Farming Connect - Eligibility Criteria



Category	Eligibility criteria	Services available
Farming business	 3ha of eligible registered agricultural land within Wales Customer Reference Number (CRN) Welsh County Parish Holding (CPH) number (if appropriate) Undertaking agricultural activities 'active farmer' 	 Knowledge Transfer (I) – Demonstration Network, Benchmarking, Knowledge Exchange Hub, Strategic Awareness events, Diversification Awareness seminars Knowledge Transfer (2) – Discussion groups, short term visits, one-to-one surgeries Management Development and Mentoring - Action Learning (Agrisgôp), Young Leaders and Business Innovators (Agri-Academy), Farm/Forestry Exchange, one-to-one Farm/Forestry Mentoring E-learning 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) 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). European Innovation Partnership
Forestry business	 0.5 ha of eligible registered Woodland within Wales Customer Reference Number (CRN) Undertaking forestry activities 'active forester' 	As per farming businesses
Farming/ forestry business contractor	 Contractors working for Forestry/Farming businesses with full eligibility status 	 Knowledge Transfer (I) – Demonstration Network, Benchmarking, Knowledge Exchange Hub, Strategic Awareness events, Diversification Awareness seminars E-learning Subsidised Support (Training) – Subsidised training support to a maximum of three courses per business over the duration of the WGRC RDP 2014-2020 European Innovation Partnership
New Entrant	 Meet the 3ha requirement of eligible registered agricultural land within Wales within three years Customer Reference Number (CRN) Welsh County Parish Holding (CPH) number (if appropriate) 	As per farming businesses
Niche farming/ forestry systems over 550 standard labour hours per annum	 Niche farming activities below the 3ha threshold Niche forestry activities below the 0.5ha threshold Customer Reference Number (CRN) Welsh County Parish Holding (CPH) number (if appropriate) 	As per farming businesses
Niche farming/ forestry systems under 550 standard labour hours per annum	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	 Knowledge Transfer (I) – Demonstration Network, Benchmarking, Knowledge Exchange Hub, Strategic Awareness events, Diversification Awareness seminars E-learning Subsidised support (Advice) – One instance of subsidised advisory support (Strategic Business Plan) over the duration of the WGRC RDP 2014-2020 Subsidised Support (Training) – Subsidised training support to a maximum of three courses over the duration of the WGRC RDP 2014-2020
Student	Wales domiciled (living in Wales) beneficiary 16 years or over studying agriculture, forestry or a relevant land management subject at further education level Eligible courses: Land-based/Agricultural Studies Level 1, 2 and 3 Horticulture and Forestry 1, 2 and 3 Countryside & Environment Level 1, 2 and 3 Land-based Engineering Level 2 and 3	 Knowledge Transfer (I) – Demonstration Network, Benchmarking, Knowledge Exchange Hub, Strategic Awareness events, Diversification Awareness seminars E-learning Subsidised Support (Training) – Subsidised training support to a maximum of three courses over the duration of the WGRC RDP 2014-2020