UKIP Agriculture Policy: Overview

OTHER POLICIES

- UKIP supports the trial culling of badgers for control of Bovine TB, if veterinary opinion substantiates it
- UKIP will impose stronger controls on bush meat
- UKIP supports the principle of science before emotion on any agricultural topic
- Additional agricultural policies are being developed with the interests of UK farmers being our top priority

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Putting UK farmers first
UKIP WILL support agriculture through a modified Single Farm Payment scheme

- Our comprehensive ‘all-in’ policy will include:
  - **NO** modulation or cross-compliance.
  - **NO** interference in cropping.
  - **NO** set-aside (EFA).

- Land **MUST** be farmed to ELS standard to qualify. Grassland farms automatically qualify.

- **£80 per acre** on lowland, pro-rata decrease on marginal and hill land, capped at **£120,000** (1,500 lowland acres, pro rata higher acreage limits on other land). Additional headage payments on hill land, subject to WTO and environmental restraints.

- Applicants must be ‘risk takers’ - no ‘slipper farmers’.
  - Negative list to include airports, golf courses, race tracks, urban parks etc.
  - 25 yards around the base of each wind turbine and solar panel to be an ‘ineligible feature’ = no payment.

UKIP WILL get rid of unnecessary regulations that make farmers’ lives more difficult

- **NO** compulsory EID (individual Electronic ID for sheep)

- **NO** requirement for re-registration of pesticides; ‘Asulam’ and other minority pesticides could be available for use

- **NO** blanket ban on burial of fallen stock (sites to be approved)

- White asbestos cement (e.g. building cladding) no longer classed as hazardous. Blue and brown asbestos remain under strict control.

- **NVZs**: impartial scientific appraisal should result in some specific relaxations.

- Intensive livestock units removed from IPPC regulations

It is both safe and sensible to vote UKIP. Let’s get our country back!