

New Entrants Investment Support Scheme

A vibrant farming industry needs to attract new talent with innovative approaches. We understand that new entrants can find it difficult to start a new business, in part because of strong competition for, and high prices of, land. We will work with councils with have 'county farms', other landowners and stakeholders to co-design a scheme that will create more lasting opportunities for new entrants.

We will provide funding to enable the creation of more start-up innovation hubs providing new tenant farmers and those using other business models with access to the land, infrastructure and support they need to thrive.

Scheme description

We will develop the scheme through a co-design. Working with organisations that have the capacity and interest in providing lasting opportunities to support the next generation.

Eligibility

We will develop the detailed eligibility criteria through a consultative co-design process, starting by the end of 2020 and concluding by September 2021, with a view to introducing a scheme from 2022.

We want to encourage applications from councils, cooperative and community land organisations, local partnerships, and private and institutional landowners who have innovative ideas and the capability to provide long-term opportunities for talented new entrants.

Timings and process

We plan to establish the co-design process by the end of 2020 to report by the summer of 2021 and open the scheme for applications in 2022.