

## Y Pwyllgor Amaethyddiaeth a Datblygu Gwledig

16 Hydref 2002

### FFERMIO I'R DYFODOL: ADRODDIAD AR GYNNYDD

#### Pwrpas

1. Dyma'r ail yn y gyfres o adroddiadau rheolaidd i'r Pwyllgor ar y cynnydd a wnaed yng ngoleuni pob un o'r 52 pwynt gweithredu a nodir yn *Ffermio i'r Dyfodol: cyfeiriad newydd i ffermio yng Nghymru*. Bu'r Pwyllgor yn ystyried yr adroddiad cyntaf ar 17 Ebrill 2002.

#### Argymhelliad

2. Gwahoddir y Pwyllgor i nodi'r sefyllfa. Caiff adroddiad arall ei ddarparu i'r Pwyllgor ddechrau'r flwyddyn newydd.

#### Y cefndir

3. Cyhoeddwyd Ffermio i'r Dyfodol: cyfeiriad newydd i ffermio yng Nghymru ar 21 Tachwedd 2001. Strategaeth dymor hir Llywodraeth y Cynulliad ydyw ar gyfer creu dyfodol cynaliadwy i amaethyddiaeth yng Nghymru.

4. Mae'r strategaeth yn cynnwys 52 pwynt gweithredu y mae Llywodraeth y Cynulliad a'i sefydliadau partner wedi ymrwymo i'w rhoi ar waith.

#### Y cynnydd hyd yma

5. Mae'r tabl yn Atodiad 1 yn nodi'r cynnydd a wnaed hyd yma ar bob un o'r 52 pwynt gweithredu. Dyma grynodeb o'r sefyllfa:

- mae 49 o'r mesurau - neu 94% - naill ai ar y gweill neu wedi'u cyflawni. Mae gwaith wedi'i gyflawni ar 9 (17%) pwynt gweithredu, sef un yn fwy nag ym mis Ebrill. O ran y 40 (70%) arall, mae gwaith naill ai wedi'i ddechrau, wedi'i gyflawni'n rhannol neu bron â'i gwblhau.
- 3 (6%) pwynt gweithredu - nid yw'r gwaith wedi dechrau eto.

6. Er bod y sefyllfa gyffredinol yn parhau'r un fath ag yr oedd ym mis Ebrill, gwnaed cryn gynnydd mewn nifer o feysydd:

Y prif bethau a gyflawnwyd ers yr adroddiad diwethaf

- Cyhoeddi Cynllun Gweithredu'r DU ar fynd i'r afael â mewnfario cig anghyfreithlon. Lobiodd Llywodraeth y Cynulliad yn galed am reolaethau tynnach (Pwyntiau gweithredu 1 ac 8)
- Cyhoeddi Cynllun Wrth Gefn Drafft ar gyfer Clwy'r Traed a'r Genau ym mis Gorffennaf (Pwyntiau gweithredu 1 ac 8)
- Cyhoeddi cynigion ar gyfer Tir Mynydd 2 i bobl ymgynghori arnynt (Pwynt gweithredu 4)
- Cyhoeddi rhaglen dros dro ar gyfer mynd i'r afael â thwbercwlosis mewn gwartheg (Pwynt gweithredu 12)
- Tanlinellu cymorth penodol ar gyfer astudiaethau sy'n ymwneud â bwyd yn y Cwricwlwm Cenedlaethol (Pwynt gweithredu 14)
- Cwblhau adroddiad ar farchnata Cig Eidion Du Cymreig (Pwynt gweithredu 18)
- Mae'r cynigion terfynol ar gyfer corff newydd i ddatblygu cig coch gan yr holl bartneriaid ar hyn o bryd er mwyn eu cadarnhau (Pwynt gweithredu 19)
- Mae'r cynllun gweithredu drafft ar arddwriaeth bron wedi'i gwblhau (Pwynt gweithredu 23)
- Cyhoeddi cynllun gweithredu drafft ar fiomas ym mis Gorffennaf 2002 (Pwynt gweithredu 25)
- Dechreuwyd cynnal hyfforddiant TG a rheoli busnes ynghyd â rhaglen lawn o ddyddiau agored ar ffermydd arddangos dan Gyswllt Busnes yn ystod haf 2002 (Pwynt gweithredu 28)
- Penodi ymgynghorwyr i gynnal adolygiad o anghenion hyfforddi'r sector bwyd-amaeth (Pwynt gweithredu 29)
- Cwblhau adroddiad drafft ar hyfforddi galwedigaethol (Pwynt gweithredu 31)
- Gwaith ar is-ddeddfwriaeth i ganiatáu pwyntiau ychwanegol i ffermwyr ifanc dan y cynllun Tir Gofal ar y gweill ar hyn o bryd (Pwynt gweithredu 35)
- Cyhoeddi Polisi Cynllunio Cymru (Pwynt gweithredu 36)
- Cwblhau'r cam cyntaf o roi TG ar waith, sef talu ffermwyr yn gynt ac yn fwy effeithlon, ym mis Mai 2002 (Pwynt gweithredu 39)
- Cyhoeddi ffurflenni IACS newydd a gwybodaeth symlach arall sy'n ymwneud â'r cynllun i ysgafnhau'r baich ar ffermwyr (Pwynt gweithredu 43)
- Cwblhau Cynllun Gweithredu Strategol Amgylcheddol (Pwynt gweithredu 45)
- Cyhoeddi Datganiad Polisi Tir Cyffredin. Mae Llywodraeth y Cynulliad yn cefnogi'r cais am fesur seneddol newydd i Gymru a Lloegr (Pwynt gweithredu 48)
- Cyflwynwyd grantiau o £400,000 hyd yma ar gyfer prosiectau integredig i ddatblygu cefn gwlad (Pwynt gweithredu 49)

