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Support Young Entrants to Farming

The Government is currently consulting on the Rural Development Plan for Wales and are seeking how best they could support new entrants to farming. Their support as a 'Young Farmer' would need to be. **Less than 40 years of age** and **qualifications or competence**. They would also have to be setting up for the first time as head of the holding and submit a detailed business plan for the development

Supporting part of the scheme

Business Management development

Young entrants as an essential first stage of the programme aims to help young farmers to be encouraged to participate in groups and a variety of learning initiatives to address their agenda and interests and take ownership of their learning and development. At its core is a focus on training aimed at developing the knowledge and skills needed for business success. The modules can provide support and advice on a range of issues of interest to the group which may include financial management, innovative and business analysis, adding value, marketing, goal and

Access to land- Housing-

One of the most significant barriers for young entrants is access to land. We propose to explore opportunities for young entrants such as share farming, equity partnerships and tenancy arrangements between young entrants and older farmers to provide a foothold in the industry and older farmers to continue working and business commitments. The concept underpinning the YFC's 'Database' is to provide a brokering service for various contracts. There will be a need to source a variety of 'advice' for both parties including taxation, legal advice, subsidies (SFP, entitlements), contract law, etc. Farming succession involves significant challenges and is very stressful for both the retiring farmer and the young entrant establishing in agriculture. Factors including market volatility, animal health, and the pressure of farming in isolation. Significant support and advice will be an essential part of the