



National Agricultural and Rural funding opportunities

Countryside Productivity Scheme

This is a national scheme run by [DEFRA](#) that has been launched in various stages since early March 2015. It is mainly production focussed with support for water management, animal health and productivity improvements and woodland management.

Detail on application procedures can be found at:

www.gov.uk/government/collections/countryside-productivity-scheme

www.gov.uk/government/collections/countryside-stewardship-woodland-capital-grants-2015

www.gov.uk/apply-for-water-management-grants

3. LEADER

There are four LEADER groups in Cornwall that cover the majority of rural areas. Their scope is wider than just the Agri-food sector and they have been awarded circa of £7,300,000 in total. Approximately 50 % of this allocation is to support improvements in farm and forestry productivity, SME competitiveness and farm diversification.

Negotiations are on-going with DEFRA and it is hoped that delivery will begin in September 2015.

4. Food Enterprise Zone

[The Cornwall and Isles of Scilly LEP](#) has successfully achieved “pathfinder” status with [DEFRA](#) to develop a Food Enterprise Zone in Cornwall. This will benefit from a planning framework called a Local Development Order which provides long term planning certainty on the given site. The exact location of this site has yet to be determined. The next step will see the LEP invite expressions of interest from food and farming businesses for suitable sites for the new zone which will then be assessed against a range of criteria. We are also hopeful that alongside a more flexible planning environment for the given site it will also be possible to align EU funding programmes in support of the overall objectives of this initiative but that will be subject to separate application procedures.

5. Alignment with Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Growth Programme

In principle the wider EU programmes can support agri-food businesses but clear work on demarcation has still to be finalised.

