

10 Key Asks for the UK Government

Negotiate Brexit transitional arrangements with the EU which allow sufficient time to reach agreement on trade and other matters which are in the interests of Wales, the UK and the remaining 27 EU Member States

Work in partnership with the agricultural industry and devolved administrations to develop a UK framework for agriculture which prevents unfair competition between devolved regions

Ensure transitional and post-Brexit trade arrangements do not sever established suply chains which are of importance and add value to Welsh and UK produce

Reach a long term agreement with the EU which maintains simple and tariff-free access to the EU's Single Market for Welsh produce

Allocate agricultural and rural development funding to Wales outside the Barnett Formula, and in a way which ensures Wales' historical allocation of funding is not reduced

Agree to ring-fenced agricultural and rural development budgets which at least reflect those which would have been in place should the UK have voted to remain in the European Union

Agree to a ten year transition period between the current and any future agricultural policies

Ensure the finalised Great Repeal Bill maintains current balances of power between devolved administrations

Ensure food security, rural incomes, and local food production needs are a priority during future negotiations

Prioritise negotiations with the large and affluent market which is on our doorstep, in the form of the EU

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Further Recommendations



Recognise the high standards
of animal health and welfare which exist
in Wales, and ensure that costs pertaining to
animal health, and any associated b
ureaucracy, are proportionate, supported
by the latest scientific evidence and do not
disadvantage Welsh producers in the European market.

View current levels of bovine
TB as a serious economic risk to
successful trade negotiations and
undertake a formal risk assessment of the
implications of current levels of bTB across
the whole of the United Kingdom, irrespective of devolved Animal Health responsibilities

Boost research into all areas of agriculture in a manner that properly reflects the importance of agriculture in terms of food security, the environment and climate change

Review procurement rules in light of Brexit, with a view to introducing policies which make support for local and British businesses by public bodies a priority

Extend the powers of the Groceries Adjudicator to allow decisive actions to be taken which address unfair practices throughout the entire supply chain and not just for the very small number of producers on retailer aligned contracts

As a first step towards
repealing the Hunting Act, vary Schedule
I of the Act to remove the limit on the number of dogs which can be used to flush animals from cover to allow farmers to properly
protect livestock from predation

Work with Welsh Government to introduce uniform and proportionate cattle TB control measures

Ensure that the English badger culling programme continues to be rolled out

Ensure Brexit does not
hinder collaborative disease surveillance
networks which exist across the EU, while
increasing border checks to reduce the risk
of exotic diseases such as FMD being introduced

Source: FUW General Election
Manifesto 2017. Read more at
www.fuw.org.uk.
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