also be obtained as hard back

NOTE – SUBJECT TO CHANGE – SOME ELEMENTS NOT SIGNED OFF BY MINISTERS

FarmCornwall will be offering online webinars via Zoom to help you understand and plan for these changes. Initial dates are shown below – others will follow.

Tuesday 19th January 1.00- 2.00pm

Tuesday 26th January 1.00-2.00pm

If you are interested in taking part please email mail@farmcornwall.co.uk and we will send you the details and weblink.