Farm Advisory Service
One-to-one advice and support services

Stakeholder pack: April 2018
Helping Scottish farmers and crofters remain sustainable and profitable

Recent responses to user surveys and calls to the FAS helpline have indicated that many Scottish farmers and crofters are concerned over future subsidies and the potential impact of Brexit.

To address this concern, FAS would like to highlight the free advice and funding support available through the programme to help Scottish farmers and crofters improve business resilience – regardless of future change.

As such, resilience and adapting to change are recurring themes in this stakeholder pack. We are keen once again, to enlist your help in highlighting the support available to farmers and crofters across Scotland.

Any assistance you can provide in spreading the word to your members and contacts would be much appreciated.

Here’s how you can help >>>
Helping Scottish farmers stay resilient in changing times

Uncertainty over future subsidies and the impact of Brexit is a key concern for many business owners in the UK, not least of all, those in the farming sector.

Whilst it is too early to tell what impact, if any, there will be – investing in your strengths, improving business efficiency and reducing costs are all worthwhile actions business owners can take now to help them safeguard the growth and profitability of their business in future.

Taking advantage of government-funded business development support available through the Farm Advisory Service (FAS) is a great way for Scottish farmers and crofters to take proactive action in supporting their businesses to remain resilient in a changing market.

Apply for up to £2,200 worth of funding for:
- Mentoring for new entrants,
- Integrated Land Management Plans (ILMPs),
- Specialist advice,
- Carbon audits.

Those interested in applying for support are encouraged to apply early as current funding is only secured until December 2020.

For more information, please contact advice@fas.scot, call 0300 323 0161 or visit www.fas.scot
How tailored Integrated Land Management Plans (ILMPs) are helping farm businesses plan for the future

Uncertain about what future direction would be best for their business, farm owners, Bitney MacNab and Fergus Laing, sought help from the Farm Advisory Service (FAS) to commission expert ILMPs. Now armed with tailored business advice, both are confident about the future:

• ‘I’ve been out of the game so long, I didn’t know what my options were. The ILMP is good in that it gives you a guide.’
  Fergus Laing, Glenbeg Estate

• Without the ILMP, I doubt I would have the drive, knowledge and clarity to move things forward on my own. The ILMP has been fundamental in moving things forward.’
  Bitney MacNab, Cairnston Smallholding

Curious about what impact expert business advice could have on the efficiency, profitability and resilience of your business?

Contact advice@fas.scot or call 0300 323 0161 or visit www.fas.scot to find out how FAS can help.
Sample images to use with newsletter text/online:
Sample Tweets to share

Looking for new ways to grow your #farming business? @FASScot can help you enlist the advice of qualified, industry experts who can provide technical, financial and strategic support to grow your business. [Link](http://ow.ly/RcJz30jIHe)

Take advantage of gov-funded business development support available through @FASScot to help safeguard the growth and profitability of your #farming business [Link](http://ow.ly/4I0a30jIYS)

Apply for grant support through @FASScot for expert advice on how to reducing costs and improve the efficiency and profitability of your farming business [Link](http://ow.ly/RcJz30jIHe)

Did you know @FASScot can help you access grant support for expert business development advice to help you grow your #farming business? [Link](http://ow.ly/RcJz30jIHe) #farmer #newfarmer

Take proactive action in supporting your #farming business to remain resilient whatever the future may hold. Contact @FASScot to find out what support is available [Link](http://ow.ly/4I0a30jIYS) #farmer

Contact @FASScot to claim grant help with improving the efficiency of your #farming business [Link](http://ow.ly/RcJz30jIHe) Current funding is only secured until December 2020 so apply early! #farmer
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Business development grant support for Scottish farmers and crofters

The Farm Advisory Service (FAS) can help Scottish farmers and crofters grow their business through funding – worth up to £2,200 – for business development support to improve the profitability and sustainability of their farming business. Funding is secured until December 2020, apply today to claim support!

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