

Rural Programmes

Supporting the transition to the Sustainable Farming Scheme and Net Zero



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Overview

Funding support for farmers, land managers and associated rural sectors over the next 3 years will be delivered through a flexible framework of support, with schemes delivering towards the following themes:

- Farm scale land management
- On farm environmental improvements
- On farm efficiency and diversification
- Landscape scale land management
- Woodland and forestry
- Food and farming supply chains

The framework is designed to both support action in response to the challenges and opportunities available over the next 3 years and to inform the continuing development of the Sustainable Farming Scheme, which will reward farmers for the work they do now to lower their carbon footprint, improve the environment and produce food in a sustainable way.

Application windows for the following agricultural support schemes will be offered in 2022:

| Scheme | Application window | Outline |
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| Horticulture Development | Window closed | Capital grant support for existing commercial horticulture growers to invest in new technology and equipment. |

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| Small Grants – Efficiency | 18 May to 29 June | Investment in equipment and technology to improve the technical, financial and environmental performance of farm businesses. |
| Small Grants – Environment | 23 May to 1 July | Grant to support a range of capital investments on farms, leading to environmental improvements which enhance the quality of our natural resources. |
| Small Grants – Horticulture Start Up | 25 May to 29 June | Support new entrants into the Welsh horticulture sector. |
| Growing for the Environment | 20 June to 29 July (autumn sown crops) | Encourage the growing of crops and pastures which provide an environmental, biodiversity and production benefits, such as protein crops, mixed leys and cover crops. |
| Small Grants – Yard Coverings | 27 June to 5 August | Supports farmers in Wales to improve on-farm nutrient management by investing in existing on-farm infrastructure. |
| Nutrient Management Investment | 4 July to 12 August | Supports farmers in Wales to improve the economic and environmental performance of their farm businesses through infrastructure investments. |
| Organic Conversion | 18 July to 26 August | Support for farmers to convert to organic production systems during the two years transition period. |
| Agricultural Diversification | To be announced shortly | Support to encourage the development of diversification in agricultural production enterprises. |

Further information on the themes and schemes being developed are available at: <https://businesswales.gov.wales/walesruralnetwork/>