

**Monitor Farm
Scotland Programme**



Application Form

Please complete this form if you would like your farm to be considered for the 2022-2026 Monitor Farm Scotland Programme. Alternatively, you can nominate another farm.

Please note that you will need to download this form and save it onto your PC before you can fill it in electronically. You can then email the completed form to monitorfarm@gmscotland.co.uk Alternatively you can fill it in manually and post it to Quality Meat Scotland (full address on page 4)

I am the farmer	Yes		No		I am nominating a farm and my name is:	
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Details of Farm Applying / Being Nominated for the 2022-2026 Monitor Farm Programme

If you are nominating a farm, just fill in the name of the farmer, the address and some contact details for the farm, a brief farm description and explain why you're nominating this farm. Then let the farmer know, and we will contact them direct.

Farmer's Name			
Name and Address of Farm			
	Postcode		
Mobile	Fax		
Phone	E-mail		
Farm cropping (please state hectares or acres – approximate figures)	Cereals		
	Potatoes		
	Other Crops		
	Intensive grassland		
	Semi-permanent grassland		
	Permanent pasture/hill		
Approximate stock numbers	Suckler cows	Stores	Finishers
	Ewes	Lambs	

<p>Please give a brief description of the main enterprises, cropping regime, labour and machinery policy.</p>	
<p>Briefly, why would you/the nominee be a good monitor farmer? What are the ambitions for your business?</p>	
<p>Please outline the farm's marketing policy for its main produce.</p>	
<p>Please list the quality assurance schemes which the farm is a member of (if known).</p>	

<p>Who else would support you in your role as a monitor farmer (e.g. family members, vet, consultant)?</p>	
<p>What would you hope to get from becoming a monitor farmer?</p>	

Requirements of a Monitor Farmer

There is a substantial commitment required of a Monitor Farmer for a period of around four years. The farmer will receive a significant amount of help over this time from the delivery team including a dedicated Regional Adviser, and Programme Manager, as well as access to specialist input throughout the programme. A good relationship between the farmer and their Regional Adviser is critical to the project and QMS and AHDB Cereals & Oilseeds as overall managers of the project will work to support both. Bruce McConachie, QMS Head of Industry Development and Graham Bannister, AHDB Head of Cereals & Oilseeds Knowledge Exchange, can be contacted for further information (see below).

In summary, the requirements of a monitor farmer are:

Commitment

- A monitor farm is at least a 4 year commitment.
- There will be 4 to 6 on-farm meetings per year.
- There will be one open farm day per year.
- The farmer should be willing to provide as much financial and management details as possible to the delivery team and specialists who will explore, evaluate, and utilise, key business data at monitor farm meetings.
- The farmer must be involved with any publicity that QMS and AHDB Cereals & Oilseeds may arrange with regard to the monitor farm programme. This may involve the production of short videos, the use of social media, photography, sharing information about the farm on the monitor farm website and the generation of features and articles in the farming press.

Other requirements

- The Monitor Farm should be representative of Scottish agriculture.
- A Monitor Farmer should be keen to discuss their hopes and aspirations for their business with a group of neighbouring farmers.
- A Monitor Farmer should be open-minded and comfortable in making changes to their business based on evidence.

- All business partners/directors must support the application to become a monitor farmer.
- A Monitor Farm, where tenanted, requires support for the project from the Landowner.
- A Monitor Farmer must agree to open the books of the whole farm business sufficiently and allow the delivery team and specialists to use the information to establish baselines and track the progress of the Monitor Farm throughout the course of the programme.
- The Monitor Farmer must agree to a Health and Safety check by the facilitator prior to the first monitor farm meeting and be prepared to react on the recommendations to make the farm safe for visitors and for the farm stock, particularly around machinery, chemical stores, and biosecurity.
- The Monitor Farmer will receive all the information and business analysis that are produced as part of the programme as well as comprehensive copies of any guidance, reporting, case studies, or publications produced as part of the programme.

Dealing with visitors

- There should be at least one person from the farm willing to speak at meetings.
- Facilities must be sufficient to cater for up to 70 visitors; e.g. car parking, covered area.

Financial benefits

- The Monitor Farm business will not receive direct remuneration.
- The Monitor Farmer will receive all assessments of their business, produced as part of the programme, including sampling and analyses for relevant parts of the business (e.g., soil, bloods, silage, etc), regular advice on improvements to the business through specialists, community groups, the Monitor Farm Delivery team and other sources including access to innovation funding for the business.

Please send your completed form to Bruce McConachie at Quality Meat Scotland (contact details below)

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