

Rural Programmes

Supporting the transition to the Sustainable Farming Scheme and Net Zero



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On Farm Efficiency & Diversification

Horticulture Development Scheme

The Horticulture Development scheme offers support for existing growers to invest in equipment and technology to enhance both production efficiency and environmental performance.

A vibrant horticulture sector is high on the Welsh Government's agenda for developing a sustainable agricultural industry as it delivers a range of environmental, social, and economic benefits.

This new scheme responds to this gap in provision, which has been highlighted as a result of Covid and the role of horticulture in our Net Zero Action Plan.

The aim of the scheme is to:

- Support existing commercial horticultural producers to develop their businesses through investment in new equipment and technology offering clear and quantifiable benefits to the horticultural enterprise
- Enable horticultural businesses to sustainably expand production, diversify into new crops, improve production efficiency, and enhance product quality
- Enable horticultural producers to enter new markets.
- Additionally, to increase local employment and support the rural economy as part of the green recovery from Covid-19.

The first application window will close on 10 June 2022. The scheme offers capital grants of between £3k to £50k at a maximum 40% of invoiced costs.

It is intended to open another application window in 2023.

For further information on how to apply go to:

<https://gov.wales/rural-grants-payments>