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GRANTS FOR WATER AND FORESTRY SCHEMES BOOSTING RURAL ECONOMY



The Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) Countryside Productivity Scheme is to provide further grants for projects in England that improve productivity in the farming and forestry sectors, helping create jobs and growth in the rural economy.

Up to 40 per cent of eligible costs could be covered by RDPE for farmers investing in equipment to boost farm productivity and, in turn, revenue through water management and forestry enhancement.

Andrew Bays, partner at BCM Rural Property Specialists, based in Winchester, explains:

“Any farmer who intends to enhance established irrigation systems or expand capacity should look into this before the deadline on April 3, 2018.

“Grants can cover any range of equipment from boom irrigators or fencing of synthetic lined reservoirs to pump houses. All projects part-funded by the RDPE will help boost efficiency and safeguard the existing water sources becoming ever more important to modern arable farming.

“Improving forestry productivity through the RDPE grant can provide rural employment whilst enhancing revenue streams that an agricultural business may otherwise disregard. Substantial but irregular investments in forestry equipment that can initiate expansion in forestry enterprises or equally, further collaboration between private forest owners, are aided by this scheme.

“Subject to the individual situation, these grants could prove valuable support to any qualifying projects.”

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