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# Funding for farmers, growers & land managers

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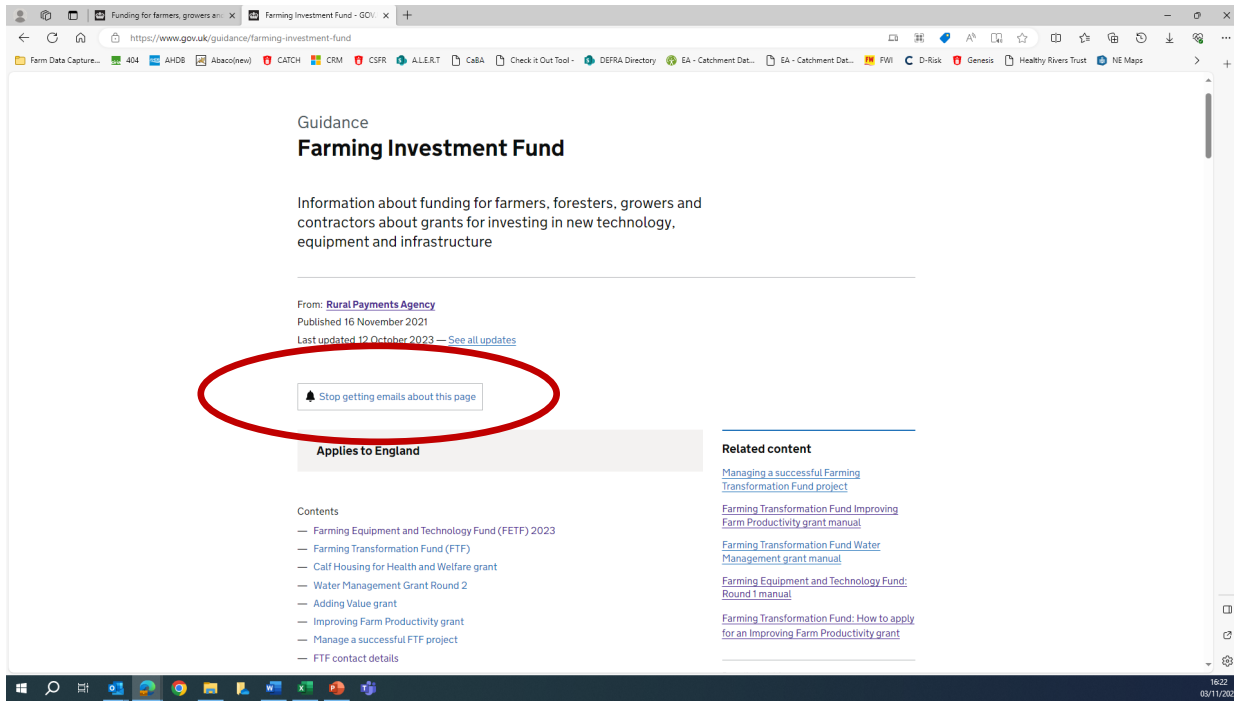
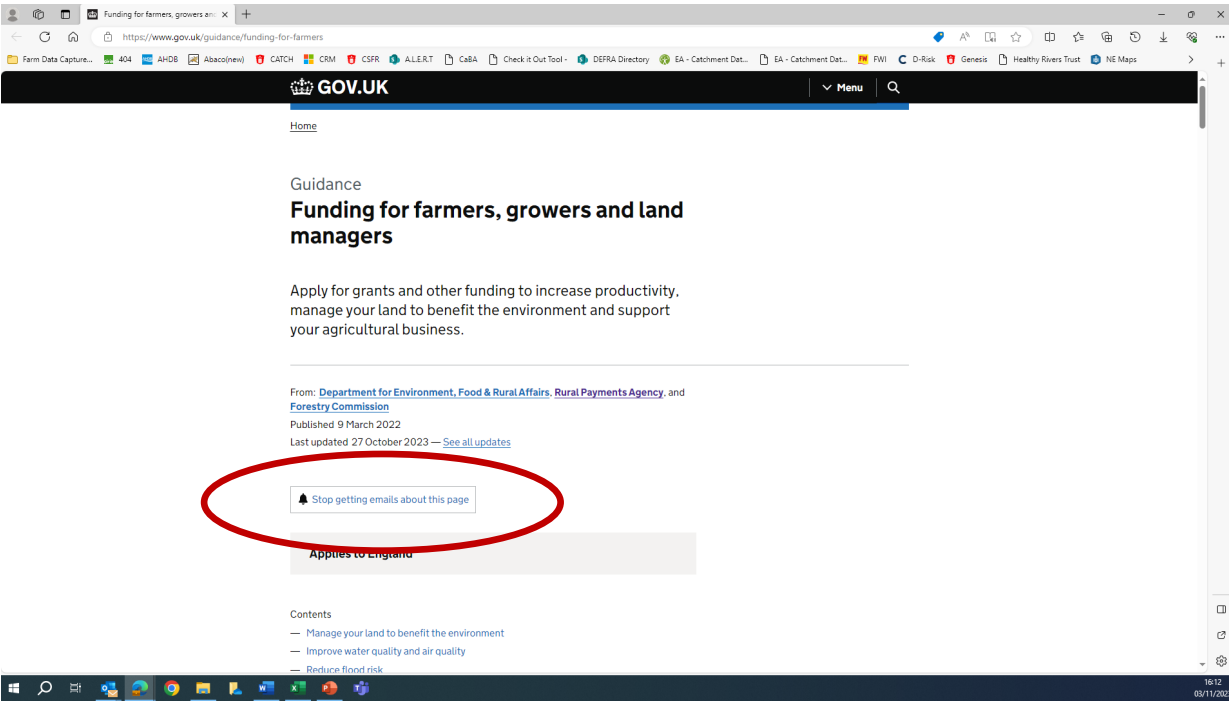
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# Where to find grant information

