



Water Friendly Farming Funding sources for water

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Catchment Sensitive Farming

North West River Basin

Catchments: Alt & Crossens, Douglas and Ribble

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Funding Sources



Countryside Stewardship

Environmental Land Management

The Future Farming Resilience Fund

England Woodland Creation Offer (EWCO)

Woodland Trust

Trees for Climate/Mersey Forest

Farming in Protected Landscapes

Farming Investment Fund:

Farming Equipment and Technology Fund

Farming Transformation Fund: Water Management Grant, Improving Farm Productivity grant, Adding Value grant

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Countryside Stewardship options



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Forestry Commission

Countryside Stewardship options: consider Soil & Water options i.e. SW1 4-6m buffer strip £353/ha, SW6 Winter Cover crops £114/ha

Countryside Stewardship capital items: consider Soil & Water Resource Protection items i.e. RP7 Sediment ponds & traps £10/m2, RP15 yard concreting £27/m2, RP28 roofing manure store £62/m2 - some items require the item to be within the High Priority Area for Water & Air Quality

Countryside Stewardship has 130 revenue options and 128 grantable items

Woodland support grants:

Implementation Plan (PA1) and Feasibility Study (PA2) grants

Woodland support grants –

- You can apply for the following grants all year:
 - **Woodland Creation and Maintenance grant**
 - **Woodland Management Plan grant**
 - **Woodland Tree Health grant**
- The updated **Woodland Creation and Maintenance grant** is open. The payment rates for the grants have not changed, but the application process for the maintenance element of this grant is different.
- Use these links to: read the relevant manual
- download one of the new application forms and find details of how to request a copy of the annex which accompanies the form
- **go to:** [Countryside Stewardship: How to apply - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

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Environmental Land Management

There are 3 new schemes with an aim to reward Environmental Land Management:

- **Sustainable Farming Incentive – announcement pending**
- **Local Nature Recovery**
- **Landscape Recovery**

These schemes are intended to support the rural economy while achieving the goals of the [25 Year Environment Plan](#) and a commitment to net zero emissions by 2050.

Through these schemes, farmers and other land managers may enter into agreements to be paid for delivering the following:

- clean and plentiful water
- clean air
- thriving plants and wildlife
- protection from environmental hazards
- reduction of and adaptation to climate change
- beauty, heritage and engagement with the environment



The Future Farming Resilience Fund

[The Future Farming Resilience Fund](#) is designed to provide business support to farmers and land managers during the early years of the agricultural transition.

It is doing this by awarding grants to organisations who help farmers and land managers to:

- understand the changes that are happening
- identify how, what and when they may need to adapt their business models
- access tailored support to adapt.

This initiative has been awarded grants to 19 organisations so that they can provide the interim phase of this resilience support. (We are taking a phased approach to the support: initial, interim and scale-up.)

Follow the link of details of those 19 organisations, their location and their contact details.

The support is available, free of charge, from August onwards. Any farmer or land manager currently in receipt of Direct Payments is eligible to apply.

We recommend getting in contact with the organisations early to avoid missing out on this phase, though a further phase of support will be available from 2022.

Contractors providing support: <https://defrafarming.blog.gov.uk/2021/07/13/the-future-farming-resilience-fund-providers-named/>

