

Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI):

- Open for new applications as normal, there is no longer a requirement to submit an expression of interest beforehand.
- Annual declaration for SFI 2023 can be submitted within two months prior to the end of the year the agreement started, please see below table for guidance. You will receive a message through the RPA website when you are able to complete the declaration. This is to confirm that you have completed all the actions set out in your agreement within the 12 months.

Agreement start date	Declaration period opens	Declaration period closes
1 October 2023	1 August 2024	30 September 2024
1 November 2023	1 September 2024	31 October 2024
1 December 2023	1 October 2024	30 November 2024
1 January 2024	1 November 2024	31 December 2024
1 February 2024	1 December 2024	31 January 2025
1 March 2024	1 January 2025	28 February 2025
1 April 2024	1 February 2025	31 March 2025
1 May 2024	1 March 2025	30 April 2025
1 June 2024	1 April 2025	31 May 2025
1 July 2024	1 May 2025	30 June 2025
1 August 2024	1 June 2025	31 July 2025
1 September 2024	1 July 2025	31 August 2025

(Source RPA)

- Rotational Options – After submitting the annual declaration the RPA will then contact you to update your rotational options on the portal.

Countryside Stewardship Capital Grants

- Currently closed to new applications, but it is expected to open again in 2025.
- Those who applied in 2024 and still haven't had a response, will be contacted in the new year.
- Existing agreements will continue as normal, however be careful about asking for extensions, there is no guarantee that an extension will be granted.

Farming Equipment and Technology Fund (FETF Grant)

- This applies to Animal Health and Welfare, Productivity and Slurry
- Submit your claim by midday on 10th January 2025

Calf Housing for Health and Welfare Grant

- For those businesses who were invited to make a full application, submit your application by midnight on 30th April 2025
- Ensure you leave yourself plenty of time, this is a complex grant with multiple aspects.
- To support your grant, you need to submit:
 - Evidence of planning permission
 - 3-years business accounts
 - 3 quotes for items over £5000 value (incl VAT number and Company number where applicable)
 - External elevations of the shed
 - Internal plan of the shed, indicating position of water troughs, drainage and isolation pen.
 - Evidence of project funding
 - Photos of the site
 - Site map (Showing proposed new calf building in relation to other buildings on farm)
 - Supporting letter from the farm Vet

Improving Farm Productivity Grant

- This includes robots and solar panels
- For those businesses who were invited to make a full application, submit your application before 23.59pm on 31st July 2025
- Ensure you leave yourself plenty of time, this is a complex grant with multiple aspects.
- To support your grant, you need to submit:
 - Evidence of planning permission
 - 3-years business accounts
 - 3 quotes for items over £5000 value (incl VAT number and Companies House Number where applicable)
 - Evidence of project funding

For further discussion or to help with any questions that you may have, please contact Consultant Support on consultantsupport@kiteconsulting.com or 01902 851007 / 07542 403225

