

UK and Ireland Update

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Farm Woodland Forum

- 53 members (42 full, 9 students and 2 overseas)
- 18 paid EURAF members (plus those from EURAF conf)
- 210 on FWF mailing list



Annual Meetings

- May 2015: Woodfuel from Agroforestry
- Hosted by ORC
- ~50 participants



- 21-23 June 2016:
Farm Woodlands: Education, Research and Policy
- Ballyhaise Agricultural College, Co Cavan, Ireland

Policy in England

- Did not adopt agroforestry measure ☹️
- Cited lack of farmer interest as a reason
- But.....
- Following letter from Nic Lampkin, Stephen Briggs and 24 other signatories to Liz Truss, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, DEFRA is carrying out a review of evidence base for AF and how the AF measure might operate in practice within the RDP
- To be published end July

Despite lack of policy support, new AF systems are being planted.....



WOODLAND
TRUST



- Trees on Farms scheme
- Funding from Accor Hotels via the PUR Project
- Dec 2013-winter 2016/17
- ~45,000 trees planted on 49 farms
- Shelter belts, alley cropping, fodder trees, fruit trees.....

Agroforestry in Scotland

Commitment in the RDPs

		Ha	cost	
UK (3)	cost/ha			
	Wales	147	491800	3,346
	Scotland	300	1200000	4,000
	N Ireland	52	121951	2,345
	TOTAL	499	1813751	3,635

74,000

€143.6M

€1960/ha

Scottish Rural Development plan

Agroforestry has not featured in previous Rural Development Plans for Scotland and forestry and farming have often been seen as separate land uses. However agroforestry has been identified by the Scottish Government as a way to encourage better integration between forestry and farming that can offer a 'win-win' multi-functional land use approach that balances the production of commodities such as food, feed and fuel with non-commodity outputs such environmental protection including landscape, amenity biodiversity and shelter benefits. **The aim is to encourage a silvopastoral system primarily with sheep grazing.**

Agroforestry contributes in particular to Priority 5 'Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors' and especially to focus area 5 E '**fostering carbon conservation and sequestration in agriculture and forestry**' and also Priority 4 A. **Restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems related to agriculture and forestry in particular restoring and preserving and enhancing biodiversity.**

Agroforestry grants

Standard costs for Agroforestry

Woodland Type	Establishment Standard Cost £/ha	Maintenance Standard Cost £/ha
Woodland with 400 stems/ha	6000	700
Woodland with 200 stems/ha	3100	400

Farm woodlands

This page is for farmers and landowners who want to create and manage woodlands on their land.



The right tree in the right place

You won't lose productive land to planting – you can plant trees on less productive land. We want to help you farm for the future and understand the potential in using trees.

Whether you want to plant shelter wood or are looking into the woodfuel market, our guidance can help. It shows how woodlands can boost your business and improve its value through diversification.

New to planting trees?

There are things to consider before you start. Look into [possible costs](#), and funding opportunities.

Do you have existing woodlands?

If you already have woodlands we have information on the [funding available](#). This can help you manage them, improve them, and find new opportunities for making the most of them.

Case studies: integrating woodland management and farming

Our farm [case studies](#) show how you can do it. These examples have found a good balance between farming and woodland management. Discover the positive impact it's had on these farmer's businesses.

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