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Technology & the FFIS

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The Farming & Forestry Improvement Scheme.

- Part of the Rural Development Programme for England
- Aims to help Farmers, Contractors & Foresters to improve competitiveness and efficiency.
- Round 3 of grant applications open from 4th Feb – 4th April
- Max grant on non-upland farms is 40% of expenditure up to maximum of £35k.

What does the scheme aim to improve?

- Nutrient Management – eg. GPS/RTK
- Water Management – eg. Rainwater Harvesting
- Energy Efficiency – eg. Heat Exchangers
- Animal Health & Welfare – eg. EID readers
- Forestry – eg. Mobile Saw Bench

The scheme will not support standard farm practice, it aims to help projects that go over and above standard procedures.

GPS/RTK fits into the FFIS scheme due to:

Economic Benefits

- It is recognised that GPS can improve accuracy of applications and can reduce input costs by 2-4%.
- For contractors the implementation of GPS technology will benefit all of their customer's farms too.
- Contractors will be able to quote more competitively for jobs.

Environmental Benefits

- Reduced boundary contamination
- Reduced overworking of soils
- Elimination of double spraying



What will it cost me?

- In the past one deterrent has been cost
- Past 2 years have seen a significant drop in price of GPS/RTK systems
- Claim 40% grant funding through the scheme
- 1 purchase and installation to 1 tractor per business
- When using the grant scheme, the new systems can pay for themselves in one year!



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Thank you

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