

Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI):

Unfortunately, as of the 11th of March, DEFRA have stopped accepting new applications for SFI. There is going to be a spending review, and DEFRA have said that details of a revised SFI scheme will be announced in summer 2025.

This has varying outcomes depending on what stage your SFI application is on.

If you have an SFI agreement: Nothing changes, go ahead as normal and review options at the end of your SFI agreement.

If you've been offered an agreement but haven't yet accepted: Accept as soon as possible (within 10 working days of the offer), otherwise the offer may be withdrawn.

If you've submitted an SFI application before the application closure, but don't have an offer: your application will go ahead and you should receive an offer, please accept this as soon as possible.

If you started an SFI application but did not submit it, or have not submitted an application: you will not be able to apply, unless:

- You are in a small group of farmers blocked from submitting applications due to a system fault
- You requested assisted digital support from RPA,
- You are an ex-SFI pilot farmer whose pilot agreement has ended but haven't yet applied for full SFI 2024 offer on land which was in your pilot agreement.

Capital Grants

After a temporary closure, DEFRA have announced funding for capital grants.

All grants which were submitted will now be processed, if you submitted an application which was on hold, you don't need to do anything.

For those who haven't yet applied, the new scheme will re-open this year which has the following limits on how much you can apply for, there will be a rolling application window throughout the year:

- £25,000 for water quality
- £25,000 for air quality
- £25,000 for natural flood management
- £35,000 for boundaries, trees and orchards

Farming Equipment and Technology Fund (FETF Grant)

- This spring, a round of FETF will be launched with grants between £1,000 and £25,000 available.
- In total, £30 million will be available for productivity and slurry and £16.7 million will be available for animal health and welfare.

Farming Innovation Programme

Funding will be available to farmers, growers and foresters who want to develop and use new, innovative methods and technologies.

Further information is available here: <https://farminginnovation.ukri.org/>

ADOPT (Accelerating Development of Practices and Technologies Fund)

In spring, grants will be available to fund projects of between £50,000 to £100,000 to provide collaborative farmer-led, innovation grants for farmers and farm businesses to trial new technology and methods on their farm.



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