100 Years of the NFU

Key events and legislation 1908-2008

The NFU has made representations on behalf of farmers and growers in England and Wales on the following laws and on many, many more...

NFU formed

1908 — NFU President: *1909-17: Colin Campbell*

1911 — Protection of Animals Act

1912 — Milk & Dairies Act

1917: Edward Mols Nunneley

WW1: 1914-18

1918

1919: *F Herbert Padwick*

1920 — Agriculture Act

1920: E W Langford

1921: Rowland Robbins

1921 — Corn Production Repeal Act

Government's "Great Betrayal" of Agriculture Act

1922: James Donaldson-Harry German

1923: T H Ryland

1926 — Wild Birds Protection Bill

1926: E W Langford

1927: Sir Thomas Baxter

1928

1928: Tom Williams

1929: John Garton

1930 — Land Drainage Act

1930: Capt E T Morris

1931: E. W. K. Slade

1933 — Creation of Milk Marketing Board

1932: Mervyn T Davies

1938

1933: B J Gates

1934: Stanley Ratcliff

1935: John H Wain

1937 — Agriculture Act

1936-37: Col Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith

1938: George Gibbard

1939-41: Sir Tom Peacock

WW2: 1939-45

1942: Christopher Neville

1943: Capt J Templeton

1944: J K Knowles

1945-1960: Sir James Turner, Baron Netherthorpe

1947 — Agriculture Act

1948 — Agricultural Holdings Act

1949 — National Parks & Access to the Countryside Act

1950 — Wool Marketing Act

1950 — Tomato & Cucumber Marketing Scheme Order

1954 — Meat rationing ended

1955 — Potato Marketing Scheme

1956 — Agriculture Safety, Health & Welfare Provisions Act

1956 — British Egg Marketing Scheme Order

1958

1960-66: Sir Harold Woolley, Baron Woolley of Hatton

1963 — Water Resources Act

1964 — Plant Variety & Seeds Act

1965 — Commons Registration Act

1966-70: Sir Gwilym Williams

1967 — Tractor Cab Regulations

1968

1970 — Equal Pay Act

1970-79: Sir Henry Plumb, Lord Plumb of Coleshill

1973 — UK joins the Common Market

1974 — Control of Pollution Act

Badgers Act

1975 — Finance Act

1978

1979-86: Sir Richard Butler

1981 — Wildlife and Countryside Act

Animal Health Act

1984 — Introduction of milk quotas

1986 — Pesticides Regulations

1986-91: Sir Simon Gourlay

1988 — Set-aside Regulations

BSE Order

1991-98: Sir David Nash

1991 — Nitrates Directive

1992 — MacSharry Reforms

1993 — Crop Residues Burning Regulation

1995 — Environment Act

1996 — Prohibition of Export of Live Bovine Animals from the UK

1998-2004: Sir Ben Gill

1999 — Food Standards Agency established

2000 — Water Framework Directive

2001 — Foot and Mouth Disease crisis

Countryside & Rights of Way Act

2004-06: Tim Bennett

2003 — Reform of the CAP

2004 — Gangmasters Act

2006+: Peter Kendall

2007 — UK Climate Change Bill

2008 — CAP Health Check

2008