## Farming Connect – Eligibility Criteria

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| **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 (1) – 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 (Agri-gôp), 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) | • As per farming businesses |
| **Farming/forestry business contractor** | • Contractors working for Forestry/Farming businesses with full eligibility status | • Knowledge Transfer (1) – 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 (1) – 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 Level 1, 2 and 3  
  Countryside & Environment Level 1, 2 and 3  
  Land-based Engineering Level 2 and 3 | • Knowledge Transfer (1) – 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 |