- Try: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/funding-for-farmers>

- Try: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/farming-investment-fund>



Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF) is a Defra project led in partnership by the Environment Agency and Natural England





## How much and terms of payment

- In 2023 more than £168m of funding to be available from various funding streams, this includes funding for research for farmers, growers & forestry
- All DEFRA grant funding is managed through the RPA
- Many payments are based on standard costs i.e. averaged over a number of suppliers and a %age payment from the scheme.
- Many schemes pay about 40 – 50%, there are exceptions, but this is clear in the documentation.
- Project delivery and claim made before reimbursement.
- Often if based on standard costs evidence can be photographic but can be based on invoices received.

# The Farming Investment Fund

**The Farming Investment Fund is divided into 2 schemes.**

- **1: Farming Equipment & Technology Fund (FETF)** provides smaller grants to improve business performance.
- **2: Farming Transformation Fund (FTF)** supports larger investments and provides grants for eligible beneficiaries to invest in their businesses to *improve productivity, profitability and enhance environmental sustainability*.

There are 3 themes:

- Water Management
- Improving Farm Productivity
- Added Value.



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# The Farming Investment Fund

## 1: Farming Equipment & Technology Fund (FETF)

**The Farming Equipment and Technology Fund:** provides grants for equipment and technology that supports improvements in productivity, slurry management, animal health & welfare.

FETF grants are for a minimum of £1,000 and a maximum of £25,000 per theme. This means the maximum grant you can receive for Productivity and Slurry items is £25,000 and the maximum grant you can receive for Animal Health and Welfare items is £25,000. Check online for closing dates.

The Farming Equipment and Technology Fund 2023 is now closed for applications.

Industry sectors eligible for funding: Horticulture e.g. Electronic row seeder,

- Forestry e.g. Tree shears
- Slurry Management e.g. Slurry separator
- Arable e.g. Retro fitted yield monitoring
- Livestock e.g. Robotic silage pusher
- Resource Management e.g. Rainwater harvesting
- General e.g. Real time inline forage crop analysis

**FETF contact details:** For any questions about your claim, email [FETFEnquiries@rpa.gov.uk](mailto:FETFEnquiries@rpa.gov.uk) or call the RPA helpline on 03000 200 301 and select the option for the Farming Equipment and Technology Fund.



# The Farming Investment Fund

## 2: Farming Transformation Fund (FTF)

### Calf Housing for Health and Welfare grant:

[Calf Housing for Health and Welfare 2023 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

In 2023, grants to build new or refurbish existing calf housing will be made available for the beef and dairy sectors. The grant aims to improve the health and welfare of calves (up to 6 months old) by providing a good ambient environment and facilitating social contact through pair or group housing. The grant is part of the Animal Health and Welfare Pathway.

The grant will be competitive, so the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) will prioritise calf housing projects that have the biggest impact on animal health and welfare and have considered innovation and environmental outcomes. You can apply for grants of between £15,000 and £500,000.

The first stage of the application process, the online checker, is now open. The online checker will close at 11:59pm on Thursday 30 November 2023. If you're interested in making an application, read the guidance which will explain the information you'll need to provide.

