

NFU Horticulture and Potatoes

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Ornamentals and the Political Agenda

- ‘Ornamental’ or ‘Environmental’
- Food or Flowers – what are politicians more likely to focus on?
- Unity is strength: working together as primary producers

31 January 2024:

- EU Medium-risk plants will need PC on entry and pre-notification on IPAFFS.
- EU low-risk goods will be exempt from systematic controls at the border and so will not require a PC or pre-notification.

30 April 2024:

- High-risk plants to go through a Border Control Post (BCP) or Control Point (CP) where identity and physical checks will be carried out.
- Medium-risk plants require documentary and physical checks at the border.
- Removal of PC and routine checks on low-risk plants.

Authorised Operator Status

- 6th Feb to 8th Mar: Pilot Expression of interest window
- 16th Apr: Businesses notified if they have been accepted
- June- Dec: AOS pilot will launch, with training until Aug, audits from Sept.
- Dec 24 - Feb 25: Post pilot evaluation



 **THE BORDER TARGET
OPERATING MODEL**

Controlled Environmental Horticulture - the political agenda



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Policy paper

Outcomes from the UK Farm to Fork summit

An update following the UK Farm to Fork summit held at 10 Downing Street on 16 May 2023.

From: [Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street](#), [Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs](#), and [The Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP](#)

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“As part of our new farming schemes we will replace the Fruit & Vegetables Aid Scheme for England from 2026, expanding the scheme to ensure that more growers, including those involved in **Controlled Environment Horticulture** such as glasshouses, can access investment.”

“Given the important role that **Controlled Environment Horticulture (CEH)** plays in UK food production, the government will investigate what more can be done to support the sector.”

“To further increase domestic horticulture production and extend the growing season, government will consider the unique needs of **controlled environment horticulture**.”

“We will look to revise national planning policy to ensure it fully seizes all opportunities to support levelling up of economic opportunity across rural areas – specifically, making the approval of new **controlled environment horticulture** businesses a priority for councils.”





ACCESS TO
PERMANENT
AND
SEASONAL
LABOUR



ACCESS TO
AFFORDABLE
ENERGY
SUPPLIES



ACCESS TO
CROP
PROTECTION



ENABLING
IMPORT
CONTROLS
FOR PLANTS
AND PLANT
PRODUCTS

AN ENABLING
PLANNING
POLICY

PRODUCTIVITY
INVESTMENT



FAIRNESS IN
THE SUPPLY
CHAIN

ACCESS TO
WATER



ACCESS TO
SUSTAINABLE
GROWING
MEDIA



ACCESS TO
ENVIRONMENTAL
FUNDING
SCHEMES

NFU Horticulture Strategy



Contractual relationships in the UK fresh produce industry

Overview

The UK government is committed to tackling contractual unfairness where it exists in the agri-food supply chain. At the UK Farm to Fork Summit held at Downing Street on 16 May 2023 the UK government announced a new review into fairness in the horticulture supply chain to support British farmers and improve food security. This builds on the reviews we already have underway using powers under s.29 of the Agriculture Act 2020 to improve transparency and fair contractual dealing in the dairy and pork sectors, and in October launched a review of the egg sector. The focus of this review is on fresh produce in the edible horticulture sector, referred to as ‘fresh produce’ throughout this consultation.

There are hundreds of different fresh produce crops which vary greatly in terms of the market the produce is sold to, growing conditions, and perishability. Industry and government have developed various methods for grouping fresh produce crops; however, there is no one consistent method that meets every need. To reflect existing grouping methods whilst meeting the specific needs of

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Growers – share your views on the horticulture supply chain

16 January 2024

Text only view

Horticulture and potatoes Fairness for farmers and growers



The NFU is responding to Defra's supply chain review on the horticulture sector and wants to hear from growers to help shape its response.

As promised following the [Farm to Fork Summit](#) at Number Ten in May 2023, Defra is currently consulting on fairness in the horticulture supply chain to support British farmers and improve food security.

Commenting on the review, NFU Horticulture Board chair Martin Emmett said: "I urge all growers to have their say in this government consultation to give us the best chance of enacting much-needed change, including those growers of plants and flowers that supply the major grocery retailers."

Have your say

Your answers will help to inform future policy as part of the NFU's response to Defra's consultation on fairness in the horticulture supply chain.