



Department
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Food & Rural Affairs

England's Future Farming and Countryside Programme (FFCP)

An overview of changes to English agricultural policy
2021-2027



Facts about the Farming Sector

- 70% of land in England is farmed
 - In 2020, agriculture contributed to 0.58% of UK GDP
 - In 2020, UK agricultural area was 17.3 million hectares of land
 - In 2021, Defra estimates there were 297,000 farmers in England
 - Wheat is the most grown crop in the UK
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Introduction to England's Future Farming and Countryside Programme (FFCP)

7-year transition period - from 2021 to 2027

Share international partners' commitments to make agriculture more sustainable

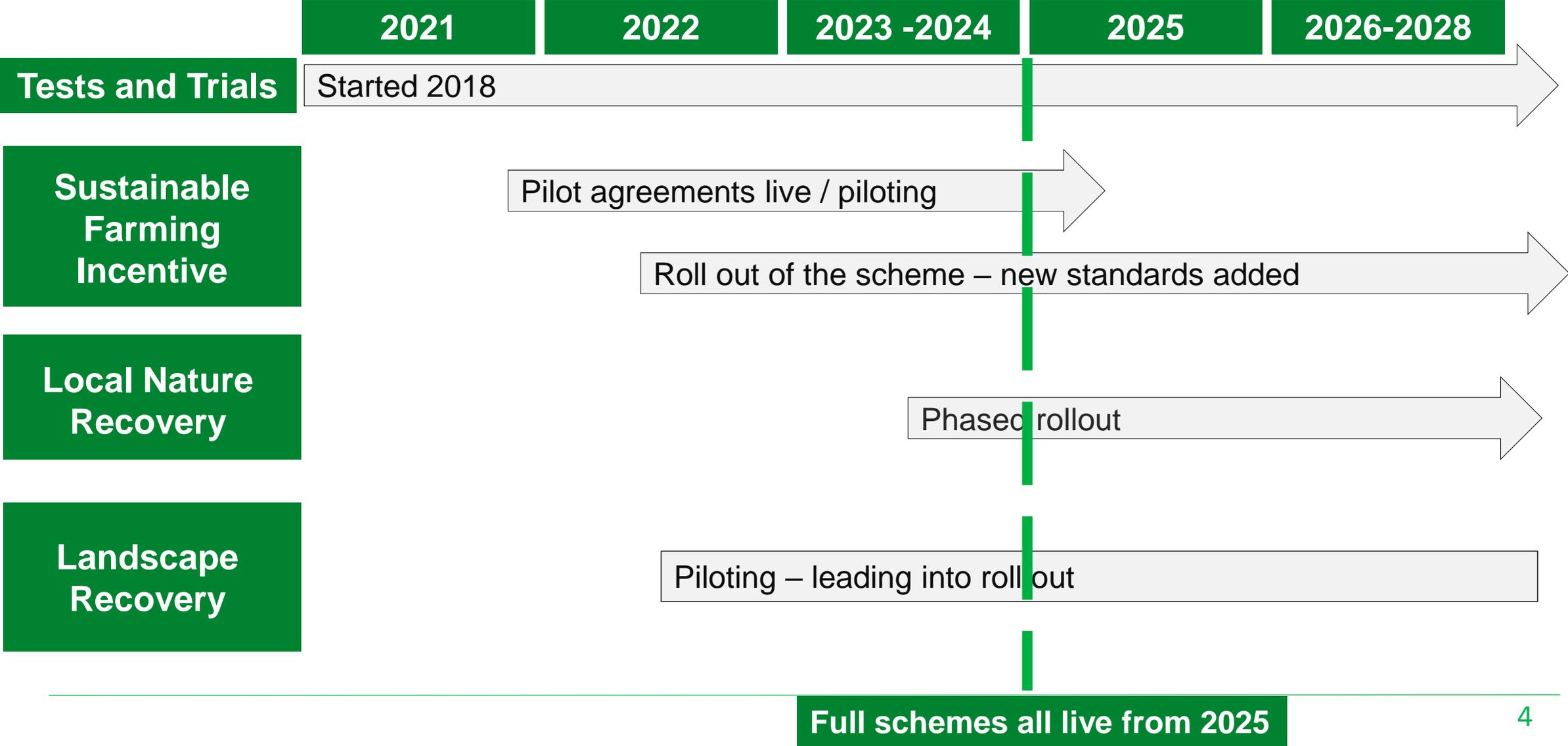
We are therefore:

