



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Annual Report of Agricultural Support

17 October 2023 to 31 March 2025



March 2026

Introduction

Section 13 of the Agriculture (Wales) Act 2023 requires the Welsh Ministers to prepare, publish and lay before Senedd Cymru an annual report detailing the financial and non-financial support provided under section 8 of the Act during each reporting period. The Welsh Ministers may also include any other information they consider appropriate.

As required under the Act, this first annual report covers the reporting period from 17 October 2023 until 31 March 2025. Subsequent reporting periods will be aligned with financial years (1 April to 31 March). Annual reports will be laid before Senedd Cymru and published within 12 months of each reporting period.

This annual report is part of a series of publications providing transparency around the support delivered by the Welsh Government to the agricultural sector in Wales and includes:

- [Multi-Annual Support Plan](#)
- [Sustainable Land Management Indicators and Target Statement](#)
- Annual report
- Impact report
- Sustainable Land Management report

As required under the Act, the annual report includes details of the total amount of financial support provided under section 8 during the reporting period, as well as information on the financial and non-financial support provided under each support scheme that has been established pursuant to section 8(3) during the same period. Furthermore, the report provides a description of any support other than financial support provided during the reporting period, but not under a scheme as mentioned in section 8(3), and such other information as the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate.

However, as can be seen at Table 1, during this reporting period, no support has been established in accordance with section 8 of the Act, therefore there is a nil return. On 1 January 2026 the Sustainable Farming Scheme was launched, becoming the first operational support scheme established pursuant to section 8 of the Act. Support pursuant to that scheme will begin to be provided during FY 26/27 and will therefore begin to be reported in the annual report to be published by March 2028.

To enhance transparency and accountability, information about agricultural support delivered using powers other than section 8 of the Act, has been included for two financial years across the reporting period, as shown in Table 2.

Sustainable Land Management

Part 1 of the Act established Sustainable Land Management (“SLM”) as the framework for agricultural support and regulation in Wales. There are four SLM objectives which underpin agricultural support and regulation in Wales:

- Produce food and other goods in a sustainable manner.
- Mitigate and adapt to climate change.
- Maintain and enhance the resilience of ecosystems and the benefits they provide.
- Conserve and enhance the countryside and cultural resources and promote public access to and engagement with them, and to sustain the Welsh language and promote and facilitate its use.

Each objective is also intended to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs and to contribute to achieving the well-being goals in section 4 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

The Welsh Ministers must exercise certain functions, including functions under the Act (with limited exceptions – see sections 2 and 3), in the way they consider best contributes to achieving the SLM objectives, so far as consistent with the proper exercise of the function.



Information about support provided under section 8 during the reporting period, as required by section 13(1) and (2) of the Act.

*During the reporting period (17 October 2023 to 31 March 2025), no support was provided under section 8 of the Act. The first support scheme to engage these powers commenced on 1 January 2026. Support pursuant to that scheme will begin to be provided during FY 26/27 and will therefore begin to be reported in the annual report to be published by March 2028.

Table 1

<p>Total amount of financial support provided under section 8 during the reporting period – section 13(2)(a)</p>	<p>Nil*</p>
<p>Total amount of any financial support provided under a section 8(3) scheme during the reporting period – section 13(2)(b)(i)</p>	<p>Nil*</p>
<p>Description of any other support provided under a section 8(3) scheme during the reporting period – section 13(2)(b)(ii)</p>	<p>Nil*</p>
<p>Description of any support other than financial support provided under section 8 during the reporting period, but not under a scheme as mentioned in section 8(3) – section 13(2)(c)</p>	<p>Nil*</p>

Information about support provided during the reporting period under powers other than section 8.

For the purposes of maintaining transparency and accountability the Welsh Ministers are providing details of other agricultural support over two financial years (23/24 and 24/25) that overlap with the reporting period (Table 2).

This includes Direct Payments to Farmers, Rural Investment Schemes, Bovine TB compensation, and Nature Network Programme delivered using powers other than section 8 of the Act.

Table 2

	Financial Year 23/24	Financial Year 24/25
Total amount of financial support provided under powers other than section 8 of the Act	£286,188,499	£328,806,163

Non-financial support provided during the FY 23/24 and FY 24/25 under powers other than section 8 of the Act

- Agri-Food Technology Challenge Fund
- Animal Health Improvement Cycle (development)
- Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) projects
- Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD) Eradication project
- Farming Connect
- Sheep Scab Eradication project
- Strategic Innovation Schemes
- Wales Animal and Environment Antimicrobial Resistance Plan

Further details of the support provided can be found in the [Multi-Annual Support Plan Agriculture](#) and / or [Rural grants and payments | Sub-topic | GOV.WALES](#)