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## 2: Farming Transformation Fund (FTF)

### Animal Health & Welfare Pathway

[Animal Health and Welfare Pathway - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) – launched in 2023

The Pathway supports continual improvement in farm animal health and welfare. The Pathway is a partnership – the government is working together on each step with farmers, vets, the wider industry and the supply chain.

The Pathway is a critical part of the farming reforms set out in the [Agricultural Transition Plan](#), delivering benefits for animal health and welfare, farm productivity, food security, public health, UK trade and the environment.

To be eligible to apply, you must have one of the following:

- 11 or more beef cattle - will pay £522 for beef cattle
- 11 or more dairy cattle - will pay £372 for dairy cattle
- 21 or more sheep - will pay £436 for sheep
- 51 or more pigs - will pay £684 for pigs



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## 2: Farming Transformation Fund (FTF)

### **Animal Health & Welfare Pathway (cont'd)**

#### **Grants to support animal health and welfare**

#### **What it is and who it's for**

The Animal Health and Welfare grants go towards the cost of items on a list which improve the health, welfare and productivity of livestock. Scheme will be available to other sectors in future

The initial offer will co-fund new and upgrades to calf housing that improves social contact and the ambient environment.

This is to support farmers to produce healthy calves that are likely to be more resilient and productive in later life.

We intend to expand the offer to include funding for adult cattle in future.

The grant is for livestock farmers who keeps cattle, pigs, sheep, broiler chickens or laying hens.

#### **How much you can get**

Grants of between £1000 and £25,000 are available. Check on opening & closing dates





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## 2: Farming Transformation Fund (FTF)

### Water Management Grant Round 2

[Water Management Grant Round 2 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Arable or horticultural businesses in England can apply for funding for projects that improve:

- productivity
- water sustainability
- the environment

Water Management grants will be available for capital items to support the construction of on-farm reservoirs and the adoption of best practice irrigation application equipment.

Helping improve farm productivity and deliver environmental benefits through more efficient use of water, reduce use of water from summer abstraction and mains, and improve irrigation. E.G. You might use funding to move from rain guns to trickle and boom application.

The offer is for a grant of between £35,000 and £500,000 per applicant business. Check online when the scheme is open

The grant is competitive, so RPA will score applications against the funding priorities and award a grant to the highest scoring applications.



# The Farming Investment Fund

## 2: Farming Transformation Fund (FTF)

### Slurry Infrastructure grant Round 1

Stage 1 of the application process is now complete. RPA informed applicants of the outcome of their applications at the end of March 2023. 374 farms invited to progress to phase 2 of the application process. £34m available CSF have had an involvement in advising farms.

### Slurry Infrastructure grant Round 2

[Slurry Infrastructure grant Round 2: applicant guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/slurry-infrastructure-grant-round-2)

The Slurry Infrastructure grant Round 2 is available to pig, beef and dairy farmers whose farming systems produce slurry. A key purpose of the grant is to reduce ammonia loss from the livestock sector.

You can apply for a grant to improve or expand your slurry storage capacity and to cover your stores. You must use the grant to meet the grant storage requirements (6 months for beef and dairy, 8 months for pigs).

The grant is competitive. If the grant is oversubscribed the RPA will prioritise projects that have the greatest environmental outcomes. You can apply for a grant between £25,000 and £250,000.

Due to open anytime. Aim is for 800 applicants in round 2 and again in round 3. £147m to be made available between phases 2 & 3.

**Farming Equipment & Technology Fund (FETF) 2024 & 2025** will have £21m to fund scrapers, testing kit, low emission spreaders - Farming Investment Fund: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/farming-investment-fund>.



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## 2: Farming Transformation Fund (FTF)

### Adding Value grant

[Adding Value grant for farmers to improve crops or livestock - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

The Adding Value grant is available for growers or producers to add value to eligible agricultural products after they have been harvested or reared. It is competitive, so the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) will score your application based on merit. RPA will award a grant to the strongest applications. You can apply for a grant between £25,000 and £300,000.

Stage 1 of the application process is complete.

Applicants invited by RPA can now submit a full application.

The success of your full application will depend on the number and value of applications we receive. Submitting a full application

If we invited you to submit a full application for your project, you must submit your forms and supporting evidence by 31 January 2024. Check online for opening & closing dates.



# Countryside Stewardship Environmental Land Management Landscape Recovery

## Countryside Stewardship

Opened in 2015, last round is this year. Replacement scheme to be known as **Environmental Land Management** to begin next year. Will consist of: **Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI)**, **CS Plus** (an evolution of Countryside Stewardship) instead of a new Local Nature Recovery scheme, **Landscape Recovery** for large scale projects to enhance the natural environment.

