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Rural Payments Agency Scheme Update

The Rural Payments Agency (RPA) has provided a welcome update on their revenue and grant schemes following the unexpected temporary closure of some schemes in late 2024.

Capital Grants

The temporary closure of the Capital Grant scheme will be lifted for 2025/2026 applications with sufficient funding now in place for this period. When the Capital Grant application reopens it will be on a rolling application basis with the following spending caps reintroduced to prevent a further closure.

- Water Quality Grant Items - £25,000
- Air Quality Grant Items - £25,000
- Natural Flood Management - £25,000
- Boundaries, trees & orchards - £35,000

Farming Equipment Technology Fund (FETF)

FETF offers grants for equipment, technology and small infrastructure to boost productivity, improve slurry management and enhance animal health and welfare.

This spring, the RPA will launch one round of FETF. Grants of between £1,000 and £25,000 will be available. In total, £30 million will be available for productivity and slurry and £16.7 million will be available for animal health and welfare.

Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI)

SFI remains open on a rolling basis and pays farmers and land managers to take up or maintain sustainable farming and land management practices that:

- protect and benefit the environment
- support food production
- improve productivity

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SFI revenue options are divided into the following categories:

- Soil Health
- Agroforestry
- Boundary Features
- Buffer Strips
- Waterbodies
- Organic Farming
- Arable & Horticultural Land
- Moorland
- Precision Farming
- Grassland
- Heritage
- Pest & Nutrient Management

Under each category are SFI actions to choose from. Each action generates an annual revenue payment.

SFI agreement will usually last for either 3 or 5 years. This will depend on the SFI actions in your agreement with the longest duration (most actions will last for 3 years, but a few will last for 5 years).

SFI also includes a management payment for successful applications (£40/ha for the first year and £20/ha for each subsequent year)

Animal Health & Welfare Pathway

The Animal Health and Welfare Review offers farmers in England a free annual vet visit to check the health and welfare of your livestock.

If you keep cattle, sheep or pigs you can qualify for funding from £215 to £1,714 per review or follow-up depending on livestock type.

Farming Innovation Programme (FIP)

FIP provides funding for farmers, growers and foresters who want to develop and use new, innovative methods and technologies.

£63 million is available for projects with themes such as precision breeding and net zero. FIP grants are awarded on a competitive basis.

Accelerating Development of Practices and Technologies Fund (ADOPT)

Funds collaborative farmer-led innovation grants for farmers and farm businesses to trial new technology and methods on their farm.

These practical research projects will help to provide innovative ways of boosting farm productivity, food security and nature's recovery across England.

It will open for applications in spring 2025 and grants will be available to fund projects of between £50,000 to £100,000 in size.

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Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme

Grants for projects in National Parks and National Landscapes (previously called Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty) to help nature recover, reduce the impacts of climate change, protect cultural heritage and improve access to and enjoyment of our landscapes. Funding can cover 100% of the project costs. Open until March 2026.

Countryside Stewardship Higher Teir (CSHT)

Offers funding to farmers and land managers for managing land in ways that protect, restore, or enhance the environment, while also helping to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Access to the scheme is by invitation only. However, there will be opportunities for other farmers and land managers to access CSHT in the future.

If you require any advice or assistance with these schemes then please contact one of our team.

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