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UK Farm Advisory Services and Transition post-Brexit

Farm advice is a devolved matter in the UK and each nation (Scotland, Northern Ireland, England and Wales) sets a specific agenda and priorities for their own farm advisory service. This situation has continued after the UK left the EU and farm advisory provision in each nation is now undergoing transition.

An Agricultural Transition Plan is in effect in England from 2021 to 2027, with the first 3 years (2021-2024) being an explicit transitioning period whereby certain schemes are phased out and newer schemes are introduced. The biggest change is likely to come from the end of the Direct Payments Scheme with a replacement suite of newer schemes under the umbrella of the Environment Land Management scheme. This will see an emphasis on farmers being rewarded for producing public goods. In Scotland, there is a more explicit orientation to the previous SRDP (2014-2020) under EU-FAS for the period between 2021 and 2024 with a view to “enable the continued operation of current CAP schemes and policies”.

Navigating and communicating post-Brexit agricultural policy is likely to see an increased demand placed on farm advisors and advisory services. As many schemes are being piloted, being phased out and phased in, there is potential for misalignment and farm advisors can play a critical role understanding the changing landscape as well as supporting farmer decision-making to support farm level decision-making in the move towards more sustainable farming practices.

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