

## Farming Connect – Eligibility Criteria



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Category	Eligibility criteria	Services available
Farming business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3ha of eligible registered agricultural land within Wales</li> <li>Customer Reference Number (CRN)</li> <li>Welsh County Parish Holding (CPH) number (if appropriate)</li> <li>Undertaking agricultural activities 'active farmer'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge Transfer (1) – Demonstration Network, Benchmarking, Knowledge Exchange Hub, Strategic Awareness events, Diversification Awareness seminars</li> <li>Knowledge Transfer (2) – Discussion groups, short term visits, one-to-one surgeries</li> <li>Management Development and Mentoring - Action Learning (Agrisgôp), Young Leaders and Business Innovators (Agri-Academy), Farm/Forestry Exchange, one-to-one Farm/Forestry Mentoring</li> <li>E-learning</li> <li>Subsidised Support (Advice) – Four instances of subsidised advisory support over the duration of the Welsh Government Rural Communities – Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 (WGRC RDP 2014-2020)</li> <li>Subsidised Support (Training) – business partners, immediate family members (spouses, sons and daughters) and employees on PAYE are eligible a maximum of three courses per annum (five courses per annum for individuals under 40).</li> <li>European Innovation Partnership</li> <li>Venture</li> </ul>
Forestry business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0.5 ha of eligible registered Woodland within Wales</li> <li>Customer Reference Number (CRN)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per farming businesses</li> </ul>
Farming/ forestry business contractor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contractors working for Forestry/Farming businesses with full eligibility status</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge Transfer (1) – Demonstration Network, Benchmarking, Knowledge Exchange Hub, Strategic Awareness events, Diversification Awareness seminars</li> <li>E-learning</li> <li>Subsidised Support (Training) – Subsidised training support to a maximum of three courses per business over the duration of the WGRC RDP 2014-2020</li> <li>European Innovation Partnership</li> </ul>
New Entrant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet the 3ha requirement of eligible registered agricultural land within Wales within three years</li> <li>Customer Reference Number (CRN)</li> <li>Welsh County Parish Holding (CPH) number (if appropriate)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per farming businesses</li> </ul>
Niche farming/ forestry systems over 550 standard labour hours per annum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Niche farming activities below the 3ha threshold</li> <li>Niche forestry activities below the 0.5ha threshold</li> <li>Customer Reference Number (CRN)</li> <li>Welsh County Parish Holding (CPH) number (if appropriate)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per farming businesses</li> </ul>
Niche farming/ forestry systems under 550 standard labour hours per annum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wales domiciled (living in Wales) beneficiary having attained a relevant college/further education qualification looking to establish a new farming or forestry system will be considered on a case by case basis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge Transfer (1) – Demonstration Network, Benchmarking, Knowledge Exchange Hub, Strategic Awareness events, Diversification Awareness seminars</li> <li>E-learning</li> <li>Subsidised support (Advice) – One instance of subsidised advisory support (Strategic Business Plan) over the duration of the WGRC RDP 2014-2020</li> <li>Subsidised Support (Training) – Subsidised training support to a maximum of three courses over the duration of the WGRC RDP 2014-2020</li> <li>Venture</li> </ul>
Student	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wales domiciled (living in Wales) beneficiary 16 years or over studying agriculture, forestry or a relevant land management subject at further education level</li> </ul> <p><b>Eligible courses:</b> Land-based/Agricultural Studies Level 1, 2 and 3 Horticulture and Forestry 1, 2 and 3 Countryside &amp; Environment Level 1, 2 and 3 Land-based Engineering Level 2 and 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge Transfer (1) – Demonstration Network, Benchmarking, Knowledge Exchange Hub, Strategic Awareness events, Diversification Awareness seminars</li> <li>E-learning</li> <li>Subsidised Support (Training) – Subsidised training support to a maximum of three courses over the duration of the WGRC RDP 2014-2020</li> </ul>