Andrew Powley 13th July 2021

Future Farming Resilience Fund providers

Organisation	Contact	Phone	Coverage	Sector
ADAS	resilience@adas.co.uk	03301 755839	England	Any sector
AHDB	FarmBusinessReview@ahdb.org.uk	0247 5189300	England	Grazing livestock & Cereals
Berrys	will.davies@berrys.uk.com	07469858749	Shropshire, Staffordshire, Cheshire, Worcestershire, Herefordshire, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Warwickshire, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire, Rutland, Leicestershire, Derbyshire.	No particular sector
Brown & Co	defrafr@brown-co.com	01480 598875	Hertfordshire, Northumberland, Durham, Yorkshire, Humber, Lincolnshire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Warwickshire, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Bucks, Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire, Essex, Kent, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset.	Targeting all farmers and farm types including arable, livestock, mixed and roots.
Bury Beet Group	jamiegwatkin@btinternet.com	01284386111	Suffolk and Norfolk	Arable and sugar beet
Ceres Rural	sebastian.murray@ceresrural.co.uk ; george.badger@ceresrural.co.uk	01865790790	Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire, Warwickshire, Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Essex, Suffolk, Kent, Sussex, Berkshire, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Hampshire, Surrey and Norfolk.	Arable
Devon County Council	linda.wilson@devon.gov.uk ; charlotte.molyneux@devon.gov.uk	01392383000	Devon and Somerset	No particular sector
DJM Consulting	helen@theruralbusiness.co.uk	01746714089	Shropshire, West Midlands, South Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Herefordshire, Gloucestershire, Derbyshire, Northamptonshire, Cambridgeshire, Oxfordshire, Leicestershire, Rutland, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire	No particular sector
JH Agri Consultancy	jhadwin@jhagricconsultancy.co.uk	07739176667	Cumbria, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Cheshire, Northumberland	Livestock
Kite Consulting	jennie.moore@kiteconsulting.com	01902854797	England	Dairy
Landworkers Alliance	iyoti.fernandes@landworkersalliance.org.uk	07875849754	England	Horticulture, dairy, SME meat, mixed farming
Laurence Gould Partnership	keith@laurencegould.com	07968412052	Kent, East Sussex, West Sussex, Surry, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Dorset, Wiltshire, Devon, Cornwall, Somerset, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Rutland, Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire, Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Berkshire, Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Northumberland, Cumbria, Durham	No particular sector
M B Hodgson & Son Limited	kathryn@nwauctions.co.uk	01539566222	Cumbria, North Lancashire, North Yorkshire	Livestock
Natural Enterprise	graham.biss@naturalenterprise.co.uk	01983296244	Isle of Wight	No particular sector
NIAB	elizabeth.stockdale@niab.com	07957966802	Wessex and Cotswolds	Arable
Promar International	sandra.callwood@genusplc.com	07971 118688	England	Dairy, Beef and Sheep
Ricardo-AEA Ltd	ffrf@ricardo.com	01235 753530	England	No particular sector
RSK ADAS Limited	resilience@adas.co.uk	03301 755839	England	Any sector
SRUC	neil.carter@sac.co.uk	07825 781347	England	Any sector
The Prince's Countryside Fund	project@countrysidefund.org.uk	07551848892	Cumbria, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Northumberland, Durham Dales, Peak District, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Lincolnshire, Herefordshire, Cornwall. There will also be a virtual group.	Dairy, Beef and Sheep

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England Woodland Creation Offer (EWCO)

- With £15.9 million available in its first year, this grant scheme supports the creation of a range of woodland types and sizes, with greater financial incentives for landowners and farmers to plant and manage trees.
- EWCO provides flexibility and recognised the benefits woodland can provide for people and wildlife by offering additional incentives to ensure the right tree is planted in the right place for the right reason.
- The grant will cover standard capital costs for tree planting (up to a per hectare cap of £8,500) and annual maintenance payments of £200 per hectare for 10 years, as well as rewarding farmers and landowners for providing public and wider environmental benefits.
- **Woodlands for Water project** – through the England Woodland Creation Offer (EWCO), Defra & Riverscapes partnership aims to plant over 3000 ha of trees along England's rivers & watercourses on some of England's 242,262 km of watercourses in England. Aim is to improve water quality, managing flood risk by managing the flow of water, keeping rivers cool, enhancing habitat & biodiversity.

Additional Contributions (which can be combined) will be available for:

- **nature and species recovery** – between £1,100/ha and £2,800/ha available where woodland creation will help woodland-dependent priority species to recover
- **tree planting near watercourses and rivers (riparian buffers)** – £1,600/ha available where the creation of native broadleaved woodland along water courses will improve river habitats
- **reduced flood risk** - £500/ha available where woodland creation can help reduce the risk of flooding
- **improved public access** - £2,200/ha available where woodland creation will provide long-term permissive access for the public to enjoy
- **close to settlements** - £500/ha available where woodland creation will provide social and environmental benefits by being close to people
- **improved water quality** - £400/ha available for woodlands that clean our water by reducing pollutants through land use change by intercepting pollution and sediment before it reaches watercourses
- If you have an existing woodland creation agreement or have recently applied for another scheme, you can [find out what options are available for EWCO](#)
- [England Woodland Creation Offer GOV.UK](#)

Large scale planting

- If you're looking to plant lots of trees, the Woodland Trust has the trees, grants and funding schemes to help. Our expert advisers can help you put the right trees in the right place to achieve your goals.
- If you manage a farm or private land, integrating trees can bring huge benefits – and there's no need to take large areas out of production. They can help increase biodiversity, provide shelter, prevent soil erosion, reduce flooding and much more.

MOREwoods

- Where 500+ trees are planted as woodland on at least half a hectare, we will visit your site with you, help you design your woodland, create a bespoke species mix, supply the agreed trees and tree protection, and cover up to 75% of costs.

MOREhedges

- MOREhedges scheme includes saplings, advice and funding for new hedging projects of 100 metres or more.
- We can subsidise up to 75% of the cost if you plant 100 metres or more of new hedging and allow a large tree to grow every six metres. Includes advice and guidance on planting.

The Northern Forest

- The North of England has significantly less woodland cover than the rest of the country, but not for much longer. With our partners we are planting 50 million trees and transforming the landscape of northern England.

