



Future Farm Investment Scheme (FFIS)

Guidance 2025

Future Farm Investment Scheme (FFIS) is a capital grant scheme designed to help farmers and crofters in Scotland improve the environmental performance of their agricultural business. The scheme offers upfront funding to ensure all agricultural businesses have access to capital support to allow them to carry out capital investment(s) that will help deliver this. There is an indicative budget allocation for this application window of £14 million.

Claimed items should meet at least one outcome:

1. Improve business efficiency and sustainability;
2. Protect, restore or enhance the environment;
3. Reduce Greenhouse gas emissions and/or;
4. Mitigate the effect of climate change.

Application Window

The application window will be open from **14th of July 2025 to 12th of August 2025.**

Each application will be scored. It is possible to claim for more than 1 item. With limited funds it is expected to be competitive and oversubscribed.

Eligibility

- You must have submitted a SAF claim by 15th of May.
- Claimed >3 Ha eligible agricultural land
- Declared you've completed Min. 2 Whole Farm Plan audits if claiming BPS.
- If submitted SAF for other support, still eligible but must complete 2 audits if successful.

Farm / Croft Size	Maximum that can be applied for
30 Ha. or less	£5,000
30.01 - 150 Ha.	£10,000
>150 Ha.	£20,000
Only one application per BRN	

Application Process

1. Check eligibility.
2. Consider whether proposal meets scheme objectives.
3. Calculate item cost & how much support you need.
4. Submit your FFIS application by 22 August through RP&S (agents will need mandated).
5. If accepted, SGRPID will issue Offer of Grant – 14 days to return.
6. Once returned, payment will be sent to your existing account.
7. Use the grant to purchase items within 9 months of Offer of Grant.
8. Confirm within the 9 months you've carried out the investment – invoices, proof of payment, geo-tagged photographs to show items on-farm.

FFIS Examples of Eligible Items

Grassland

- Grassland sward lifters
- Electric fencing systems for managing grazing
- Quad mounted seed broadcaster

Livestock

- Electronic identification ear tag readers
- Electronic livestock weighing equipment
- Microscopes for faecal egg counting

Arable

- Direct Drills
- Camera guided inter row sprayer
- Variable rate controller for seed drills, sprayers and fertiliser spreaders.

Water Efficiency

- Water harvesting and filtering equipment
- Irrigation sensors
- Irrigation controller for rain guns

Nature

- Hedge/tree planting (including associated stock proof fencing & cactus guards (excluding labour costs)).
- Virtual fence – grazing collars
- Herb & legume rich seed mix where seeding will support maintenance of land for at least 5 years.

Climate

- Mobile or fixed slurry separators
- Low emission slurry spreading equipment
- Slurry store covers

Ineligible Costs

- Labour, fitting, running or delivery costs
- Consumables - if likely to be used up / depleted
- Planning permissions
- Professional fees
- VAT
- Subscription charges
- Warranties
- Insurance
- Training costs
- Repair and maintenance costs
- Financial charges and bank interest
- Costs associated with the supply of electricity or upgrading from single phase to three phase.

FFIS Ineligible Items

- Investments unlikely to last 6 years from when Grant awarded
- New sheds or redesign of old sheds
- New or replacement roofs
- Concrete
- New doors, replacement feed barriers
- Like for like upgrades and replacements
- Basic agricultural equipment e.g. tractors, trailers, quads, farm handlers, forklifts, 4x4s, RTVs etc, grass toppers, livestock trailers
- New slat panels slatted court for cattle
- New silo floor, wall, roof
- Silage pit covers, clamp sheets, cling seal sheets
- Irrigation lagoons (already funded through AECS)
- Converting sheds to slatted housing
- Second-hand, ex-demonstration and 'try before you buy' items
- Feed, fuel, fertilisers, lime or sprays
- Livestock
- Investments associated with food processing
- Species rich grass mixes
- Reseeding – grass to grass
- Items from a supplier or manufacturer who you or your business are part of or linked to in any way
- Ditching and drainage
- Zero grazers
- Purchase of land
- Renewable energy investments (including anaerobic digesters)
- Investments required to comply with existing statutory regulatory
- Requirements e.g. slurry stores to meet minimum number of weeks storage.
- Computer hardware not solely required for the project, e.g. laptop, printer etc.
- Tyres – including VF and flotation
- Home built items
- Items used in part/full for any non-agricultural/domestic purposes (including agricultural contracting)
- Investments that have already received grant support
- Permanent farm boundary fencing
- Replacement items covered by insurance claim

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