## Monitro

7. Roedd adroddiad mis Ebrill yn cynnwys peth gwaith rhagbaratöol ar ddata sylfaenol ar y dangosyddion perfformiad y bydd cynnydd yn cael ei fonitro yn eu herbyn. Mae copi ohono yn [Atodiad 2](#). Gofynnodd y Pwyllgor a fyddai modd cynnwys gwell data ar adar tir fferm mewn unrhyw adroddiad ar gynnydd yn y dyfodol. Bu llawer o drafod gyda'r RSPB ond ni lwyddon nhw na ni i nodi unrhyw ddiffygion gwirioneddol yn y wybodaeth sydd ar gael ar hyn o bryd.

8. Dylid nodi bod y wybodaeth sydd ar gael ar hyn o bryd yn dangos tueddiadau tymor hwy o 1968-1972 i 1988-1991; ac mae tabl arall yn dangos data o 1994 ymlaen. Tynnir sylw hefyd at y troednodyn i'r tabl cyntaf sy'n esbonio nad oedd canlyniadau Cymru'n adlewyrchu'r sefyllfa wirioneddol yn ddigon cywir am nad oedd digon o ddata ar gael, er bod y cyrff perthnasol wedi gwneud gwaith i lunio dangosyddion tymor hir gwell. I ddechrau, roedd y dangosydd yn seiliedig ar ddata 1994-2000 Cymru yn unig gan nad oedd gan y Cyfrifiad Adar Cyffredin ddigon o safleoedd yng Nghymru. Yn dilyn y trafodaethau cychwynnol a gyflwynwyd drwy Lywodraeth y

Cynulliad, edrychwyd ar ddata gyda'r RSPB ac Ymddiriedolaeth Adareg Prydain er mwyn defnyddio gwybodaeth ychwanegol ar newidiadau yn ardaloedd bridio adar Cymru ac asesiadau ynghylch newidiadau tymor hir i ardaloedd bridio. Mae hyn, bellach, wedi'i gynnwys yn y mynegai sydd wedi'i gyhoeddi ac mae'n rhoi darlun mwy gwrthrychol o'r newidiadau yn y boblogaeth adar yng Nghymru dros y 30 mlynedd diwethaf. Yn unol â hynny, nid yw'n sicr y gallwn ddatblygu'r mater hwn ymhellach ond, wrth gwrs, byddwn yn parhau i drafod yn rheolaidd gyda'r RSPB ac adrodd ar unrhyw ddatblygiadau newydd mewn adroddiadau ar gynnydd yn y dyfodol.

9. Mae gwaith yn mynd rhagddo o ran mireinio'r meini prawf dethol ar gyfer rhywogaethau tir fferm a nodi'r data sylfaenol perthnasol sydd ar gael. Cynhaliwyd trafodaethau gyda phartneriaid allweddol ac mae asesiadau sydd gennym yn nodi y gallai fod angen tipyn mwy o waith ar gasglu data. Rhown fwy o fanylion pan fydd penderfyniadau wedi'u gwneud ar y ffordd orau ymlaen.

10. Yn olaf, bydd y Grwp Ymgynghorol ar Ddyfodol Ffermio yn cyfarfod ar 12 Rhagfyr er mwyn cymryd stoc a rhoi cyngor ar y camau pellach y gallai fod eu hangen er mwyn sefydlu'r cyfeiriad newydd i amaethyddiaeth.

**Casgliadau**

11. Gwahoddir y Pwyllgor i nodi ble rydym yn sefyll ar hyn o bryd mewn perthynas â'r 52 pwynt gweithredu.

**Enw Cyswllt**

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<b>ACTION POINT 1</b>	<i>Assembly Govt will work for an effective international trading and labelling system; and lobby for tighter meat import rules</i>	<i>AHD/ Colin Williams  Also FFDD/Mike Dunn</i>	<b>ON GOING</b>	<i>Inter departmental working group on illegal meat imports led by DEFRA established. ARAD is a member. Action Plan published on 26 March containing a range of measures for tackling illegal imports of meat and animal products. Range of posters and leaflets produced. Sniffer dog trial underway. EU will ban personal imports of meat and meat products from 1.1.03. Further work in hand.</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 2</b>	<i>Assembly Govt will work for reform of CAP-subsidies which are decoupled from production levels; equal balance between CAP/RDP  - improves the basis for funding agri-environmental schemes</i>	<i>AFPD/  Rory O'Sullivan</i>	<b>ON GOING</b>	<i>Working closely with DEFRA and other devolved administrations to ensure that Welsh interests are taken into account in developing UK negotiating position to MTR of CAP.</i>
		<i>FFDD/  Mike Dunn</i>	<b>ON GOING</b>	<i>An Agri Environment Working Group has been established which includes industry interests. A number of working group meetings have been held, and a draft paper has been discussed by the working group and the CAP Reform Steering Group. A consultation paper will be issued later in the year</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 3</b>	<i>Assembly Govt will establish working group of industry interests to advise on mid term review of CAP</i>	<i>AFPD/  Rory O'Sullivan</i>	<b>ACHIEVED</b>	<i>Working Group established. 4 meetings held to date. Further meetings planned when detail received from Commission on draft legislative texts in support of CAP mid term review package (now expected Dec).</i>