Existing and newly applied for Countryside Stewardship Mid Tier agreements rewards farms for their actions to protect and enhance the natural environment, diversity of wildlife, water quality, air quality and natural flood management, while continuing to produce food.

**Countryside Stewardship** gives farmers and land managers the opportunity to be paid for environmental work alongside sustainable food production, from restoring wildlife habitats and managing woodlands, to mitigating flood risks and reducing pollution. About 40,000 Countryside Stewardship agreements across England – a 94% increase in uptake since 2020 – including nearly 26,000 Mid Tier agreements.

**Catchment Sensitive Farming** offers advice to support the management of water, air pollution and NFM in all catchments through advice and approval of **CS Capital Grants**.

See links for the **CS grants finder**: [Countryside Stewardship grant finder - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/countryside-stewardship-grant-finder) , **SFI**: [SFI Handbook for the SFI 2023 offer - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/sustainable-farming-incentive-handbook) , **Landscape Recovery**: [Landscape Recovery: developing the scheme together - Farming \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/developing-the-scheme-together).



# Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI)

## What you can get paid to do under SFI

SFI pays farmers to adopt and maintain sustainable farming practices that can protect and improve the environment.

You can apply for a 3-year SFI agreement to do environmental land management actions to help you manage your land in a more sustainable way.

You can also get paid for:

- A vet to visit your farm annually to review the health and welfare of your livestock and give you advice about improvements you could make, which will help you increase farm productivity and resilience
- Environmental land management actions under **Countryside Stewardship** (CS) which pays for more targeted actions relating to specific locations, features and habitats – CS is being improved, instead of developing a new Local Nature Recovery scheme
- Environmental land management actions under **Landscape Recovery** which pays for bespoke, longer-term, larger scale projects to enhance the natural environment

# Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) payments - cont'd

## What you can get paid to do under SFI

Summary of the SFI actions in the SFI 2023 offer		
Code	SFI action	Annual payment
<b>Actions for soils</b>		
SAM1	Assess soil, test soil organic matter and produce a soil management plan	£5.80 per hectare (ha) and an additional payment of £95 per agreement
SAM2	Multi-species winter cover crops	£129 per ha
SAM3	Herbal leys	£382 per ha Actions for moorland
<b>Actions for moorland</b>		
MOR1	Assess moorland and produce a written record	£10.30 per ha and an additional payment of £265 per agreement
<b>Actions for hedgerows</b>		
HRW1	Assess and record hedgerow condition	£3 per 100 metres (m) – one side
HRW2	Manage hedgerows	£10 per 100m – one side
HRW3	Maintain or establish hedgerow trees	£10 per 100m – both sides
<b>Actions for integrated pest management</b>		
IPM1	Assess integrated pest management and produce a plan (this action applies to an SFI agreement, rather than a specific area of land (an 'agreement level SFI action')	£989 per year
IPM2	Flower-rich grass margins, blocks, or in-field strips	£673 per ha
IPM3	Companion crop on arable and horticultural land	£55 per ha
IPM4	No use of insecticide on arable crops and permanent crops	£45 per ha
<b>Actions for nutrient management</b>		
NUM1	Assess nutrient management and produce a review report (agreement level SFI action)	£589 per year
NUM2	Legumes on improved grassland	£102 per ha
NUM3	Legume fallow	£593 per ha

# Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) payments - cont'd

## What you can get paid to do under SFI cont'd

Code	SFI action	Annual payment
<b>Actions for farmland wildlife on arable and horticultural land</b>		
AHL1	Pollen and nectar flower mix	£614 per ha
AHL2	Winter bird food on arable and horticultural land	£732 per ha
AHL3	Grassy field corners and blocks	£590 per ha
<b>Actions for farmland wildlife on improved grassland</b>		
IGL1	Take improved grassland field corners or blocks out of management	£333 per ha
IGL2	Winter bird food on improved grassland	£474 per ha
<b>Actions for buffer strips</b>		
AHL4	4m to 12m grass buffer strip on arable and horticultural land	£451 per ha
IGL3	4m to 12m grass buffer strip on improved grassland	£235 per ha
<b>Actions for low input grassland</b>		
LIG1	Manage grassland with very low nutrient inputs (outside SDAs)	£151 per ha
LIG2	Manage grassland with very low nutrient inputs (SDAs)	£151 per ha
Additional payments		
Additional common land payment (*if a group of 2 or more people apply for an SFI agreement on common land)		£6.15 per ha*
SFI management payment (*up to the first 50 hectares entered into the relevant SFI actions, per SBI)		£20 per ha*