

The COMPLETE Land Management UPDATE

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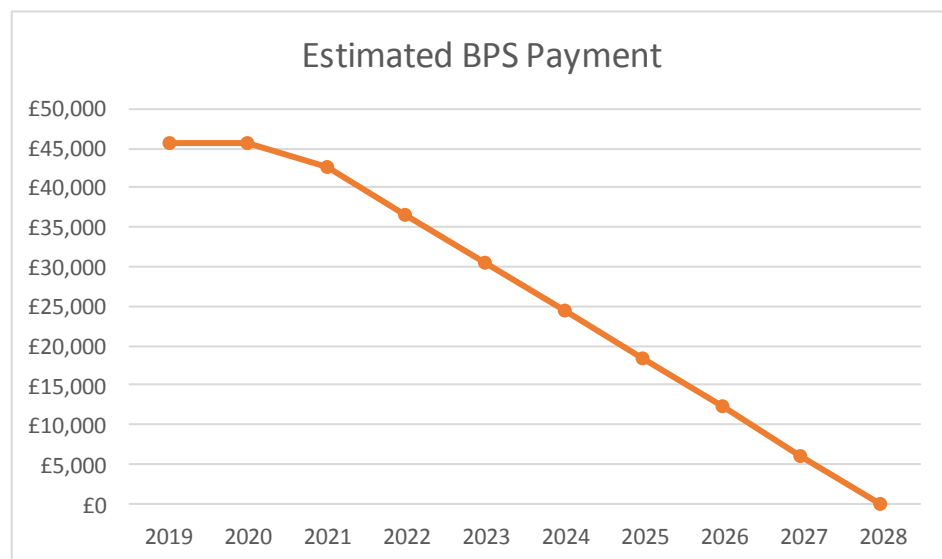


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The Agriculture Bill in numbers

- Direct subsidies (BPS) payment rate to be maintained until 2020 after which it will be reduced with a complete end to direct subsidies by 2028.
- Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMS) to be fully introduced in 2025.

A 200ha (500 acre) farm received a BPS payment of £45,700 in 2018, dependent upon fluctuations in the exchange rate this will be similar in 2019 and 2020. 2021 will see a reduction of just over £3,000 followed by increasingly aggressive annual reductions with payments tailing off to £0 in 2028.



Time to stop being an ostrich?

If ELMS is to be the replacement for BPS and the first opportunity to derive funding from this scheme will be 2025 a 200ha farm will, based on the estimation above, have already seen a cumulative reduction in subsidy income of more than £82k between 2020 and 2025. Can you wait to 2025 to see what ELMS looks like? Or is now the time to look at plugging some of that loss with a five year Countryside Stewardship agreement?



Countryside Stewardship Scheme

2019 CSS application window is now open!

- Higher Tier application deadline is 3rd May - application packs must be requested by **31st March**
- Mid Tier application deadline 31st July - application packs must be requested by **31st May**

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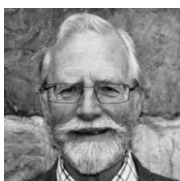
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Planning and Development

Planning Permission and Development is increasingly a large part of the work that we do. CLM provide a variety of planning services from completing planning applications for new builds and conversions to advising on planning appeals and strategic land promotion. In 2018 we were successful in gaining permission for a wide range of projects including:

- Planning permission for the conversion of redundant dairy buildings into two residential units including discharging conditions attached to a Section 106
- Planning permission for the erection of a farm building to house livestock
- Planning permission for the erection of a building to act as a Vineyard cellar door, office and machinery store
- Agricultural Prior Notification for the erection of a barn to store hay and straw



Applying for planning?

Now is the time to be ticking the Ecology box. Legislation requires that planning applications include an assessment of the ecological impact of proposed developments. Many of the surveys that your project may require are time critical and can only be completed during the appropriate season. Do contact one of our team to discuss how we can help.



BPS 2019

- Claims to be submitted from the 13th March 2019, claim deadline is **15th May**
- Do you have enough Ecological Focus Area in 2019? CSS management options can no longer double as EFA!

Countryside Productivity Small Grants Scheme

Fancy a new cattle or sheep handling system, variable rate controller for sprayers and fertiliser spreaders or humidity controls for grain drying? The CPSGS funded these and many other items in 2018. The scheme is expected to reopen in Spring 2019 with grants of between £3,000 and £12,000 available. These grants funded 40% of the standard costs for specific pieces of equipment which help to achieve improvements in animal welfare, resource efficiency or nutrient management.

Other sources of grant funding

- **South East Water capital grant scheme** for land in the River Ouse catchment providing funding of up to £10,000 per annum for works that can provide a positive impact on water quality.
- **Sussex Lund** provides one off grants of up to £10,000 for projects that improve the High Weald's landscape.

Come and see us at.....

Heathfield Agricultural Show 25th May 2019
Little Tootingworth Farm, Broad Oak, Heathfield, TN21 8UE

Vine-Expo 11th July 2019
Plumpton College, Ditchling Road, Lewes, BN7 3AE