



Party Manifestos

Food and farming



Want to provide stability for farmers as the UK leaves the EU, and “set up new frameworks for supporting food production and stewardship of the countryside”. Will commit the same cash total in funds for farm support until the end of the parliament.

“We will work with farmers, food producers and environmental experts across Britain and with the devolved administrations to devise a new agri-environment system, to be introduced in the following parliament.”

Will help Natural England to expand provision of technical expertise to farmers to deliver environmental improvements on a landscape scale.



“We will reconfigure funds for farming and fishing to support smaller traders, local economies, community benefits and sustainable practices.”

“We will champion sustainable farming, food and fishing by investing in and promoting skills, technology, market access and innovation.”



Reform agricultural subsidies to ensure British farming remains competitive after leaving the EU.

Rebalance away from direct subsidy, focusing support towards public benefits that come from effective land management including countryside protection, flood prevention, food production and climate change mitigation.

Introduce a national food strategy to promote the production and consumption of healthy, sustainable and affordable food.

“Ensure that future trade deals require high safety, environmental and animal welfare standards for food imports.”

Bring in a ban on caged hens.



“The Green Party will refocus public funding for the rural economy towards restoring biodiversity, sustainable land management and farming, improving animal welfare, and tackling climate change.”



Will fight to ensure that all European funding, including farming payments, is replaced by the UK government.



Support local input into new agriculture policies to promote sustainability and new growth opportunities.

Call for strong protections for agri-food to guard against vulnerabilities to cheap inferior products, and call for appropriate support programme for farmers after leaving the EU.



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The SNP logo, consisting of the letters 'SNP' in a bold, black, sans-serif font, with a stylized 'X' symbol to the right. It is enclosed in a white circle.

SNP

Will seek additional powers for the Scottish government on agriculture and fisheries. Call for full devolution of control over agricultural funding after leaving the EU.

Will support efforts in Westminster to maintain current standards and regulations on animal and plant health, and environmental and food safety, to give Scotland access to export markets around the world.



Introduce a UK Single Farm Payment that operates in a similar way to the present EU system. The SFP will support smaller farms and be capped at £120,000 per year.

Under UKIP's system:

- Farms must meet Entry Level Stewardship Conditions (2013).
- Would consider transferring some support to livestock producers who commit to farming without antibiotics.
- Organic farms to receive 25% more.
- No set-aside, cropping or rotation restrictions.