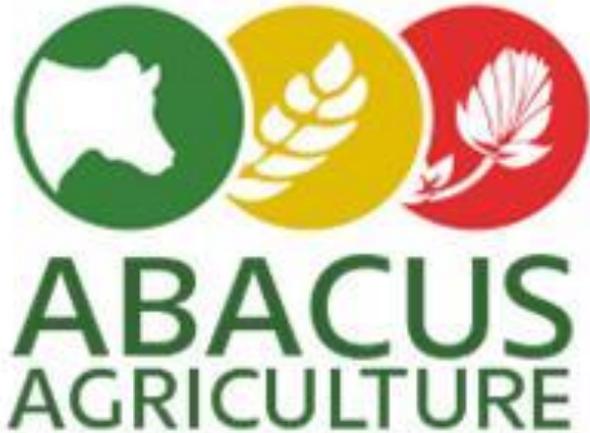


Agroforestry Policy

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EU policy

- Agroforestry eligible under new CAP
 - Greening measures
 - Ecological Focus Area (EFA) option
- Pillar II schemes
 - ERDP or similar options
- Article 23 Pillar II funding (*5yr plant & Maintenance*)

EU Regulation CAP

PILLAR I - SECTION 4 - ECOLOGICAL FOCUS AREA

Article 46 Further criteria for the types of Ecological Focus Area

- Field margins / Buffer strips
- Afforested area & Forest edge strips
- **Agroforestry**
- Cover crops & green manures
- Fallow land
- Hedges
- Areas with green cover/nitrogen-fixing crops
- Rotational SRT ?

CAP Pillar II

- RDR (Rural Development Regulation)
- article 23 - agroforestry
- Support for establishment and management of agroforestry for 5 yrs - *member state uptake is required*

UK structural & policy challenges

- Land tenure
 - Ownership (68%) vs Tenancy (32%)
 - New shared ownership models may be needed

- Separate Forest & Agriculture policies





England



Wales



Scotland



**Northern
Ireland**



UK structural & policy challenges

- Environmental schemes



Crop land

- Plant trees at 2m (maximum) centres as linear features utilising **field margins**
- Prune trees to achieve a minimum of 4m of clean stem (depending on species)
- Minimum of 500m of linear feature/property
- Payment/tree



Silvopasture

- Mixed and livestock farms
- Payment based on 400 trees/ha
- Trees to be pruned to achieve a minimum of 4m of clean stem. (depending on species)

Surface run off
and catchment issues



Woodland grazing



- Over 21,000Ha claimed through SPS – woods not being managed
- agreed management/grazing plans
- Convert woodlands to grazing but need to establish an alternative ‘woodland’ area

- Northern Ireland -Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's ***Guide to Land Eligibility (2012)***
- *“Woodland can be considered eligible in the following cases:-*
 - ***Agroforestry*** is having agriculture and trees growing on the same land unit. Where land is managed for agroforestry, the tree density is ***in excess of 50 trees/ha*** but the ***planting*** has taken place in such a way that the area of the ***field is utilised for agricultural activity*** in the years of tree establishment. ***These areas are eligible”***.

UK future policy

- Agroforestry eligible under CAP - (EFA option)
 - Greening measures
 - Ecological Focus Area (EFA) option
- Environmental Stewardship schemes
 - Scotland, Wales, N Ireland all building Agroforestry into schemes
 - England – options developed but DEFRA not adopted (yet)
 - ELMS.....?
- Article 23 Pillar II funding
- Other – carbon credits, payments for ecosystem services ?