

# Trees and Livestock

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- Scottish Government wants to increase woodland planting to 15,000ha/year and there is a greater need for land use integration.
- Forestry Commission Scotland have responded to this by speaking to people, listening to them and making changes.

- Create important shelter for livestock
- Improve business productivity through improved access
- Create a valuable timber asset
- Allows for alternative income streams – shooting etc
- Maintain a viable farm unit
- Livestock numbers can be maintained
- Makes best use of poorer or hard to reach land





- Agroforestry
- Small or Farm Woodlands
- Woodland Grazing
- Ancient Wood Pasture
- Woodlands for Water
- Sheep and trees
  
- **ALL GRANTS QUOTED CORRECT AT 14/9/2017**  
Numerous other grants that relate to other objectives

- 200 or 400 trees/ha
- £9/tree (incl protection) +21p/yr x 5yrs
- Permanent grassland class 3 – 4.2
- Sheep only (may change to include cattle)
- Must prune trees (can include fruit trees and aspen)
- Maintain grazing for 20 years

- Min width of 15m
- Min area of 0.25ha – maximum of 5ha
- Max of 10ha/business
- Suitable species for the site
- Predicted min yield class potential
- 2500 trees/ha
- £2400 to plant + £400/yr x 5yrs
- Capital grants for fencing etc



- Must have an approved Woodland Grazing plan (£1200)
- Native Woodlands or PAWS sites – NWSS
- £100/ha
- Support for water troughs, woodland management etc
- Support for deer control
- Min of 5ha

- Agri-environment climate scheme
- £100/tree
- Trees must be protected
- £7/m for post and rail

- Increased grant support on planting costs of 10%
- Targeted at priority catchments and Rivers
- Objective to benefit flood management and water quality

- Allows for a grant towards the cost of a road at time of woodland establishment
- 10ha to 50ha
- Road grant capped at 30m/ha of woodland created (£25.80/m)
- Land class 5 or better
- Conifer or diverse conifers only