



Farm Adaptation: Funding Available

Small Scale Capital Grants Driving Real Change

Adapting the Levels can help farms plan for a sustainable and productive future in a changing climate.

The project team are working with individual farms to find solutions to some of the problems that could affect farm businesses going forward.

Farmers can meet with our advisers 1:1, and through discussion and collaborative planning, develop innovative solutions to emerging problems such as drought stress in cattle or weed control on difficult to access land.

Without this support, we risk losing the farming businesses that are so vital to maintaining the health and vitality of our countryside.



The project team has secured capital funding to support these initiatives and assist with delivery.

We hope that at the end of the project, 2500ha of land on the Somerset Levels and Moors will be better adapted to climate change.

For a chat about how this project could benefit you, to access the funds, or find out more about natural flood management and how it could work on your farm, talk to us today or email:

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Case Study:

Farmers Adapting to Climate Change on the Somerset Levels

Adapting the Levels focuses on Natural Flood Management and Natural Process Solutions, as well as other appropriate restoration works. Works of this type can be 100% funded by the project and will be developed with individual farmers to ensure the investments are tailored and effective.

A farmer on the Somerset Levels has identified that as summer rainfall reduces, the water levels in his ditches are likely to drop below the point that his cattle can easily access, meaning that they will struggle to drink safely. This would increase labour and costs by requiring the delivery of drinking water and would expose the animals to greater risk as they try to reach water at the bottom of steep ditches.



Rather than use vehicles to drive water to the fields or excavate ever deeper drinking points in each field, he has proposed the development of a moveable drinking platform. The platform is designed to be easily transported from field to field with the cattle to ensure they always have safe access to drinking water. The platform should also reduce damage to the ditch edge and stop sediment falling in to the water, which would cause more pollution.



The platforms will also improve cattle safety by giving them an exit point in the event that they fall in the ditch. This will mean cattle can continue to graze the fields during dry summers and be better able to help themselves if they get into difficulty in a remote location. The platforms will also benefit wildlife by making it easier for young birds to access the ditches.

