What is the FAS?

The Farm Advisory Service (FAS):

- A service for farmers and crofters
- It consists of a One-to-One programme, and a One-to-Many programme
- Funded by EU and Scottish Government funds
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- **One-to-One (Managed by Ricardo AEA)**
  - ILMP’s (including specialist advice); Mentoring for New Entrants; Carbon Audits
  - £5M over 4.5 years; £3.5M “flow-through”

- **One-to-Many (Managed by SAC Consulting)**
  - National One-to-Many Advisory Service
  - Crofter and Small Farm Advisory Service
  - National Advice Hub (including a website and telephone advice line subcontracted to Ricardo)

- Aim is to present this as a single, seamless service.
One-to-Many Advisory Service

• Includes events, workshops, discussion groups, benchmarking data and publications
• Scottish Government pushed for an integrated, holistic, cross-cutting and innovative service
• One-to-Many Programme organised around three broad themes:
  – Cross Compliance
  – Climate Change & Environment
  – Business Efficiency & Viability
• Annual business plan
One-to-Many Advisory Service

- Focus for 2017/18
  - Animal Health & Welfare
  - Soil Nutrient Network Farms
  - Water Resource Management
  - Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation
  - Business Resilience
  - New Entrants
  - Crop Health
  - Farm Woodlands
One-to-Many Advisory Service

• SG requirement for an integrated service will be met by:
  – Agreeing a programme of events and publications that grab the attention of the audience (as well as meeting the requirement of SG) by focusing on issues that are timely and relevant.
  – Building events that address the issues but with multiple inputs to ensure “rounded” solutions/messages are communicated.
  – Using the FAS events calendar as the focal point for publicising and coordinating events – signpost to the events calendar using Twitter, Facebook, leaflets etc..
Croft & Small Farm Advisory Service

• Croft & Small Farm (<30ha)
  – Subscription service (65% discount on basic sub)
    • 2 hours advice (on phone or in office)
    • 2 further hours discounted by 40% (on phone, in office or on farm/croft)
    • Croft/farm travel associated with the 2 further hours will be wholly discounted
National Advice Hub

- All events and workshops promoted via the advice hub as well as usual SAC methods (leaflets, Twitter, Facebook etc.)
- More information on ILMP’s, mentoring for new entrants, and carbon audits
- Encourage participants to register interest for an event by using telephone advice line or website (booking form)
- Some advice
- Signposting
- News and resources

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Scotland’s Farm Advisory Service

Scotland’s Farm Advisory Service (FAS) is part of the Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP) which is co-funded by the EU and Scottish Government. This £20 million programme provides information and resources aimed at increasing the profitability and sustainability of farms and crofts.

Grant support, a full programme of events, a subscription service for crofts and small farms, and a range of articles and publications form the core of this service which is designed to provide integrated advice for farmers and crofters across Scotland.

Grants
The service provides access to grants for:
- Integrated Land Management Plans (ILMP)
- Specialist advice
- Mentoring for new entrants
- Carbon audits

Events
At the centre of the FAS is a full programme of events including:
- Workshops
- Network farm meetings
- Conferences
- Training courses

Crofts and small farms
The crofts and small farms subscription service is funded to provide access to affordable advice and information for smaller enterprises.

Publications
Newsletters, technical notes, guidelines and reports are now available on this website.
How can you get involved?

• Feedback via the offices on any locally relevant issues that could be addressed through the FAS
• Attendance at meetings and workshops to network with farmers and small holders
• “Like” FASScot on Facebook
• Follow @FASScot and re-tweet
• Links to the FAS website from your website
Thank you