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## Older UK farmers to get \$140,000 for retiring

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210524-farming.html>

The government in the United Kingdom wants to change its farming industry. It wants younger people to enter the profession. It has a new plan to pay older farmers to retire. Some older farmers could get up to \$140,000 in cash if they retire. One of the reasons the government wants older farmers to retire is to protect the environment. Older farmers use more traditional methods to farm their land. These methods are not as environmentally friendly as they should be. The UK's farming minister believes younger farmers are more open to "green" methods. He said: "A fresh perspective can make a world of difference." He added that older farmers were "standing in the way of change".

The average age of farmers in the UK is 59. Around 40 per cent of them are above the age of 65. The farming minister said: "We need to address the twin challenges of helping new [farmers] fulfill their dream of gaining access to land, while also helping an older generation to retire with dignity." The scheme is popular with many veteran farmers. A farmers' association said 75 per cent of its farmers were interested in the retirement plan. The UK's National Farmers' Union welcomed the government's plan. It said: "We want to see a fair transition which allows farmers who are considering leaving the industry to have sufficient time and information to make those life-changing decisions."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. FARMS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about farms. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

government / industry / retire / farmers / cash / traditional / environment / green / address / challenges / dream / dignity / veteran / transition / time / information

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. FARMING:** Students A **strongly** believe farming is the world's most important industry; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. KINDS OF FARMING:** How important are these kinds of farming? What problems might there be? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Importance	Problems
Rice		
Cattle		
Chicken		
Coffee		
Wheat		
Fish		

**5. CASH:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "cash". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. FARMERS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about being a farmer at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Being on the land
- Growing things
- Having no boss
- Beautiful views
- Animals
- Driving a tractor
- Healthy lifestyle
- Money

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 1. industry    | a. A paid occupation, especially one that involves prolonged training and a formal qualification. |
| 2. profession  | b. Keep safe from harm or injury.   |
| 3. cash        | c. A way of looking at something; a viewpoint.  |
| 4. protect     | d. Money (coins or cash).   |
| 5. traditional | e. A particular way of doing something.   |
| 6. method      | f. Business activity concerned with growing or making things.                                     |
| 7. perspective | g. Something that has been done for a long time.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 8. average     | h. Do something about a problem.   |
| 9. address     | i. To get something done that you wanted to do.                                |
| 10. fulfill    | j. Enough.   |
| 11. generation | k. The state or quality of being worthy of honor or respect.                   |
| 12. dignity    | l. All of the people born and living at about the same time.                   |
| 13. transition | m. A number that shows the most normal or usual of something.                  |
| 14. sufficient | n. The process or a period of changing from one state or condition to another. |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210524-farming.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The farming industry in the UK wants to change the government. **T / F**
2. All UK farmers will get \$140,000 if they retire. **T / F**
3. The UK government said older farmers are less environmentally friendly. **T / F**
4. The government said older farmers are standing in the way of change. **T / F**
5. The average age of a farmer in the UK is 40. **T / F**
6. The UK wants to address two issues related to farming. **T / F**
7. The government's plan is popular with many older farmers. **T / F**
8. A farmers' union said farmers don't need time to make decisions. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>change</b>      | a. enough       |
| 2. <b>profession</b>  | b. thinks       |
| 3. <b>methods</b>     | c. deal with    |
| 4. <b>believes</b>    | d. practices    |
| 5. <b>perspective</b> | e. long-serving |
| 6. <b>address</b>     | f. viewpoint    |
| 7. <b>fulfill</b>     | g. reshape      |
| 8. <b>veteran</b>     | h. greeted      |
| 9. <b>welcomed</b>    | i. business     |
| 10. <b>sufficient</b> | j. achieve      |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. It wants younger people to enter         | a. farmers in the UK is 59 |
| 2. protect the                              | b. changing decisions      |
| 3. These methods are not as environmentally | c. world of difference     |
| 4. A fresh perspective can make a           | d. environment             |
| 5. farmers were standing in the way         | e. with dignity            |
| 6. The average age of                       | f. the profession          |
| 7. We need to address the twin              | g. transition              |
| 8. helping an older generation to retire    | h. of change               |
| 9. We want to see a fair                    | i. challenges              |
| 10. make those life-                        | j. friendly                |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210524-farming.html>

The government in the United Kingdom wants to change its farming (1) \_\_\_\_\_. It wants younger people to enter the (2) \_\_\_\_\_. It has a new plan to pay older farmers to retire. Some older farmers could get up to \$140,000 in (3) \_\_\_\_\_ if they retire. One of the reasons the government wants older farmers to retire is to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the environment. Older farmers use more traditional methods to farm their land. These methods are not as environmentally (5) \_\_\_\_\_ as they should be. The UK's farming minister believes younger farmers are more open to "(6) \_\_\_\_\_" methods. He said: "A (7) \_\_\_\_\_ perspective can make a world of difference." He added that older farmers were "standing in the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of change".

