

One-to-one advice and grant support for new entrants to farming and crofting



Helping new farmers and crofters start on the right foot

Regardless of farm size or business stage, the Farm Advisory Service (FAS) can help new entrants to farming and crofting across Scotland to grow their business, increase profitability, improve sustainability and avoid the common pitfalls to success.

It does this through Government grants – worth up to £2,200 – that can be used for business development support and one-to-one expert advice in specialist areas*.

Benefit from:

- expert advice tailored to the specific needs of your business;
- subsidised access to specialist support;
- an understanding of how you are performing compared with similar enterprises;
- one-to-one mentoring guidance from an experienced farmer in your chosen sector.



* Terms and conditions apply.
See www.fas.scot for full details.

One-to-one support services and funding available through FAS

Mentoring for new entrants to farming

Up to 4 days one-to-one consultancy time with a personal mentor

Benefit from being paired with an experienced farmer in your sector, who can provide tailored support and advice on how to manage set up and grow your new farm or business. Typical skills that mentors offer include experience of running a farm business, traditional skills (e.g. stone walling and hedge laying), and food and drink industry experience.

Integrated Land Management Plans (ILMP)

Up to £1,200 per plan for expert consultancy

Undertake an independent and confidential assessment of your business with the help of an experienced farm business adviser of your choice who can identify your business's strengths, weaknesses and opportunities.

Specialist advice

Up to £1,000 funding for public good advice & £800 for business efficiency advice

Helps farmers take a deeper look at specific issues of concern or interest. As part of an ILMP, farmers can choose to benefit from two further specialist advice plans covering a range of topics – eight in total – including climate change adaptation and mitigation, biodiversity, and water pollution prevention and control.

Carbon audits

Up to £500 per audit, per annum

Request a fully funded carbon audit of your farm or croft to see where performance improvements and savings can be made, identify the efficiency with which resources are used and benchmark your business's performance so that you can compare it with that of similar businesses.