<b>ACTION POINT 4</b>	<i>Assembly Govt will establish working group of industry interests to advise on Tir Mynydd 2</i>	<i>AFPD/ Rory O'Sullivan</i>	<b>ACHIEVED</b>	<i>Consultation period on options for future of TM ran 5 Aug to 30 Sept.. Responses being considered.</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 5</b>	<i>Assembly Agriculture &amp; Rural Affairs Dept will appoint permanent member of staff in Brussels</i>	<i>AFPD/ Rory O'Sullivan</i>	<b>ACHIEVED</b>	<i>Appointment made on 15 October 2001</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 6</b>	<i>Assembly Govt will press UK Government to review Supermarkets' Code of Practice</i>	<i>FFDD/ Mike Dunn</i>	<b>ON GOING</b>	<i>Minister wrote formally to Lord Whitty on 24 January 2002. Regularly raised with DEFRA Ministers – formally and informally.</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 7</b>	<i>Assembly Govt will press UK Government to commission research jointly with major retailers on alternative distribution systems</i>	<i>FFDD/ Mike Dunn</i>	<b>ON GOING</b>	<i>As per action 6</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 8</b>	<i>Assembly Govt will take all necessary steps to eradicate FMD and minimise the risks of animal health diseases. Plus press the UK government for strict meat import controls</i>	<i>AHD/ Colin Williams</i>	<b>ON GOING</b>	<i>Interim Regime for animal movements promulgated and discussion on successor regime under way. Draft FMD Contingency Plan published 19.07.02. An action plan for tackling illegal meat imports published on 26 March (See action 1 above)</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 9</b>	<i>Assembly Govt will work with other UK Agriculture Depts and FSA to maintain strict measures to eliminate BSE</i>	<i>AHD/ Colin Williams</i>	<b>ON GOING</b>	<i>Incidents continuing to fall in Wales much as predicted by scientific models.  Continuing to work with other Government departments e.g. on current review of the Over Thirty Months' Scheme</i>

<b>ACTION POINT 10</b>	<i>Assembly will work with other UK Agriculture Depts and the farming industry to eradicate scrapie. Assembly led industry working group being set up.</i>	<i>AHD/ Colin Williams</i>	<b>ON GOING</b>	<i>Industry/Assembly Group recommendations approved by Ministers in February. Actions in hand before details of package can be announced, including securing EU clearance of ewe genotyping and AI service proposals. Assembly Gov't involved with GB-wide proposals to tackle scrapie affected flocks and with scrapie plan review process</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 11</b>	<i>Assembly Govt will work with DEFRA and Scottish Executive to introduce sheep identification</i>	<i>CAPM/ Gareth Jones</i>	<b>ON GOING</b>	<i>IGER project looking at methods of electronic ID reported in in May 2002. We are awaiting the views of the EU Commission, as it is important that any new systems are developed on an EU wide harmonised basis to encourage international trade. Meanwhile, interim measures are being put in place to improve tracing of sheep, through licensing and recording of batch movements.</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 12</b>	<i>Assembly Govt will continue to support the strategy for controlling bovine TB through trials and testing and keep research under review</i>	<i>AHD/ Colin Williams</i>	<b>On going</b>	<i>Post- FMD, resources being concentrated on tackling the overdue test backlog to minimise the spread of infection between herds. DEFRA funded research into the spread of bovine TB will concentrate on the nature of the disease in cattle, the spread of the disease between cattle and between cattle and wildlife and the role of wildlife, including badgers. Interim programme for increased action in Wales announced and further measures will be announced soon.</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 13</b>	<i>Assembly Govt will secure the extension of farm assurance to all sectors of Welsh production</i>	<i>FFDD/ Mike Dunn</i>	<b>ON GOING</b>	<i>Farm- assured meat scheme is one of the issues which has been covered in the discussions over the new red meat promotion company . Main partners WDA/MLC and WLBP and Assembly Govt as facilitators are in discussion on these issues</i>

