



**FARM
ADVISORY
SERVICE**



What is the FAS?



The Farm Advisory Service (FAS):

- A service for farmers and crofters
- It consists of a One-to-One programme, and a One-to-Many programme
- Funded by EU and Scottish Government funds

What is the FAS?



- One-to-One (Managed by Ricardo AEA)
 - ILMP's (including specialist advice); Mentoring for New Entrants; Carbon Audits
 - £5M over 4.5 years; £3.5M “flow-through”
- One-to-Many (Managed by SAC Consulting)
 - National One-to-Many Advisory Service
 - Crofter and Small Farm Advisory Service
 - National Advice Hub (including a website and telephone advice line subcontracted to Ricardo)
- Aim is to present this as a single, seamless service.

One-to-Many Advisory Service



- Includes events, workshops, discussion groups, benchmarking data and publications
- Scottish Government pushed for an integrated, holistic, cross-cutting and innovative service
- One-to-Many Programme organised around three broad themes:
 - Cross Compliance
 - Climate Change & Environment
 - Business Efficiency & Viability
- Annual business plan

One-to-Many Advisory Service



- Focus for 2017/18
 - Animal Health & Welfare
 - Soil Nutrient Network Farms
 - Water Resource Management
 - Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation
 - Business Resilience
 - New Entrants
 - Crop Health
 - Farm Woodlands

One-to-Many Advisory Service



- SG requirement for an integrated service will be met by:
 - Agreeing a programme of events and publications that grab the attention of the audience (as well as meeting the requirement of SG) by focusing on issues that are timely and relevant.
 - Building events that address the issues but with multiple inputs to ensure “rounded” solutions/messages are communicated.
 - Using the FAS events calendar as the focal point for publicising and coordinating events – signpost to the events calendar using Twitter, Facebook, leaflets etc..

Croft & Small Farm Advisory Service



- Croft & Small Farm (<30ha)
 - Subscription service (65% discount on basic sub)
 - 2 hours advice (on phone or in office)
 - 2 further hours discounted by 40% (on phone, in office or on farm/croft)
 - Croft/farm travel associated with the 2 further hours will be wholly discounted

National Advice Hub



- All events and workshops promoted via the advice hub as well as usual SAC methods (leaflets, Twitter, Facebook etc..)
- More information on ILMP's, mentoring for new entrants, and carbon audits
- Encourage participants to register interest for an event by using telephone advice line or website (booking form)
- Some advice
- Signposting
- News and resources

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Website



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Scotland's Farm Advisory Service

Scotland's Farm Advisory Service (FAS) is part of the Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP) which is co-funded by the EU and Scottish Government. This £20 million programme provides information and resources aimed at increasing the profitability and sustainability of farms and crofts.

Grant support, a full programme of events, a subscription service for crofts and small farms, and a range of articles and publications form the core of this service which is designed to provide **integrated advice** for farmers and crofters across Scotland.

Grants

The service provides access to grants for:

- Integrated Land Management Plans (ILMP)
- Specialist advice
- Mentoring for new entrants
- Carbon audits

Events

At the centre of the FAS is a **full programme of events** including:

- Workshops
- Network farm meetings
- Conferences
- Training courses

Crofts and small farms

The **crofts and small farms subscription service** is funded to provide access to affordable advice and information for smaller enterprises.

Publications

Newsletters, technical notes, guidelines and reports are now available on this website.

National advice facility

Phone: 0300 323 0161


Email: advice@fas.scot

Topics

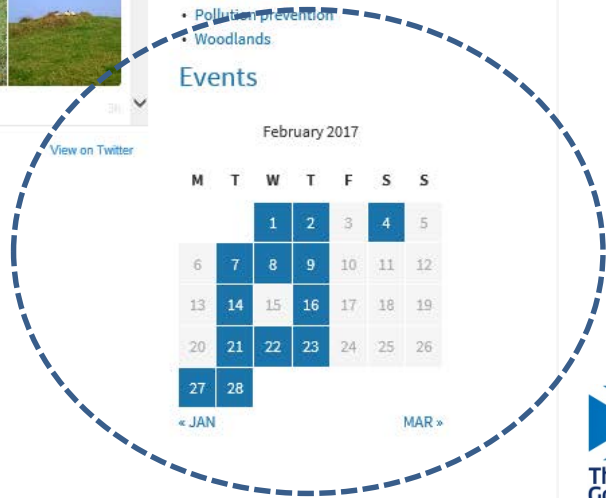
- Animal welfare
- Biodiversity and conservation
- Climate change
- Crop and plant health
- Cross compliance
- Farm business
- Pollution prevention
- Woodlands

Events

Tweets by @FAS Scot



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Last #NewEntrants meeting in #Oban will be based on #Grasslandmanagement Mon 08 Mar - 5.30pm. To book your place: fas.scot/events/event/n...



How can you get involved?



- Feedback via the offices on any locally relevant issues that could be addressed through the FAS
- Attendance at meetings and workshops to network with farmers and small holders
- “Like” FASScot on Facebook
- Follow @FASScot and re-tweet
- Links to the FAS website from your website

Thank you

