

I'm involved in running the family business near Banff, in the northeast of Scotland. We grow 400 acres of seed potatoes for export. We also have a seed potato merchant business, with dedicated growers and export potatoes to, for example, Egypt, Morocco, Thailand, Indonesia and recently Brazil.

I've been involved with NFU Scotland (NFUS) for 40 years or more. I believe that by being part of a collective group of like minds, we have more of a say and more influence with government and policy makers.

Being part of NFUS is very useful from a business perspective. It means that you are in the 'know' when it comes to potential changes which may affect your business. It is also a pleasure to meet fellow members at meetings, building up a rapport and a sense of fraternity with those of similar business interests

A current hot topic for our group is the evolving threat of pests and diseases, like potato cyst nematode, various viruses & blight resistance as examples. All this set against a diminishing toolbox of plants protection products, makes the job that bit harder!