<b>ACTION POINT 14</b>	<i>Assembly Govt will consider how delivery of food related studies in schools can be enhanced. To work closely with FSA, amongst others.</i>	<i>SPD/ Keith Davies</i>	<i>ON GOING</i>	<i>Food in the National Curriculum is one of the cross-curricular subjects given specific support in the 2003/4 Grants for Education Support and Training Circular. Digital Curricular support materials will also be sought on food as part of National Grid for Learning Cymru's remit.</i>  <i>Ongoing discussions with FSA and others regarding initiatives to help promote food education in schools including a proposed project "Cook Start Wales"</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 15</b>	<i>Farming Unions will work with WLBP to encourage all Welsh lamb and beef farmers to become farm assured</i>	<i>FFDD/ Mike Dunn</i>	<i>ON GOING</i>	<i>As per action 13.</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 16</b>	<i>WDA will establish a food accreditation scheme with a distinctive kite mark</i>	<i>FFDD/ Mike Dunn</i>	<i>ON GOING</i>	<i>Interim proposals from the WDA expected by the end of the year.</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 17</b>		<i>FFDD/ Mike Dunn</i>	<i>ON GOING</i>	<i>As per action 13. WLBP has been actively considering the future scope of the scheme.</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 18</b>	<i>Bespoke standards will be specified where appropriate to realise the market potential for niche products such as Welsh Black Beef</i>	<i>FFDD/ Mike Dunn</i>	<i>ON GOING</i>	<i>Considering report on proposed marketing strategy for Welsh Black Beef prepared by WLBP.</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 19</b>	<i>Assembly Govt to consult on how more integrated organisational arrangements dedicated to Welsh livestock industry can be created</i>	<i>FFDD/ Mike Dunn</i>	<i>ACHIEVED</i>	<i>Proposals for creating single meat body issued for industry consultation on 24 January 2002. Discussions with proposed partners – MLC, WDA, WLBP, FUW, NFU Cymru – at an advanced stage.</i>

<b>ACTION POINT 20</b>	<i>Assembly Govt to encourage Welsh public sector organisations to consider writing farm assurance standards etc into their tender specifications</i>	<i>FFDD/ Mike Dunn</i>	<i>ON GOING</i>	<i>Discussions, led by the WDA Agri-Food Partnership, are ongoing with public sector organisations on procurement tender specifications.</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 21</b>	<i>WDA will work with WTB through the Taste of Wales scheme to encourage/promote hospitality, food festivals and food trails using top quality Welsh produce.</i>	<i>FFDD/ Mike Dunn</i>	<i>ON GOING</i>	<i>First ever national Wales Food and Drink Awards, sponsored by the WDA, to be held in November 2002. Interest growing across Wales. Also 35 food festivals to be supported this year.</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 22</b>	<i>Assembly Govt will monitor the farm machinery ring initiative to see if worth expanding</i>	<i>FFDD/ Mike Dunn</i>	<i>ON GOING</i>	<i>Assembly Government officials contributed to the preparation of an operational contract between the WDA and the Machinery Rings which came into effect 1<sup>st</sup> January 2002, and continue to monitor this initiative. Machinery rings an integral part of the Farming Connect service</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 23</b>	<i>Assembly Govt and the WDA will support the Agri-food partnership in working up an industry action plan to develop horticulture in Wales</i>	<i>FFDD/ Mike Dunn</i>	<i>ON GOING</i>	<i>Horticulture Strategy Group established. Progress report debated in Plenary July 2002 and draft action plan expected later this month (October 2002).</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 24</b>	<i>Farming Connect to promote good practice on developing a more sustainable approach to the management of Welsh woodlands</i>	<i>FFDD/ Mike Dunn</i>	<i>ON GOING</i>	<i>Farming Connect offers free woodland management advice (funded by Forestry Commission) and free timber processing advice (funded via the WDA). Proposals also in hand to further develop the promotion of sustainable woodland management through the Farming Connect local facilitators and through the Farming Connect Development Centres/ Demonstration Farms network.</i>



<b>ACTION POINT 25</b>	<i>Assembly Govt will co-ordinate production of a biomass strategy</i>	<i>FFDD/ Mike Dunn</i>	<b>ON GOING</b>	<i>A Woodland Development and Biomass Strategy Group produced a draft action plan which was debated in Plenary in June 2002. Implementation now proceeding.</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 26</b>	<i>Set up two industry-strategy groups for sea fishing and inland fisheries to develop potential for industry and tourism</i>	<i>AFPD/ Rory O'Sullivan</i>	<b>ACHIEVED</b>	<i>Both Groups established. Report expected late Autumn.</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 27</b>	<i>Assembly Govt will in consultation with WLGA investigate potential for farmers to generate income through recycling of organic waste</i>	<i>FFDD/ Mike Dunn supported by EnPD/ Bob Macey</i>	<b>NOT YET COMMENCED</b>	
<b>ACTION POINT 28</b>	<i>Assembly Govt and WDA will work with partners to put Farming Connect into practice</i>	<i>FFDD/ Mike Dunn</i>	<b>ON GOING</b>	<i>The business planning and FIG/FEG grant schemes, along with the network of local facilitators was launched in September 2001. Bespoke IT and business management training (fully funded by ELWa) came on stream in April 2002 and May/June 2002 respectively. Development centres and network of demonstration farms have been established and a full programme of open days etc. took place in Summer 2002</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 29</b>	<i>ELWa will review skill needs of agri-food sector and identify action to be taken to meet these needs</i>	<i>FFDD/ Mike Dunn in conjunction with LLD/ Neil Thomas</i>	<b>ON GOING</b>	<p><i>ELWa have recently appointed consultants (Miller Research) to identify the training needs of the agri-food industry. This will focus on those industries which add value to primary production (e.g. meat and milk processing) and also organic processing. The report will provide:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>• Details of learning and training needs in the food processing industry,</i></li> <li><i>• Analysis of current training and</i></li> </ul>

