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one-to-one support...
guidance... advice...
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Welsh Assembly Government

Invest in a Whole Farm Plan

...run your business more efficiently

One-to-one **subsidised** support to help you develop your farm or forestry business.

The Whole Farm Plan provides confidential technical advice and business planning on a wide range of issues.

Simply choose the options you want to meet your specific requirements including:

- Feeding and breeding for improved performance
- Reducing feed costs by growing more grass or supplementary crops
- Making better use of fertiliser and farm manures
- Improving animal health
- Financial planning to forecast cashflow and profit
- Environmental protection and enhancement
- Succession planning
- Farm diversification
- Woodland management
- Energy conservation and generation
- Climate change



Invest in the Farm Advisory Service

*...reduce the risk of breaching
regulations*

This **subsidised** on-farm service will help you meet cross compliance requirements.

The advice you receive will be:

- One-to-one
- Confidential



The Farm Advisory Service (FAS) can help you to prepare for your next cross compliance inspection. A visit from an approved adviser can address:

- Animal identification
- Animal welfare
- Environmental protection
- Environmental management
- Land management
- Food law



Invest in training

...learn a new skill or develop an existing one

Our **subsidised** skills development programme provides access to courses throughout Wales on both practical and regulation-linked courses.



There is a wide range to choose from including:

- Sheep shearing
- Foot trimming
- Chainsaw operation
- Food preparation and hygiene
- Trailer towing
- Safe use of pesticides
- Health & Safety
- Safe use of veterinary medicines
- Dry stone walling
- Telescopic handling
- ATV / quad bike training

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...other services

Farming Connect also offers a range of **fully funded** services.

Learn from others and share best practice by joining discussion groups, visiting demonstration farms and attending open days in your area through Farming Connect's sector-specific development programmes:

- Dairy
- Red meat
- Organic
- Land management
- Climate change



Strategic awareness events

Keeping you up to date with topical issues of key importance to farm and forestry businesses

Diversification seminars

Helping you to identify alternative sources of income

Agri-environment training

Good environmental practice can lead to lower production costs as well as benefiting the environment

Planning surgeries

Helping you address on-farm planning issues and understand the processes

Agrisgôp

This action learning programme brings farming families together on a group basis to discuss and take forward business ideas.



Summary of subsidised services (to be checked at time of application)

| Service | Funding | Eligibility criteria |
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| <p>Whole Farm Plan - up to five days support, with an additional three days for diversification advice</p> | <p>Subsidised All eligible businesses - 50% Young Entrant status - 80%*</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All producers, production and horticulture businesses with a holding number; CRN number and working in excess of 550 hours per annum • Forestry businesses with a current Better Woodlands for Wales (BWVW) agreement; • Businesses with Young Entrant status* |
| <p>Farm Advisory Service - funded up to €1500 over the programme period (Rural Development Plan 2007-13)</p> | <p>Subsidised All eligible businesses - 50% Young Entrant status - 80%*</p> | <p>FAS is voluntary and open to all businesses with a CRN number; a holding number and receiving payments from one or more of the following schemes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPS - Single Payment Scheme • OFS - Organic Farming Scheme • BWVW - Better Woodlands for Wales • Tir Gofal • Tir Cynnal • Tir Mynydd |
| <p>Skills and training</p> | <p>Subsidised All eligible businesses - 50%</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All producers, production and horticulture businesses with a holding number; CRN number and working in excess of 550 hours per annum • Forestry businesses with a current BWVW agreement • Businesses with Young Entrant status* |

Summary of fully funded services

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| Strategic awareness events | Fully funded | All farmers and forestry holders |
| Diversification awareness seminars | Fully funded | All farmers and forestry holders |
| Development Programmes | Fully funded | All farmers and forestry holders |
| Agri-environment training | Fully funded | Open to all farmers participating in the Tir Gofal scheme |
| Planning advice | Fully funded | As per Whole Farm Plan |
| Agrisgôp | Fully funded | As per Whole Farm Plan |

* The eligibility criteria for a business to qualify for Young Entrant status to access Farming Connect services and the Farm Advisory Service is that:

- At least one partner in the business is under 40 years of age at the date of application
- The business meets the 550 hours per annum rule within three years (not required for Farm Advisory Service)
- The business has a CRIN/CPH number

Joint venture / Contract farming arrangements will be judged on a case by case basis



Join Farming Connect

To benefit from all the new Farming Connect services you must be registered. Call our Service Centre on **08456 000 813**.



You can also contact us at your nearest Welsh Assembly Government Divisional Office:

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