

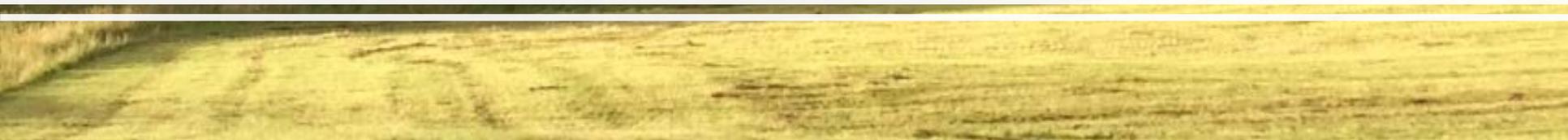
A farmers perspective  
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**Lurgan Farm 800ft – 2,500ft**



# Livestock



30 Continental cross cows  
300 Continental cross ewes

# Livestock



150 Pure bred Cheviots  
150 Pure bred Blackys

# Livestock



30 Pure Highland cows



# Why A Farmers Perspective

- 1. Farmers and Crofters are responsible for land use on 5.7million Ha equating to 73% of Scotland's land mass.
- 2. There are currently more than 1.5 million Ha of farmland currently managed under agri-environment schemes.



# Knowledge and Experience

- Farmers and Crofters have generations of experience and understanding of how not only to produce food but also how to best care for our environment.



## Previous Environmental Schemes since early 80's

- **ESA** Environmentally sensitive areas
- **CPS** Countryside premium scheme
- **RSS** Rural stewardship scheme
- **RP** Rural Priorities
- **AECS** Agri environment climate scheme



# Times have changed. The early years



# Little interference



# Criticism

- Extensive use of chemicals
- Intensive farming systems
- Carbon emissions
- Support payments

# Biodiversity



We need to be very aware of the fact that too much protection given to only one species in an area can have a huge impact on the survival of many others.

# Selection of on Farm Animals



Red Squirrels

Owls

Sparrow Hawks

Buzzards

Hen Harriers

Curlews

Hares

Frogs

Otters

Deer

Rabbits

Beavers

Wood Peckers

Hedge Hogs

Oyster Catchers

Lapwings



# Recognition



# Next Generation



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