

On target :
Combinable Crops

NFU Scotland – fighting for your interests

● **Regulation**

- NFUS is working to minimise any negative impacts of EU pesticides legislation.
- We have successfully opposed UK mandatory spray buffer zones and prior notification of spraying and are working to ensure that they are not introduced
- NFU Scotland negotiated a voluntary Code of Practice for straw and stubble burning with the Government – which continues to prevent a ban on burning in Scotland.

● **CAP Support**

- NFUS started the successful campaign to end set-aside. We are working hard to prevent it being re-introduced as part of CAP ‘greening’ proposals.
- We are working with the Scottish Government and others to ensure a reformed CAP meets the needs of Scottish growers
- Changes won under the former Arable Area Payments Scheme have resulted in higher Single Farm Payment Scheme payments.
- We successfully argued for lower voluntary modulation rates than apply in England.

● **Farm Saved Seed**

- We negotiated successfully to reduce farm saved seed royalty rates while supporting plant breeding. Exemptions for legitimate use of older varieties and the ability to pay per hectare, reflecting higher seed rates in Scotland, have been maintained.
- We are working with plant breeders to avoid increases in regulation that could push costs up and to ensure that any changes to EU legislation do not disadvantage plant breeding for Scottish growers.

● **Contracts and Marketing**

- We continue to campaign for fair contracts for growers through meetings and regular contacts with buyers and through our participation in the Cereals Liaison Group.
- With other parts of the industry we work to inform growers of how best to avoid problems with contracts.
- We provide guidance to growers on contract issues.

● **Representation**

- NFU Scotland represents Scotland’s growers on all issues of importance at all levels of Government, including in Brussels.
- NFUS is represented on the HGCA Ltd. and SQC boards and all their committees.
- We successfully campaigned for retention of current Levy Board VAT status.
- We maintain close liaison with all parts of the arable industry and meet regularly with AIC, BSPB, MAGB, SWA and the other UK Farmers’ Organisations.

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