

# The NFU Democratic Structure...



The NFU is governed by its Constitution and Rules. Under the Constitution and Rules the NFU shall maintain a number of bodies, which are responsible for the Governance of the NFU...

## National Officeholders

Consisting of the President, the Deputy President and the Vice President elected in accordance with the Constitution and the Rules.

## NFU Council

- The Governing body of the NFU is NFU Council, an elected body of farmer members that meets quarterly.
- Comprises:
  - Council Representative of each county (other than the Isle of Wight);
  - County Chair of each county;
  - Welsh Representatives;
  - National Officeholders;
  - Chairs of such National Commodity Boards;
  - A representative of Farmer & Grower Controlled Business Sector Members as approved by Council from time to time;
  - Chair of the Legal Board;
  - A representative of the National Pig Association or its successor body (if any), such representative being notified in writing to the Secretary by the National Pig Association (or its successor body) from time to time;
- Representatives of other agricultural associations as Council may determine from time to time, such representatives being notified in writing to the Secretary by the relevant association from time to time;
- A representative of the Young Farmers' Club, such representative being notified in writing to the Secretary by the Young Farmers' Club from time to time.

## Governance Board

- Responsible for setting the financial strategy, annual budget and management of the resources of the NFU.
- Comprises National Officeholders, DG, President NFU Cymru, five National Commodity Board Chairs and Regional Board Chairs, each elected by Council.

## Food, Farming and Environment Board

- Responsible for determining NFU's policy priorities and setting its work programme.
- Comprises National Officeholders, DG, President NFU Cymru, Chairs of each National Commodity Board, Director of Policy.

## National Commodity Boards

National Commodity Boards in respect of the following commodities may be established and maintained:

- Livestock
- Dairy
- Combinable Crops
- Such other agricultural and environmental interests as Council may from time to time determine.

Comprises: Chairs of each Regional Commodity Board and the Chair of the Welsh Commodity Board in respect of the relevant commodity or interest and any Appointed National Commodity Board Members.

National Commodity Boards in respect of the following commodities may be established and maintained:

- Horticulture and Potatoes
- Poultry
- Such other agricultural and environmental interests as Council may from time to time determine.

Comprises: Nominated members who are active within the relevant commodity sector, selected by a committee appointed for the purpose by the President.

## Regional Commodity Boards

- Each region may establish and maintain a regional commodity board in respect of the following commodities and interests:
  - Combinable crops
  - Dairy
  - Livestock
  - Sugar
  - Horticulture and Potatoes
  - Poultry
  - And such other agricultural and environmental interests as Council may from time to time determine.
- Comprises up to two representatives from each county.

## Audit and Remuneration Committee

Responsible for reviewing the NFU's financial procedures and setting the honoraria of those entitled under the NFU Constitution.

Comprises: Five Council members (not members of the Governance Board, Food, Farming and Environment Board or Legal Board) elected by Council.

## Legal Board

Responsible for the management and strategy of the Legal Assistance Scheme and its funds.

Comprises: 7 subscriber members, 4 nominated by the Regional Boards plus NFU Cymru, and 2 co-opted appointments ratified by Governance Board.

## Regional Boards

- Each Region has a Regional Board which comprises
- County Chairs of each county in the Region
- Council Representative of each county in the Region
- Chair of each of the Regional Commodity Boards