- changing how we work with farmers
- investing in farms, food *and* environment
- introducing new grants and ongoing payments

Agriculture is a devolved responsibility in the UK

Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales also transitioning to sustainable farming approaches.

The three environmental land management schemes



How we work with farmers

How we are working with farmers:

- Co-Design
- Test and Trials

We are making things:

- fair
- flexible
- workable



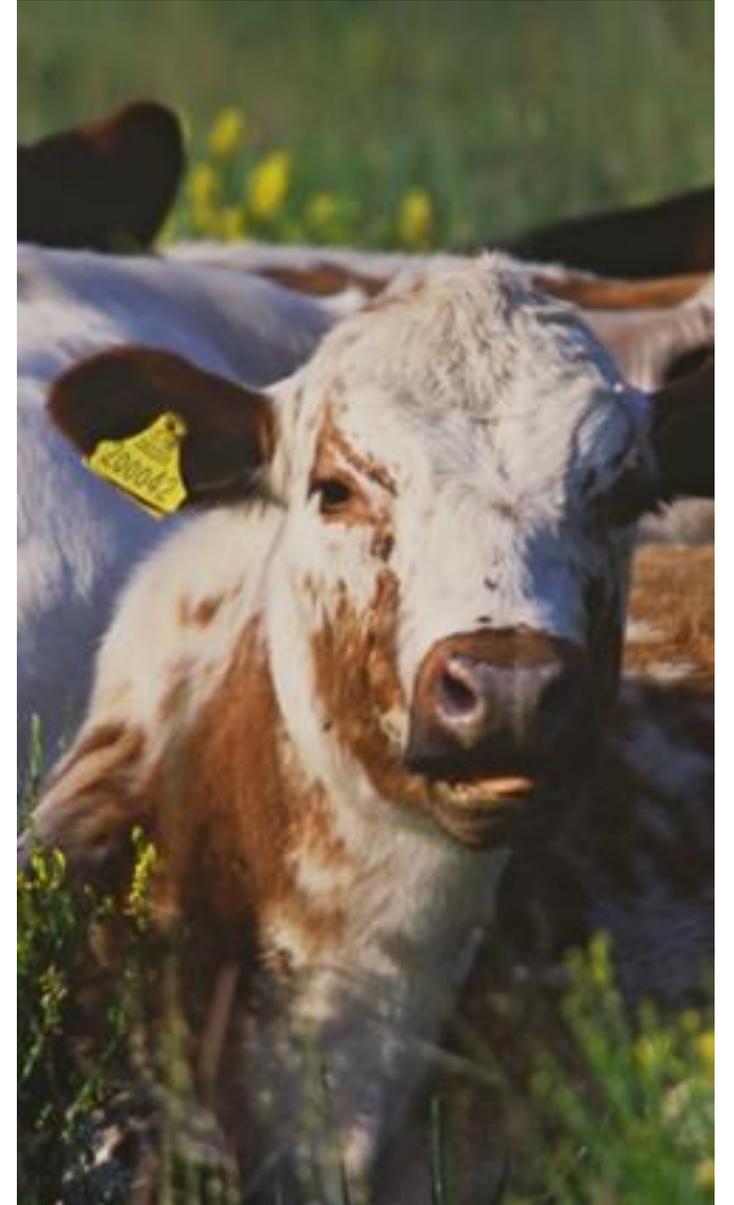
Food, farming and nature

- Food security
- Productive, resilient farms
- Environment and climate
- Animal health and welfare