				<p><i>support structures throughout Wales, and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Recommendations for the future development of the infrastructure to meet future learning demand.</i></li> </ul> <p>Completion of the report is expected by the end of December 2002, so that recommendations can feed into the appropriate organisation's business planning processes for 2003-04.</p>
<b>ACTION POINT 30</b>	<i>Assembly Govt will take steps to promote the Rural stress helpline to the farming community</i>	<i>Rural Policy/ Jasper Roberts</i>	<b>ON GOING</b>	<p><i>The helpline is promoted to all farmers via Gwlad magazine. . The Rural Stress Grant Scheme is being implemented by the WCVA under the Rural Recovery Plan. In addition, the Rural Stress Information Network has been funded to facilitate schemes on the ground including the promotion of helplines to farmers. Community based mental health workers funded under the Rural Recovery Plan are also in post.</i></p> <p><i>Rural Stress leaflets and cards are distributed to known agencies every time the information base is updated. Flyers invite agencies to apply for further leaflets, cards and posters as required. GPs in selected areas have been alerted to this facility and further contact is planned through the local health groups.</i></p> <p><i>Health authorities are also raising the profile of this service so that the rural community is aware of what is available.</i></p>

<b>ACTION POINT 31</b>	<i>ELWa will review the provision of initial vocational education and training for those entering into the industry</i>	<i>FFDD/ Mike Dunn in conjunction with LLD/ Neil Thomas</i>	<i>ON GOING</i>	<i>A steering group was established – including ACCACC, ESTYN, Lantra, WDA, WAG, NFU, FUW, YFC) to undertake this review. The steering group, in consultation with further education, higher education and private training providers has prepared a report, based on the outcomes identified. The report is being considered by staff within ELWa and is likely to be presented to the National Council in November 2002. It is envisaged that a formal consultation will then follow.</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 32</b>	<i>Farming Connect will provide specialist provisions for the YFCs, such as Young Farmers Angels, to help them prepare business plans</i>	<i>FFDD/ Mike Dunn</i>	<i>ON GOING</i>	<i>Discussions have taken place with partner organisations to consider how to take the matter forward with a view to piloting the initiative later this year.</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 33</b>	<i>Assembly Govt proposes to give top priority to young farmers in allocating sheep and suckler cow quota</i>	<i>AFPD/ Rory O’Sullivan</i>	<i>ON GOING</i>	<i>Proposals were the subject of consultation in 2001. Considering options in light of CAP mid term review proposals on decoupling subsidy payments regime.</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 34</b>	<i>Young farmers angels to promote share farming and help young farmers reach suitable agreements</i>	<i>FFDD/ Mike Dunn</i>	<i>ON GOING</i>	<i>Discussions have taken place with partner organisations to consider how to take the matter forward with a view to piloting the initiative later this year.</i>

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<b>ACTION POINT 35</b>	<i>Assembly Govt and CCW propose to award young farmers additional points in Tir Gofal scoring system, to help them gain access to the scheme</i>	<i>FFDD/ Mike Dunn</i>	<i>ON-GOING</i>	<i>Modification to RDP for 2001 included a proposal to allocate young farmers an additional 10 points. Modification approved by Commission in July 2002. Amending SI currently being prepared with a view to implementing changes in early 2003 i.e new application round.</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 36</b>	<i>Assembly Govt will publish new planning policy guidance for rural areas</i>	<i>Planning Division/ Kay Powell</i>	<i>ACHIEVED</i>	<i>Planning Policy Wales published in March 2002</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 37</b>	<i>Assembly Govt will revise and publish the 'Farmers Guide to the Planning System'</i>	<i>FFDD/ Mike Dunn</i>	<i>ON GOING</i>	<i>In the process of revising the 'Farmer's Guide to the Planning System'. This revision will take into account DEFRA revisions to the previous DOE/ Welsh Office/ MAFF version. In addition Assembly Govt will be preparing a shortened guidance note to farmers on how to set about seeking planning permission.</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 38</b>	<i>Publication of a progress report and updated action programme on improving Assembly services to farmers</i>	<i>CAPM/ Gareth Jones</i>	<i>ON GOING</i>	<i>Due to FMD, the completion of this report has been delayed. This work is now being prioritised and we are aiming to publish the report by the end of January 2003.</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 39</b>	<i>The introduction of a new IT system in the Assembly's Agriculture Dept. to improve speed and efficiency of payments</i>	<i>CAPM/ Gareth Jones</i>	<i>ON GOING</i>	<i>New IACS forms issued to farmers in March. A new Data Capture Unit has been established in Cardiff to scan the completed forms. The first phase of IT implementation, for IACS, went live in Cardiff in May 2002. The system is now being rolled out to Divisional Offices. Remaining schemes will migrate across to new system during remainder of 2002. Final phase of project due for completion by April 2003.</i>

