

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee
Wednesday 19 February 2025
6th Meeting, 2025 (Session 6)

Future agriculture policy

1. Following EU exit, the Scottish Government began the transition from the EU's common agricultural policy towards the development of a new agricultural system of agriculture and rural support schemes.
2. The [Agriculture \(Retained EU Law and Data\) \(Scotland\) Act 2020](#) was passed to retain the EU law regarding the CAP in to Scots law. The Act also gave the Scottish Ministers powers to simplify or improve CAP law.
3. The [Agriculture and Rural Communities \(Scotland\) Act 2024](#) sets out the powers for the Scottish Ministers to create the replacement system of agricultural support.
4. The Rural Affairs and Islands Committee scrutinised the proposals for the 2024 Act. In its stage 1 report, the Committee signalled its intention to monitor and scrutinise the development of the new support schemes as would be set out in subordinate legislation and the rural support plan.
5. The [Committee wrote to the Minister for an update and further information on the Scottish Government's implementation of the 2024 Act on 14 January 2025](#).
6. [The Minister responded on 7 February 2025](#).
7. At its meeting on 19 February, the Committee will take evidence from the Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity on the development of a future agriculture policy for Scotland, including the implementation of the 2024 Act.

Clerks to the Committee
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