

GETTING UK FARMING "MATCH READY"

FOR FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS (FTAs)

UK farming produces some of the world's best food and our farmers want to embrace the opportunities that free trade deals will deliver. **To do that, we need:**



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A comprehensive agri-food strategy to improve productivity as well as increase exports

What this looks like:

- A minister for agri-food trade and competitiveness to work across government and with the devolved administrations.
- Government match-funding for existing industry investment in developing and entering new markets at home and abroad.
- An ambitious strategy for growing exports including:
 1. More agricultural counsellors in our embassies
 2. A UK export council to coordinate the strategy
 3. A review of the marketing and promotion of "Brand Britain" abroad
- A dynamic approach to domestic farm policy that supports improvements in on-farm productivity and competitiveness, which aligns with trade policy to reflect changing market conditions.

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A response from government to the Trade and Agriculture Commission's (TAC) report of March 2021

The government must:

- Be transparent and respond to all of the TAC's recommendations from March 2021.
- Commit to setting out a list of core standards, as recommended, that would be safeguarded in future trade deals.
- Clearly articulate the government's approach to supporting high environmental and welfare standards at home and abroad through its trade policy



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A rolling review process for future FTAs, ahead of negotiations and once implemented

- Every FTA should be assessed annually to provide a clear picture of its impact on imports, exports, farmgate and consumer food prices, and the UK's ability to feed itself.
- The cumulative impact of proposed FTAs must be modelled and published, ahead of any further deals being finalised.

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