<b>ACTION POINT 40</b>	<i>Introduce the new independent Appeals system for farmers</i>	<i>CAPM/ Gareth Jones</i>	<b>ACHIEVED</b>	<i>Relevant legislation came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2001. Membership of independent appeals panel announced on 5 October 2001.</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 41</b>	<i>Introduce E-business opportunities in the form of electronic claims submission.</i>	<i>CAPM/ Gareth Jones</i>	<b>ON GOING</b>	<i>This is scheduled for implementation early 2003. However, there was a dependency on Government Gateway to provide secure access to our systems. Since the Assembly currently have no plans to implement the Government Gateway, alternative means of supporting electronic claims submission will be investigated.</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 42</b>	<i>The Farming unions will work with the Assembly to ensure that the proportion of farmers using BACS reaches 90%</i>	<i>CAPM/ Gareth Jones</i>	<b>ON GOING</b>	<i>BACS form now included in the IACS and Livestock Subsidy application forms. All new customers will be asked to complete a BACS form when providing their customer details. However, only 32% of farmers are currently receiving payments by BACS. Consideration may have to be given to a publicity campaign to encourage take up.</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 43</b>	<i>Assembly Govt will work with the unions and others to ease the burden of red tape without compromising standards</i>	<i>CAPM/ Gareth Jones  But also cross Group &amp; Assembly</i>	<b>ON GOING</b>	<i>New, flagship IACS form launched in March 2002, streamlined to reduce the volume of information sought from farmers. . Forms subsequently redesigned for SCPS &amp; supplementary data, Quota, Livestock Declarations and SAPS</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 44</b>	<i>Decision on whether to implement the pilot Small Farmers scheme to simplify CAP payments</i>	<i>AFPD/ Rory O'Sullivan</i>	<b>ON GOING</b>	<i>In light of CAP mid term review proposals, considering options.</i>

<b>ACTION POINT 45</b>	<i>Assembly Govt in consultation with Farming Connect will define environmentally-friendly best practice models of sustainable farming.</i>	<i>FFDD/ Mike Dunn</i>	<i>ON GOING</i>	<i>Environmental Strategic Action plan produced and discussed with partners; proposals for implementation now being prepared.</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 46</b>	<i>Recommendations from the stocktake of the Tir Gofal scheme will be published. Also scheme kept under review</i>	<i>FFDD/ Mike Dunn</i>	<i>ACHIEVED</i>	<i>Recommendations were presented to Agriculture and Rural Development Committee on 7 November 2001  In addition, scheme is being kept under review as part of CAP review work by the Agri-environment sub Group (see action point 2).</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 47</b>	<i>Assembly Govt will continue to prioritise the promotion of suckler cow beef production and the growth of crops in upland areas</i>	<i>AFFD/ Rory O'Sullivan</i>	<i>ON GOING</i>	<i>Considering options in light of consultation responses to use of Sheep National Envelope from 2003.</i>
<b>ACTION POINT 48</b>	<i>Assembly Govt will press UK Government to bring forward effective commons management associations legislation</i>	<i>Planning Division/ Kay Powell  Supported by Mike Dunn, FFDD</i>	<i>ON GOING</i>	<i>Common Land Policy Statement issued on 23.7.02. Working Party set up to consider issues raised by Statement. Their considerations will inform England and Wales legislation to be brought forward in 2004/05.</i>

<b>ACTION POINT 49</b>	<i>The WTB and the CCW will work with local authorities and national parks to develop exemplar integrated countryside and tourism development projects</i>	<i>EPD/ Emyr Roberts &amp; Countryside Division/ June Milligan</i>	<b>ACHIEVED</b>	The new support programme for integrated leisure and tourism projects - Adfywio - was launched by CCW and WTB on 28 March. The scheme has £5 million over two years to fund appropriate projects across Wales, but especially in areas which have been hardest hit by foot and mouth. To date, 20 grants have been awarded totalling just over £400,000
<b>ACTION POINT 50</b>	<i>Assembly Govt will take advice from the CCW in considering the future evolution of Welsh land use.</i>	<i>FFDD/ Mike Dunn</i>	<b>NOT YET COMMENCED</b>	
<b>ACTION POINT 51</b>	<i>Assembly Govt will commission research to identify ways in which changes to farming and forestry practice may reduce green house gas emissions.</i>	<i>FFDD/ Mike Dunn</i>	<b>NOT YET COMMENCED</b>	
<b>ACTION POINT 52</b>	<i>Assembly Govt will continue to operate the most restrictive policy for GMOs within the framework of EU legislation.</i>	<i>Countryside Division/ June Milligan</i>	<b>ON GOING</b>	<i>Assembly's action on separation distances between GM and non-GM crops triggered notification to the EC. This has generated discussion on co-existence within EU. Rural Affairs Minister had productive meeting with EU Officials. No FSEs in Wales in 2002. Consultation on new Deliberate Release Directive 2001/18/EC ended 27 September 2002. Public debate on the issues related to the future of GMOs in the UK.</i>

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*Performance Indicators- Baseline Information***1 Value added in Farming and related food processing net of CAP subsidies****Value added in Farming**

