



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Cynllun Ffermio Cynaliadwy Sustainable Farming Scheme

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Timeline

- 2018: Brexit and our land consultation
- 2019: Sustainable Farming and our Land consultation
- 2020: Agriculture Act came in to force & Agriculture (Wales) Bill consultation
- 2022: Publish draft SFS, co-design II & launch transition/pilot schemes
- 2023: Agriculture (Wales) Act comes in to force & final SFS consultation
- 2025: Sustainable Farming Scheme starts (with a multi-year transition)

Proposed Sustainable Farming Scheme

- Reward farmers for carrying out actions which deliver SLM outcomes
- Must provide 'additionality' above regulation
- Proposing to go beyond 'income foregone and costs incurred'
- Holistic package including:
 - KT&I service
 - Collaboration
 - Supply chain
 - Link to Sustainable Brand Values

SLM outcomes

Clean Air

Mitigate flood and drought risk

Clean Water

Protected natural landscapes and historic environment

Enhanced access and engagement

Reduced greenhouse gas emissions

High animal health and welfare

Resilient ecosystems

Maximise carbon storage

Resource efficient

Principles of reform

1. We must keep farmers on the land
2. Food production is vital for our nation
3. We should help build a prosperous and resilient agriculture industry
4. Future support should maximise all SLM outcomes
5. All farmers should be able to access the scheme

Scheme structure

Based on the principles, a scheme which:

- Is accessible to all farmers at the same time as incentivising/rewarding best practice
- Rewards creation as well as maintenance (journey of improvement)
- Has flexibility to allow farmers to tailor their actions
- Has a mix of mandatory/optional/collaborative actions
- Evolves to meet changing circumstances