Improving Farm Productivity and Solar Grants

The grant is available for capital items which will improve farm productivity through:
- the use of robotic or automatic equipment and systems to aid production.
- the installation of solar equipment to increase energy resilience.

Grant funding available

Farm Productivity Grants

The grant will cover up to 40% of the cost of eligible items. The minimum grant you can apply for is £25,000 (40% of £62,500) and the maximum is £500,000 per applicant business.

Solar grants

The grant will cover up to 25% of the cost of eligible items. The minimum grant you can apply for is £15,000 (25% of £60,000) and the maximum grant is £100,000.

If you want to apply for both a Solar grant and a Farm Productivity grant, you need to submit 2 separate applications. The maximum grant across all submitted applications is £500,000 in total.

Eligible items

For equipment to be eligible, it has to be considered either robotic or automatic, as defined in the Improving Farm Productivity equipment definitions and requirements guidance. Eligible items include:
- voluntary robotic milking systems
- feeding robots (including robotic feed pushers)
- slurry robots

The Solar PV grant can be used to pay for:

- solar PV panels
- solar batteries
- inverters
- utility meter
- electrical grid connector
- power diverter

Eligibility

The grant is available for farmers and contractors in England. Contractors are not eligible to apply for solar PV grant funding.

Priority

Priority will be given to projects that:
- improve productivity
- improve the environment
- introduce innovation
- introduce technology to address labour shortage

Application process

Stage 1: Online checker to see if you're eligible and how well your project fits the funding priorities – expected to open in January and close in March.

Stage 2: If you score high enough in stage 1, you will be invited to make a full application.

Full details of the application process can be found HERE.