

Welcome to the regular Agri-Business Update from P&L.

Dates for the Diary

1st December 2020

Basic Payment Scheme (BPS)
2020 payment window opens.

1st December 2020

Ecological Focus Area (EFA)
cover crops must be retained
until this date.

31st December 2020

You need to record the
number of sheep and goats on
your land on 1 December and
submit your annual inventory
by 31 December.

1st March 2021

You must not cut or trim
hedges or trees from this date.

HEADLINES

ENGLAND'S NEW FARMING POLICY

English & Welsh Grant Updates

GRANTS

- **ENGLAND- The Countryside Productivity Small Grant- 3rd Round**
If you have been successful with your application, you MUST ACCEPT the offer via the online portal (if you don't you will lose the grant opportunity)- details on your acceptance email.
- **WALES- Farm Business Grant – Yard Coverings**
 - *This will support roofing over any previously uncovered existing livestock feeding areas, livestock gathering areas, manure storage areas, existing slurry stores and existing silage stores. The scheme will also support some secondary items, including rainwater goods for existing buildings, rainwater harvesting systems and slurry analysis kits.*
 - *The maximum grant award is £12,000. The minimum grant award is £3,000, with a 40% grant offered.*
 - *An online expression of interest will require applicants to indicate on a digital map where most of the items will be located including a requirement to submit before geo-tagged photographs.*
 - *No more than a £1 million business turnover.*
 - *Opens 9th November 2020- Closes 18th December 2020*
- **WALES- Sustainable Production Grant**
Opens 1st February 2021- Closes 12th March 2021

Shropshire Council Community Tree Scheme

Full Funding Available for Tree and Hedge Planting

MUST be fully visible by the public- eg. Seen from a road/public footpath

MUST be purchased from 1 of 2 assigned Shropshire Suppliers.

More information;

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/environment/trees-woodlands-and-hedges/shropshire-council-community-tree-scheme-202021/>

or contact P&L

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& HAPPY NEW YEAR
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ENGLAND- NEW FARMING POLICY

Summary of the new guidelines below;

REDUCTION IN BPS PAYMENTS

The payments will be reduced by the following percentages in 2021-2024:

Payment band	Scheme year			
	2021	2022	2023	2024
Up to £30,000	5%	20%	35%	50%
£30,000 - £50,000	10%	25%	40%	55%
£50,000 - £150,000	20%	35%	50%	65%
More than £150,000	25%	40%	55%	70%

LUMP EXIT PAYMENT SCHEME

In 2022 an exit scheme will be introduced to help farmers who wish to retire to do so. They will be offered the chance to take a lump sum in place of any further BPS and delinked payments.

ELMS- Environmental Land Management scheme

To be introduced in 2024- to replace BPS- To focus on the following items;

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

COUNTRYSIDE STEWARDSHIP SCHEME

The Countryside Stewardship scheme will continue to be available for existing and new applicants until 2024, with the last new applications being accepted in 2023.

FARMING INVESTMENT FUND

From 2021 funding will be available for equipment, technology, and infrastructure that improves farm productivity and benefits the environment.

SLURRY INVESTMENT

A slurry investment scheme will be offered from 2022. It will help to reduce pollution from farming and contribute to the government's 25 Year Environment Plan and Net Zero commitments.

More details from [Farming is Changing \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

All information in this newsletter is correct as of 30th November 2020
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