

# Reform UK Scotland Supports Our Farmers

Scotland needs its farmers so Scottish farmers need to be able to make a decent living. This is becoming increasingly harder as the encroachment of the mad NetZero regulations pile pressure upon pressure on to Scottish agriculture. From the increased red diesel costs to the imminent rise in fertiliser costs due to the closure of Britain's only ammonia plant, the agricultural financial landscape is in a much more dire state than the real landscape.

## Living On and Off the Land



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A self-sufficient country is fed by its farmers. The Scottish tradition has largely been that these farmers have lived and worked on family-owned or tenanted farms. The farmer and the land are inextricably entwined.

Any farmer has an intimate relationship with the land and its fauna. It is a necessary pre-requisite for a productive agricultural business but it is also an inevitable consequence of the daily contact with nature. A farmer's livelihood depends upon the good condition of the animals, and that depends on the good condition of the land. Farmers are pragmatic environmentalists.

Family and tenant farmers are self-employed, and are very busy people. To their heavy workload over the past few years have been added an increasing number of onerous environmental regulations, implemented by central government. Well-meaning in their own way, they have added a bureaucratic burden that often just takes up valuable time to confirm what would have happened anyway, or may even enforce a less beneficial outcome than is locally possible.

Reform UK Scotland will presume that family farmers or tenants of single farms habitually operate in the best interests of their local ecology unless proven otherwise. Such farms up to 500 hectares will largely be exempt from close scrutiny and reporting requirements and will be trusted to manage their own affairs to the best advantage of the environment.

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Real food security for Britain depends on local food production. That depends on people being willing and able to produce it. That in turn depends on a benign regulatory regime and a working food market.

We will remove as many unnecessary rules as possible and work with producers and retailers to create and maintain a fair trading environment, possibly with greater direct sales. We are big supporters of cooperatives of all kinds.

Imports will not have any unfair advantage due to lower foreign animal welfare standards lowering production costs.

Farmers are the long term custodians of our countryside and the providers of our food. We ignore our farmers at our peril.

### It's Time for Reform

**Reform UK Scotland** is the Scottish arm of **Reform UK** the fastest-growing political movement in Britain.

We all live and work in Scotland. We are fed up with the way politics is done here and have decided to do it ourselves, with your help. We are ambitious for our country and want to turn its slow decline into fast growth.

Power will be taken from Westminster, and Holyrood and given to those who will make best use of it - councils, schools, voluntary groups and individuals.

Please visit our website, read our vision for Scotland in the UK, our party's principles, our policies and our detailed positions, and please get in touch.

We need your assistance to take control of all of our lives back from the professional politicians and return it to the people.

We can all help each other.

#### 1 Freedom

Guaranteed freedom of speech and personal liberty, minimal government interference in private life.

#### 2 Energy

We need secure, cheap energy. We will scrap Net Zero and utilise local resources. Fuel duties will be reduced to lower the cost of living.

#### 3 Health

All NHS waiting lists cleared within 3 years. No foreign interference in health policy.

#### 4 Education

Schools will provide learning, not ideology. Parental choice will increase and home schooling will be supported.

#### 5 Politics

We have no interest in political rivalries, our party of ordinary people just wants to get on with the job of improving life in our country.



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