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**Level 2 – 24th May, 2021**

## **Older UK farmers to get \$140,000 for retiring**

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210524-farming-2.html>

The UK government wants to change its farming industry. It has a plan to pay older farmers to retire. It wants younger farmers to replace them. Some older farmers could get up to \$140,000 in cash if they retire. The government wants to protect the environment. Older farmers use more traditional methods to farm their land. These are not so environmentally friendly. The UK's farming minister believes younger farmers will use greener methods. He said: "A fresh perspective can make a world of difference." He said older farmers were "standing in the way of change".

The average age of a UK farmer is 59. Around 40 per cent are over 65. The farming minister said: "We need to address the...challenges of helping new [farmers] fulfill their dream of gaining access to land, while also helping an older generation to retire." The plan is popular with veteran farmers. A farmers' group said 75 per cent of its farmers were interested in the plan. Another group welcomed the government's plan. It said: "We want to see a fair transition which allows farmers who are [retiring] to have sufficient time and information to make those life-changing decisions."

Sources: <https://www.thepigsite.com/news/2021/05/uk-government-publishes-consultation-on-paying-older-farmers-to-retire>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. pay older farmers                | a. environment     |
| 2. It wants younger farmers         | b. methods         |
| 3. protect the                      | c. difference      |
| 4. These are not so environmentally | d. to replace them |
| 5. younger farmers will use greener | e. of change       |
| 6. A fresh                          | f. friendly        |
| 7. make a world of                  | g. to retire       |
| 8. standing in the way              | h. perspective     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The average                 | a. challenges         |
| 2. Around 40 per cent          | b. time               |
| 3. We need to address the      | c. transition         |
| 4. helping new farmers fulfill | d. changing decisions |
| 5. The plan is popular with    | e. their dream        |
| 6. We want to see a fair       | f. age of a UK farmer |
| 7. have sufficient             | g. veteran farmers    |
| 8. life-                       | h. are over 65        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210524-farming-2.html>

The UK government wants to change (1) \_\_\_\_\_. It has a plan to pay older farmers to retire. It wants younger farmers (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Some older farmers could get up to \$140,000 in cash if they retire. The government (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the environment. Older farmers use more traditional methods to (4) \_\_\_\_\_. These are not so environmentally friendly. The UK's farming minister believes younger farmers will use greener methods. He said: "A (5) \_\_\_\_\_ make a world of difference." He said older farmers were "standing (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of change".

The (7) \_\_\_\_\_ a UK farmer is 59. Around 40 per cent are over 65. The farming minister said: "We (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the...challenges of helping new [farmers] (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of gaining access to land, while also helping an older generation to retire." The (10) \_\_\_\_\_ with veteran farmers. A farmers' group said 75 per cent of its farmers were interested in the plan. Another group welcomed the government's plan. It said: "We want to see a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ allows farmers who are [retiring] to have sufficient time and information to make those (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FARMING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210524-farming-2.html>

Write five GOOD questions about farming in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