£million	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Gross Value Added (excluding subsidies)	441.4	314.9	153.1	214.9	191.8

(Due to changes in methodology, figures for 1995 are not comparable, so have not been presented)

**Value added in food related processing and manufacture**

£million	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Gross Value Added	721.8	830.5	736.4			

Nothing available beyond 1997 at present

- A change in methodology means that the time series for farming is only available from 1996
- ABI data for these is only available until 1997. There is a considerable time lag in the production of this series.
- Gross Value Added is used to facilitate the comparison with the Food Processing figures.
- Figures from the Welsh Agricultural Account and ONS ABI data

**2 Value added per person employed in Farming and related food processing in Wales****Value added per person employed in Farming**

£ per person	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Gross Value Added	13,296	10,690	6,991	6,945	7,026



Gross Value Added	8,658	6,248	2,725	3,956	3,726
(Less subsidies)					

**Value added per person employed in Food Processing and Manufacture**

£ per person	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Gross Value Added	60,269	66,263	58,196			

**3 Total Employment in Farming and related food processing**

**Total Employment in Farming**

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Total Full time Equivalent	50,783	50,989	50,392	56,163	54,324	51,481

**Total Employment in Food Processing and Manufacture**

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Food and drink processing and manufacture employment	11,977	12,533	12,653	13,549	13,219	14,101

- Full Time Equivalents. A change in methodology in counting the number of workers in 1998 should be taken into account when viewing figures.
- Data sourced from Farm Income calculations and WRME

**4 Amount of Income Farming Families derive from Non farming sources**

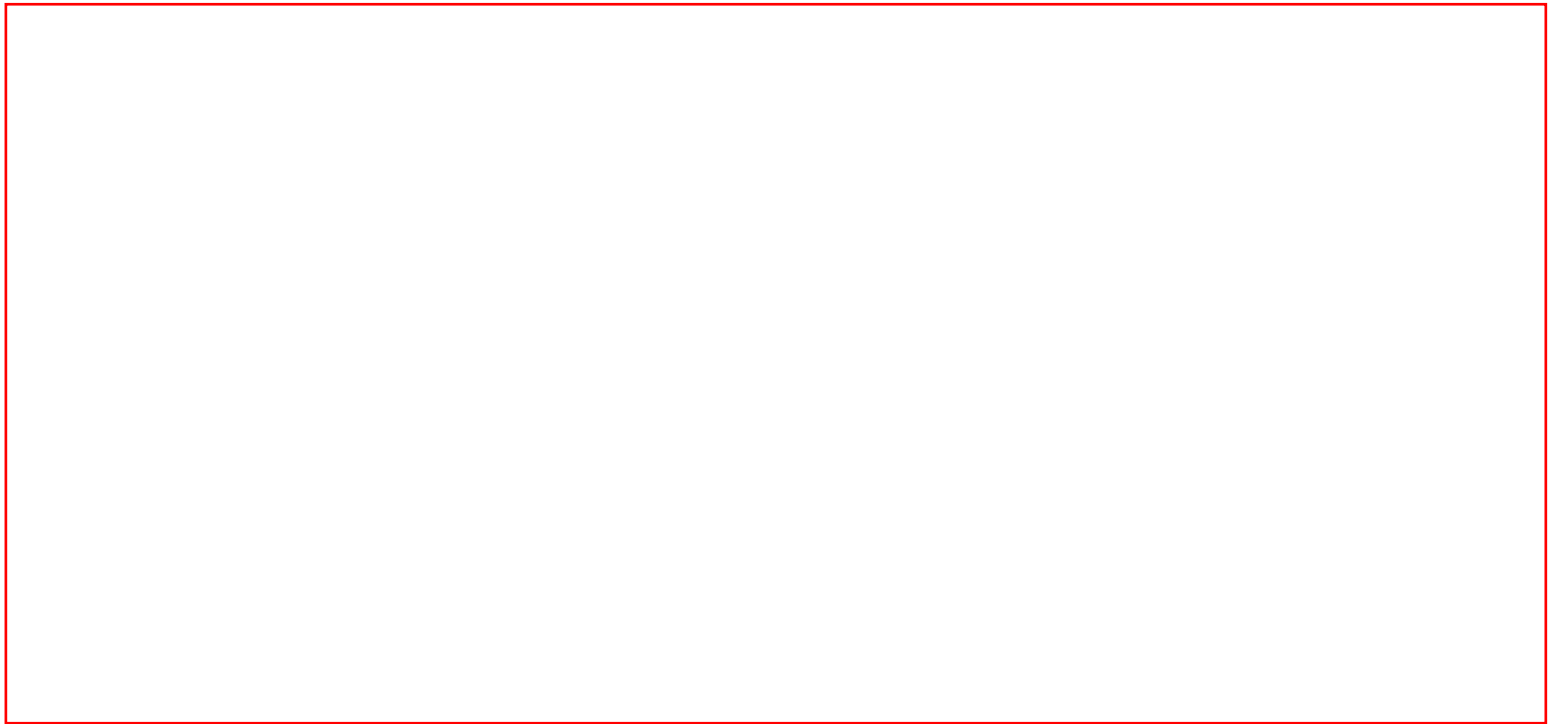
£million	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
On farm and off farm non Farm Income	59.7	75.9	81.4	81.3	83.8

