



DEFRA'S FARMING EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY FUND

BACKGROUND

The Farming Equipment and Technology Fund was launched by Defra on 16th November 2021. The grant is a contribution towards the cost of equipment to help:

- Improve agricultural productivity and animal health and welfare
- Encourage more sustainable pesticide usage
- Improve air and water quality and reduce Green House Gas emissions
- Reduce unsustainable use of abstracted water
- Encourage sustainable management of woodlands

WHAT'S NEW?

The grant is similar to the CP Small Grant scheme, but with some key changes:

- The minimum grant has reduced to £2,000 and the maximum grant per round has increased to £25,000.
- A total of £50,000 of grant is available over the scheme's duration. Any funding received under the previous CP Small Grant scheme won't count towards this total.
- Contractors and forest owners as well as farmers and growers are eligible to apply.
- The list of Items has been reviewed and specifications and standard costs may have changed for Items that were previously available under the CP Small Grant Scheme – check the list of equipment carefully.

WHAT TO DO NEXT

- Read the grant manual at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/farming-equipment-and-technology-fund-round-1-manual>
- Decide what equipment you want and make sure you understand the specification for each item. We would recommend sending this specification to your equipment supplier.
- Check the availability of the equipment. Items must be paid for, delivered, installed and made operational before you submit your grant claim, ie before 30th September 2022.
- Check that your business details in the Rural Payments service are correct before applying.
- **Submit your application online using the [FETF Application Portal](#) by noon on 7 January.**
- If your application is successful, a Grant Funding Agreement will be emailed to you and you need to accept this before purchasing the equipment.
- The **deadline for claims will be midnight on 30th September 2022**. You won't be able to order the equipment until you have received a grant offer from the Rural Payments Agency which may not be until February/March 2022. Make sure you follow the guidance on submitting claims carefully to avoid queries. You will need invoices, bank statements and photos of the items in operation.

With any questions and for help applying to the scheme, please contact the Farmer Network on 01768 868615 or email: veronica@thefarmernetwork.co.uk.