

### **Brexit, CAP Pillar 1 and 2 (including Less Favoured Areas) – Jonnie Hall**

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- Brexit – Engaging with members, stakeholders, and media to build alliances and to influence thinking. Co-ordinating strategy within NFU Scotland and with key stakeholders. On-going meetings with UK Government and Scottish Government to press forward Scottish agricultural interests, with the focus being the importance of agriculture to the Scottish and UK economies, the environment and rural communities.
- Agricultural policy – Developing NFU Scotland’s principles and objectives for a future agricultural policy settlement for Scotland.
- CAP consultation – Developing the NFU Scotland input to Commission Hogan’s CAP consultation “The Future of EU Food and Farming: Modernising and Simplifying the Common Agricultural Policy” – to be submitted by 2 May.
- 2015 payments – Working to ensure all 2015 direct support payments are finally completed, and all balance payments under the National LFASS Scheme 2015 are made as soon as possible (it is understood that some 1,700 LFASS 2015 claimants are yet to receive final balance payments).
- 2016 payments – Holding Scottish Government to account on their recently announced timetable for payments, including BPS, Greening and Young Farmers balance payments, and SSBSS (beef calf) and SUSSS (ewe hogg) payments
- National LFASS 2016 – Following the announcement of an advance/loan scheme to help cover LFASS 2016 claims, ensuring roll out and opt in works effectively.
- SAF 2017 – Working to ensure that this year’s IACS/SAF process works as it should ahead of the 15 May deadline.
- Future LFASS/Areas of Natural Constraint Scheme – Following the announcement of an LFASS ‘parachute’ payments approach from 2018, working with SG on the most effective and accessible use of the ‘balance’ of 20 per cent of the LFASS budget. And now working on the possible deferral of the LFASS parachute option to 2019 (paid in 2020), i.e. put back by a further year.