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# Information Update

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## NEW HFA OPEN TO DAIRY FARMERS!

The Hill Farm Allowance (HFA) has historically been available to beef and sheep farmers who have land in the Severely Disadvantaged Area (SDA). HFA is being replaced in 2010 with the Uplands Entry Level Stewardship Scheme (UELS) and this is open to ALL producers with land in the SDA, including dairy farmers.

UELS is part of the Environmental Stewardship Scheme run by Natural England. Points are gained by undertaking particular environmental options and if the points target is hit, acceptance into the scheme is guaranteed.

To join the scheme,

farmers choose from a range of simple environmental options in order to gain points. Each farm is given a "points target" based on the area of the farm and, as long as that target is achieved, acceptance into the scheme is guaranteed. For most farms, UELS will pay **£62 per hectare** a year on all SDA land. A UELS agreement lasts for five years.

Application packs for UELS will become available from February next year, with the first agreements going live in July. Interested? Speak to the Environmental Team at H&H Bowe for more information.



## Outside the SDA?

Standard Entry Level Stewardship (ELS) is open now to all farmers. This works the same way as UELS but the points target is much lower. ELS typically pays **£30 per hectare a year** across the farm for five years. Most holdings, including dairy operations, can enter the Scheme without having to make big changes to their farming system.

Are you missing out on this income stream? Speak to the Environmental Team at H&H Bowe for more information.



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