

# Coronavirus: Advice for NFU members



The NFU's policy and commodity advisers are working to provide up to date advice on the issues impacting members as a result of the coronavirus outbreak.

The links on this page will signpost you to the guidance on that topic and will open the advice on a new page.

## **Farm business concerns**

- [Advice for employers](#)
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- Will HSE farm inspections continue to take place during the coronavirus outbreak?
- Guidance for food businesses
- Guidance for beekeepers
- What help is available with water and wastewater bills?

## **Government support for businesses and other financial measures**

The information on this page outlines the £330bn emergency rescue package announced by Chancellor, Rishi Sunak MP on March 17 2020. It also includes other measures announced since that date.

- Job retention scheme
- Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS)
- Other government backed guaranteed loans
- Business rates relief
- Self-employment support scheme
- Statutory Sick Pay (SSP) reimbursement
- Self-assessment (income tax)
- Value Added Tax (VAT)
- Hardship Fund
- Grant funding
- Other support

- Tenancies: Protection from eviction
- Company accounts filing extension
- Annual leave carry over
- Proposed support for credit borrowers
- De minimis aid schemes – employment allowance from 2019/20

## Concerns over access

- The use of public rights of way

## Waste disposal issues

- The NFU's latest advice on fly-tipping
- Storing, disposal and landspreading of milk

## Guidance on environment and rural issues

### Farmed environment issues

- Contacting Natural England
- Contacting the Environment Agency
- Contacting the Forestry Commission
- Pest management
- Moorland burning

### Rural issues

- Will there be problems with energy supplies?

- Will there be problems with broadband or mobile coverage?
- Policing and rural crime
- How does this affect planning applications and infrastructure developments?

## **Looking after wellbeing on farm**

- Self-isolation and symptoms
- Tips for staying at home
- How to deal with self-isolation on farm
- What help and support can I get?
- Lone working
- Beware of scams
- Farm safety
- Health and safety guidance for the workplace

## **Impacts on the supply chain**

- How will this affect supply contracts?
- What about extending credit to buyers?
- Will there be a relaxation of enforcement of conditions relating to food distribution?
- What are the changes to competition law?
- Will there be a relaxation on drivers' hours for the delivery of food?
- What about access to welfare facilities for delivery drivers?

## How is my sector affected?

- Livestock
- Dairy
- Poultry
- Horticulture
- Combinable crops
- Food chain
- Farm assurance schemes

[Click here to use the NFU's COVID-19 business impact service.](#)

By using this form, farmers and growers can provide information on any business-critical issues they have encountered, or expect to encounter, arising from the COVID-19 outbreak. The NFU will log this information and use it in an anonymised format to flag the key issues agriculture and horticulture are facing to government on a daily basis. However, no personal data will be shared with the government. The service is for all farmers and growers across the UK.

[Getting tested for coronavirus: Find details on the government's coronavirus national testing programme.](#)

Please also stay up to date with government advice on COVID-19:

- Click here to go to the coronavirus information hub at the Gov.uk website
- Click here to go to the government's Business Support website

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