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Supply Chain Development
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Supply Chain Feeder Events

A number of Feeder Events are being arranged to help stimulate ideas for supply chain development and encourage group formation. Further information is available from Countryside Agri-Rural Partnership, Supply Chain Development Team. Applicants do not have to have attended Feeder Events before applying to the main Supply Chain Development Programme.

Although the Supply Chain Development Programme may be funded through until the closure of the Rural Development Programme in 2013, potential applicants are advised to make early application to ensure that funding remains available.



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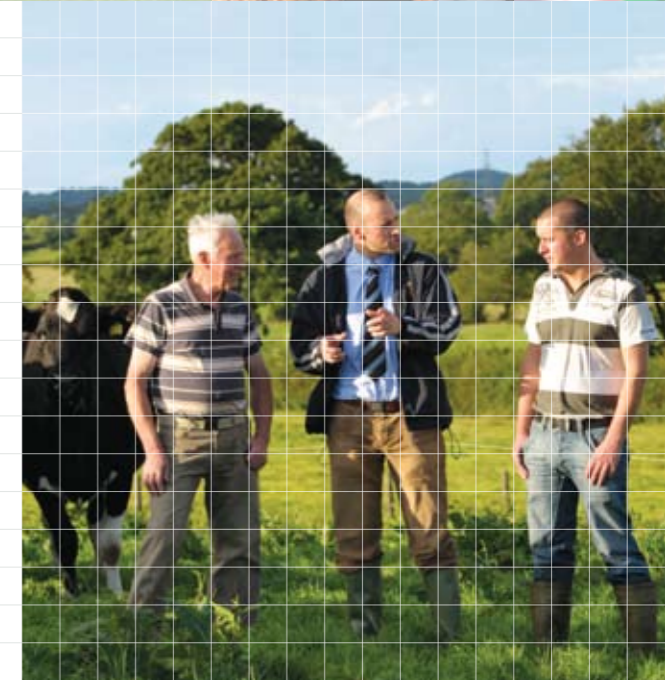


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Developing your Supply Chain

Adding Value To Your Business



Supply Chain

Introducing: The Supply Chain Development Programme

The Supply Chain Development Programme supports farmers working together, and with others, to improve the rewards from their supply chain.

It provides expert guidance and financial assistance for the formation and development of new and existing groups with a focus on marketing.

Eligibility

Groups of farmers with partners further along their respective supply chains in the common agri-food, horticulture, forestry and renewable energy sectors are eligible to apply. Groups must consist of two or more interested parties.

The Programme provides support for:

• Facilitation

A professional business facilitator will be provided, without charge to the group, to work with the members and progress its supply chain development ideas.

The facilitator will be assigned to each applicant group and be available throughout the life of the application up to a maximum of two years. The scheme permits groups to receive no more than 5 days facilitation per month or 10 days mentoring per year.

• Training

Up to £5000 per group is available towards the full cost of training members to develop the capability of the group to achieve its goals.

• Use of Business Tools

Up to £5000 is available to cover the full cost of management tools, and expertise in their use, linked to the development or implementation of a business/action plan for the group.

• Co-operation Support

50% funding to a maximum of £2500 is available towards costs associated with co-operation, including professional advice or services for the group.

• Study Tours

75% of the cost per participant up to a maximum of £3000 per group is available for study tours linked closely to the development needs of the group.

At the conclusion of the process groups will:

- Be in a position to move forward with an outline business/action plan.
 - Have an agreed management and legal structure.
 - Have the necessary skills to progress the business.
 - Have used appropriate and necessary business tools.
- or
- Have taken an informed decision on an alternative course of action.

Successful groups will also, where appropriate, be in a position to make an application for support under other schemes such as the EU Agricultural and Forestry Marketing Development Grant Scheme.



How to apply

To receive more information and an application pack for the Supply Chain Development Programme and the associated Feeder Events, please complete and return the form below.

Alternatively, visit our website www.countrysiderural.co.uk or contact Supply Chain using the telephone number or email address given overleaf.

Name

Address

Postcode

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I am interested in:

Supply Chain Development and Feeder Events

The Feeder Events only