- Data series from DEFRA. Based on approximation of 17,600 IACS registered in Wales

**5 The proportion of Agricultural land under Agri-environment agreement, or which is organic or in conversion to organic status**

	1999	2000	2001
<i>% of agricultural land covered by an agri-environment agreement or which is registered as organic, or is being converted to organic status</i>	17.3	20	22.6

**6 The population of farmland birds**



**\*increasing or decreasing trends are significant at the 5% level Source: BTO/JNCC/RSPB Breeding Bird Survey**

Note: The data presented here are outside the scope of National Statistics. They are an alternative to the wild bird indicator showing data from 1970 that was originally planned. Recently work was commissioned by the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) from the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) to produce long-term wild bird indicators for the regions of the UK. This work used the results of the Common Birds Census (CBC) and various other data sources. Unfortunately it was concluded that the results for Wales were not sufficiently representative due to lack of available data. The CBC ended in 2000 so in future regional indicators are expected to incorporate data from the Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) which started in 1994 and covers a large number of representative sites. This should provide sufficient coverage for indicators for Wales to be produced in the future.

The above chart contains data from the Breeding Bird Survey 2000 and shows the number of widespread breeding bird species that are estimated to have increased or decreased in abundance in Wales between 1994 and 2000. The species are grouped into the major habitat groups—farmed, woodland and urban. Other habitats (coastal, wetland and not classified) are also shown as a separate group.

Note that in 2000, over 200 plots were surveyed in Wales in the BBS-the results shown only relate to 53 species that were detected in at least 30 plots. Therefore these data cannot be described as representative of all birds in Wales as less abundant (including many farmland species) or rare species are not included.


Also, at the start of the BBS in 1994, populations of many farmland and woodland bird species had already shown steep declines over the previous 25 years. Hence current trends need to be interpreted carefully.

In Wales, 19 species (36 per cent) increased and 4 species (8 per cent) decreased in abundance between 1994 and 2000.

‘A Plan for Wales’ contains the following target for 2010: ‘The populations of wild birds that are now in decline must have stabilised or started to rise’.

#### Number of species

	Increasing	Stable	Decreasing	Total
<b>Farmed</b>	5	9	2	16
<b>Woodland</b>	8	14	1	23
<b>Urban</b>	2	2	0	4
<b>Coastal</b>	2	0	0	2
<b>Wetland</b>	0	1	1	2
<b>Not classified</b>	2	4	0	6
<b>Total</b>	19	30	4	53



**\*Range is stable if less than or equal to 5% change in number of 10 km squares occupied**

**Source: BTO/RSPB**

The above chart contains data on the long-term changes in the breeding ranges of birds in Wales from the 1968-1972 and the 1988-1991 BTO Breeding Bird Atlases. It is included here to supplement the data on recent abundance changes between 1994 and 2000 (shown on the previous page), providing an indication of earlier trends. It shows the number of bird species in Wales with ranges that are estimated to have increased, decreased or remained stable over the 20-year period.

The results relate to 125 different species in Wales, grouped into major habitats of farmed (including farmland and upland), woodland and urban following the 1988-1991 Breeding Bird Atlas. Other habitats (coastal, wetland and not classified) are also shown as a separate group.

In Wales, 18 per cent of species increased and 43 per cent decreased in range between 1968-1972 and 1988-1991.

Of the major habitats, over half the birds of farmed habitats decreased in range over the 20-year period.

In the UK, 45 per cent of species increased and 18 per cent of species decreased in abundance between 1994 and 2000. However these percentages are not directly comparable with those for Wales as more species (100) were included in the UK results due to a larger number of plots being surveyed.

In the UK, the long-term 'Quality of Life' indicator identifies similar long-term declines in the range of

farmland birds to those suggested by the above chart.

**Number of species**

	Increased	Stable	Decreased	Total
<b>Farmed</b>	7	14	23	44
<b>Woodland</b>	4	23	10	37
<b>Urban</b>	2	2	1	5
<b>Coastal</b>	2	0	9	11
<b>Wetland</b>	6	5	4	15
<b>Not classified</b>	1	5	7	13
<b>Total</b>	22	49	54	125

**7 Farming for the Future: Populations of key farmland species other than birds**

**Note:**

Discussions are still ongoing with partner organisations on the way forward in selecting suitable indicators. Consequently it has not been possible to provide any meaningful hard data at this time. It is hoped to submit more substantive proposals in the next update report in July. In the meantime, our preliminary proposals for monitoring include the following farmland species:

**Marsh Fritillary Butterfly**

Indicator of extensive management of wet and semi-improved pastures using heavy livestock such as cattle.

**Lesser Horseshoe Bats**

Indicator of landscape structure/habitat condition such as semi-improved and unimproved pasture, thick hedges, woodland, etc.

**Otters or Salmonids**

Indicator of general health of freshwater aquatic systems.

### **Higher Plants**

Indicator of agricultural improvement/ increasing fertility.