Woodland Carbon

- Under our Woodland Carbon scheme, new woodland planted on your land locks up carbon emissions and supports nature's recovery with the added bonus of extra income.

Woodland Trust is working with The Mersey Forest, City of Trees, White Rose Forest, HEYwoods and the Community Forest Trust to create a new Northern Forest. This will increase woodland cover while bringing endless benefits and opportunities to the people of the North.

- The Northern Forest is already in progress
- <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk>

Trees for Climate (The Mersey Forest more from trees)

What is The Mersey Forest?

- The Mersey Forest is a Community Forest covering Merseyside and Cheshire, where it has been developing a network of woodlands and green spaces for the last 25 years, planting of over 9 million trees.

A five year woodland creation programme across England's Community Forest areas that can provide:

- Grant funding to cover the costs of woodland creation
- Woodland creation, design, planning and planting advice from a professional woodland team
- Support for fences, gates, pathways, benches and more
- A funded ongoing maintenance plan to ensure success

Contact:

- mail@merseyforest.org.uk
- tom.brannigan@naturalengland.org.uk
- Tel: 01925 816217





Farming Investment Fund - **NEW SCHEME**

Information about funding for farmers, foresters, growers and contractors about grants for investing in new technology – applies to England only

The **Farming Investment Fund** (FIF) provides grants to improve productivity and bring environmental benefits. FIF is made up of 2 separate funds:

- **Farming Equipment and Technology Fund** (for grants between £2,000 and £25,000)
- **Farming Transformation Fund** (for grants between £35,000 and £500,000)
 - Water Management Grant
 - Improving Farm Productivity grant
 - Adding Value grant

Farming Investment Fund cont.

Farming Equipment and Technology Fund

This fund provides grants towards the cost of equipment and technology to improve the productivity of farms in a sustainable way.

How to apply:

The Round 1 application period **opened on 16 November 2021 and will close on 7 January 2022.**

Read the [FETF Round 1 manual](#) for full details about who is eligible and what you can get funding for before you apply.

[Apply now for a Round 1 FETF grant](#) – **This is an online application**

FETF contact details and accessibility information

Email FETFEnquiries@rpa.gov.uk or call the RPA helpline on 0300 020 0301 and select the option for the Farming Equipment and Technology Fund.

Read the [FETF accessibility statement](#).



Farming Investment Fund cont.

Farming Equipment and Technology Fund

Grantable themes:

Addresses a range of different sectors: Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Pigs, Goats, Deer, Buffalo, Poultry, Arable, Horticulture, Forestry – if unsure if an item is applicable ask the RPA.

Field equipment, electronic equipment, manure spreading & monitoring, dairying equipment & monitoring, GPS, Analysis & monitoring of products, livestock handling kit, weather station etc.

119 items to choose from e.g:

[FETF22](#) Rainwater harvesting, [FETF27](#) Slurry separator, [FETF29](#) Flow rate monitoring, [FETF7](#) Inter row hoe 6m, [FETF3](#) Five row seeder, [FETF8](#) Salad leaf harvester, [FETF25](#) Irrigation sensor, [FETF12](#) Small self propelled forwarder, [FETF14](#) Tree shears, [FETF20](#) Timber winch



Farming Investment Fund cont.

Farming Transformation Fund – Water Management Grant

Open for applications and will close on 12 January 2022 to check if an application is eligible

Full application opens 16th November 2021 and closes 30th June 2022

Grant value: £35,000 - £500,000 RPA is looking to fund projects that improve: Productivity, Environment & Water Sustainability

'Improving Farm Productivity' and 'Adding Value' grants not yet available

The grant can pay up to 40% of the costs for:

- constructing water storage reservoirs
- abstraction points, pumps and pipework to fill a reservoir
- irrigation pumps, controls, underground water distribution systems
- water meters
- best-practice application equipment such as boom or trickle irrigators
- software and sensors to optimise water application

The minimum grant you can claim is £35,000 (40% of £87,500). The maximum grant is £500,000 (40% of £1,250,000)

Ensure application detail is in place e.g. Planning by 31st December 2022.

Before you start you can: get quotes, apply for planning, ensure abstraction licence in place if necessary **BUT** do not start work on the project until agreement signed

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Farming Equipment and Technology Fund

Improving Farm Productivity grant

- The Improving Farm Productivity grant **opens later this year** for applications.

Adding Value grant

- The Adding Value grant **opens early next year** for applications

What happens next

- RPA will assess the information you submit. If your project is suitable, you will be asked to submit a full application.
- **FTF contact details**
- Email FTF@rpa.gov.uk or call RPA on 03000 200301 and select the option for the Farming Transformation Fund.



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Thank you

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