

# Cotswolds LEADER Priority 1

## Support to increase farm productivity



The maximum grant that Cotswolds LAG will offer is £50,000 and the minimum £5,000. The maximum grant rate is capped at 40% of the eligible project costs.

### **Priority 1a) A project to improve the overall performance and sustainability of an agricultural holding**

Applications for grants could include the following, which are given as examples:

#### **Equipment and machinery to improve the efficiency of the use of energy, water, fertiliser and other direct inputs e.g.**

- precision farming or new technologies,
- GPS linked to variable application monitors,
- air scrubbers & heat exchangers,
- Variable speed vacuum pumps,
- LED lighting in livestock housing,
- thermal screens in livestock and horticultural buildings,
- replacement of bell drinkers with nipple feeders in poultry systems, remote crop sensing systems,
- crop robotics,
- water filtration in pigs and poultry;

#### **Equipment and machinery to reduce impacts on soils and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions e.g.**

- example specialist drills to enable low or zero tillage farming;

#### **Investments to improve the management of slurry and manures to reduce the reliance on artificial fertilisers e.g.**

- example trailing shoe slurry system (including macerators as part of the application equipment),
- slurry separator (but not associated reception pit and storage facilities, pumps or associated distribution pipework),
- shallow injection systems for slurry,
- dribble bars,
- GPS for use with slurry and manure application;

#### **Investments to mechanise production and increase productivity e.g.**

- robotic milking parlours,
- crop robotics.

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## **Priority 1b) A project to improve the overall performance and sustainability of an agricultural holding**

The aim of this priority is to improve farm productivity and therefore growth of the business by improving animal health and welfare. Applications for grants could include the following, which are given as examples:

### **Equipment and machinery to improve the monitoring of the consumption of animal feed and water e.g.**

- real time monitoring of pig production;
- collar based rumination systems;

### **Equipment to improve animal welfare e.g.**

- gait analysis systems,
- calving detectors,
- oestrus detection in suckler cows,
- cluster flush systems in dairy parlours,
- robotic milking parlours (but not the parlour building),
- automatic footbaths,
- cow mattresses (but not adjustments to the cubicles to fit these)
- interventions to prevent injurious pecking in poultry (e.g. variable intensity lighting, verandas),
- duck showers);

### **Equipment and machinery to improve animal handling above 'standard equipment' e.g.**

- mobile handling systems,
- electronic weigh systems linked to EID and automatic/shedding drafting gates linked to EID readers,
- EID readers,
- foot trimming crush,
- side access crush,
- sheep turner,
- sheep weigher.

(Please note £500 will be deducted from the eligible costs of complete static crush systems to cover the costs associated with a basic cattle crush).

## **Priority 1c) The processing, marketing and/or development of agricultural products**

The aim of this Priority is to help businesses in the food and drink and horticulture sectors to develop and grow through investment in infrastructure, equipment and machinery. These grants are for on-farm or off-farm processing businesses that add value to an annex 1 product (such as milk, meat, vegetables, fruit, grapes or cereals). Applications for grants could include:

- investment in equipment, technologies or processes to develop new or higher quality agri-food products;
- investment in equipment, technologies or processes to reduce waste;
- marketing activity, excluding hard copy material, associated with the above investments;
- construction or conversion of buildings to be used for processing activities;
- investments in the production, processing and marketing of non-timber forest products, particularly wild venison. This could include on-holding cold storage and butchery facilities; and
- Investments in collaborative grain processing facilities which benefit a number of farmers.

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