

FAWC Economics and Farm Animal Welfare

Stakeholder Consultation

The objective of this questionnaire is to analyse the interactions between economics, livestock production and farm animal welfare in the UK across all farmed species. By completing this document you will have your stakeholder input into the key areas to focus on and allow FAWC to make recommendations on key actions to safeguard and promote welfare.

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Issue 1.

Poor livestock enterprise profitability has a major negative effect on farm animal welfare.

(Tick accordingly).

Strongly Agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Rate the importance of the following factors for this issue, 5 being high and 1 being low (Circle accordingly).

Pressures on industry to comply with regulations (e.g. pollution control)

5 4 3 2 1

Pressures from changing market structures (e.g. power of buyers)

5 4 3 2 1

Consequences for investment in infrastructure (e.g. new buildings)

5 4 3 2 1

Consequences for expenditure on labour per animal (e.g. labour quantity and quality)

5 4 3 2 1

Consequences for other expenditure (e.g. feed, veterinary services)

5 4 3 2 1

Why? (Please expand on your views and suggest possible solutions)

Issue 2

*Current changes in farming are having a major impact on farm animal welfare.
(Tick accordingly).*

Strongly Agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Rate the importance of the following factors - 5 being high and 1 being low (Circle accordingly).

The pressures to increase output per animal

5 4 3 2 1

Genetic selection strategies

5 4 3 2 1

The increasing scale of operations

5 4 3 2 1

Increasing mechanisation

5 4 3 2 1

Diversification and part-time farming

5 4 3 2 1

Why? (Please expand on your views and suggest possible solutions)

Issue 3

*Higher welfare production is properly rewarded by the market.
(Tick accordingly).*

Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

Rate the importance of the following factors, 5 being high and 1 being low (Circle accordingly).

The cost implications of improving welfare on farm

5 4 3 2 1

The development of markets to reward higher welfare production

5 4 3 2 1

The adequacy of price premiums for high welfare products

5 4 3 2 1

Why? (Please expand on your views and suggest possible solutions)

Issue 4

The inclusion of animal welfare within farm assurance can deliver added value in product marketing.

(Tick accordingly)

Strongly Agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Rate the importance of the following factors, 5 being high and 1 being low (Circle accordingly).

Consumers' demand for improved farm animal welfare

5 4 3 2 1

Consumers' willingness to pay for higher welfare products

5 4 3 2 1

Independent certification of improved animal welfare on farm

5 4 3 2 1

Food retailer requirements for higher welfare standards

5 4 3 2 1

The availability of information on the animal welfare provenance of products (e.g. labelling, advertising etc)

5 4 3 2 1

Why? (Please expand on your views and suggest possible solutions)

Issue 5

*Government (UK & EU) should do more to promote farm animal welfare.
(Tick accordingly)*

Strongly Agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Rate the importance of the following factors, 5 being high and 1 being low (Circle accordingly).

Regulations to raise minimum welfare standards

5 4 3 2 1

Ensuring enforcement of existing legislation

5 4 3 2 1

Provision of incentives for farm animal welfare

5 4 3 2 1

Why? (Please expand on your views and suggest possible solutions).

Issue 6

*International trade rules have a negative impact on farm animal welfare.
(Tick accordingly)*

Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

Rate the importance of the following factors, 5 being high and 1 being low (Circle accordingly).

International variations in farm animal welfare legislation

5 4 3 2 1

Increased international trade

5 4 3 2 1

Lack of animal welfare recognition in international trade agreements

5 4 3 2 1

Why? (Please expand on your views and suggest possible solutions).

General Comments

If there are any other areas you would like to comment on, with regard to economics and farm animal welfare, that you feel have not been covered, please add below

Thank you for completing the questionnaire. Please now send to

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