Grants and ongoing payments

- A range of grants and ongoing payments
- Open and accessible to all



Grants in 2022

In 2022, the Farming Investment Fund has grants for:

- productivity
- slurry storage
- animal health and welfare

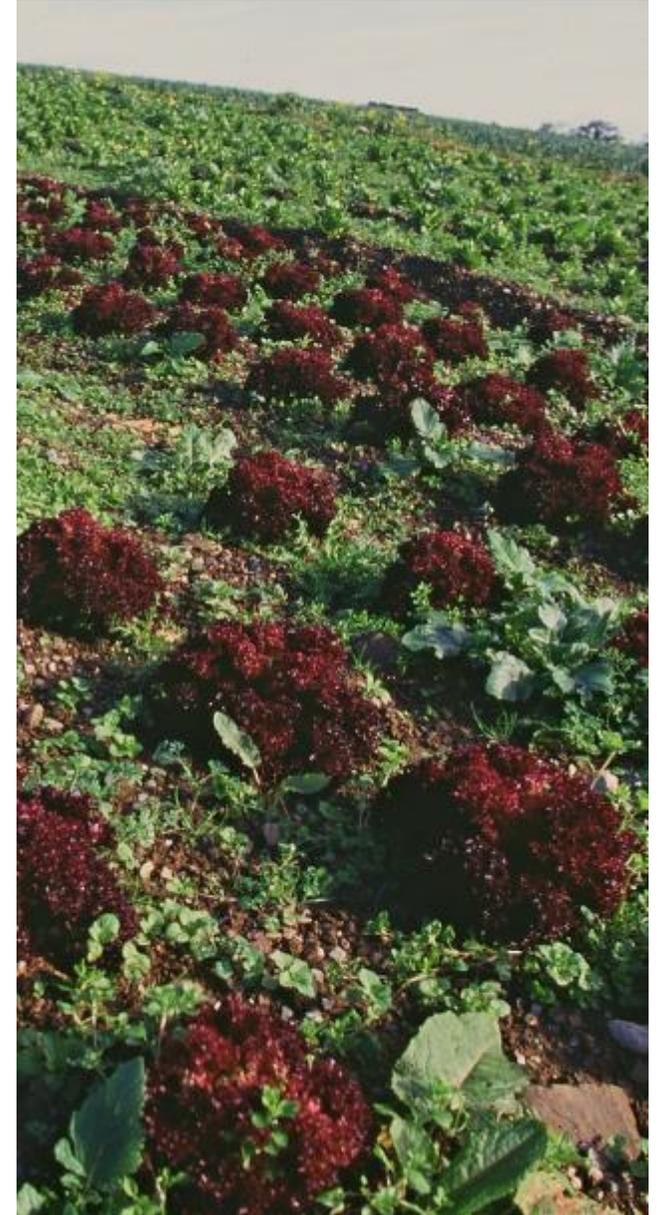
There are also grants for:

- environmental improvements (Countryside Stewardship, tree health, Farming in Protected Landscapes)
- innovation, research and development

Grants beyond 2022

In future years there will be:

- more rounds of the Farming Investment Fund, including slurry storage
- more innovation, research and development grants
- England's Rural Prosperity Fund, to support diversification
- capital offers for environmental improvements



Ongoing payments in 2022

In 2022, farmers can apply for payments for:

- managing habitats, woodlands and flood risk (Countryside Stewardship)
- protecting soils and assessing moorlands (Sustainable Farming Incentive)
- planting and managing trees (EWCO and other tree schemes)



Ongoing payments beyond 2022

- A wider range of actions through SFI, in 2023 and 2024
- Countryside Stewardship – starting in 2023 or 2024
- Things that help the local environment, through Local Nature Recovery, from 2024/25
- Another round of bespoke Landscape Recovery projects
- Piloting animal health and welfare ‘payment by results’ from 2023
- Joining farming and leaving