*friendly*  
*profession*  
*protect*  
*way*  
*industry*  
*green*  
*fresh*  
*cash*

The average age of farmers in the UK is 59. Around 40 per cent of them are above the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of 65. The farming minister said: "We need to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the twin challenges of helping new [farmers] fulfill their (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of gaining access to land, while also helping an older generation to retire with dignity." The scheme is (12) \_\_\_\_\_ with many (13) \_\_\_\_\_ farmers. A farmers' association said 75 per cent of its farmers were interested in the retirement plan. The UK's National Farmers' Union (14) \_\_\_\_\_ the government's plan. It said: "We want to see a fair transition which allows farmers who are considering leaving the industry to have (15) \_\_\_\_\_ time and information to make those life-changing (16) \_\_\_\_\_."

*dream*  
*veteran*  
*decisions*  
*sufficient*  
*address*  
*welcomed*  
*age*  
*popular*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210524-farming.html>

- 1) The government in the United Kingdom wants to change \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. its farming industrial
  - b. its farm in industry
  - c. its far Ming industry
  - d. its farming industry
- 2) It wants younger people to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. re-enter the profession
  - b. entry the profession
  - c. entrance the professional
  - d. enter the profession
- 3) It has a new plan to pay older \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. farmers tour tire
  - b. farmers to retry
  - c. farmers too re time
  - d. farmers to retire
- 4) Older farmers use more traditional methods to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. farm their land
  - b. farming their land
  - c. farm there land
  - d. farm there'll land
- 5) He added that older farmers were standing in the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. why off change
  - b. way of change
  - c. way of changed
  - d. weigh of changes
- 6) Around 40 per cent of them are above the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. aged of 65
  - b. old of 65
  - c. wage of 65
  - d. age of 65
- 7) The farming minister said: "We need to address \_\_\_\_\_."
  - a. the twins challenges
  - b. the twin challenges
  - c. the twinned challenges
  - d. that win challenges
- 8) while also helping an older generation to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. retire with dignify
  - b. retire with dig nifty
  - c. retire with digital
  - d. retire with dignity
- 9) want to see a fair transition which allows farmers who are considering \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. leave in the industry
  - b. leaver the industry
  - c. leaving the industry
  - d. leaf in the industry
- 10) have sufficient time and information to make those \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. life-changing decisions
  - b. live-changing decisions
  - c. rife-changing decisions
  - d. rifle-changing decisions

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210524-farming.html>

The government in the United Kingdom (1) \_\_\_\_\_ its farming industry. It wants younger people to enter the profession. It has a new (2) \_\_\_\_\_ older farmers to retire. Some older farmers could get up to \$140,000 in cash if they retire. One of the reasons the government wants older farmers to retire (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the environment. Older farmers use more traditional methods to farm their land. (4) \_\_\_\_\_ not as environmentally friendly as they should be. The UK's farming minister believes younger farmers are more open to "green" methods. He said: "(5) \_\_\_\_\_ can make a world of difference." He added that older farmers were "standing in the (6) \_\_\_\_\_".

The (7) \_\_\_\_\_ farmers in the UK is 59. Around 40 per cent of them are above the age of 65. The farming minister said: "We need to address the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ helping new [farmers] fulfill their dream of gaining access to land, while also helping an older generation to (9) \_\_\_\_\_." The scheme is popular with many veteran farmers. A farmers' association said 75 per cent of its farmers (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the retirement plan. The UK's National Farmers' Union welcomed the government's plan. It said: "We want to see a fair transition which allows farmers (11) \_\_\_\_\_ leaving the industry to have sufficient time and information to make those (12) \_\_\_\_\_."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210524-farming.html>

1. Who does the UK government want to enter the farming profession?
2. What is one reason the UK government wants older farmers to retire?
3. What methods does the article say older farmers use?
4. What does the article say younger farmers are more open to?
5. What did a farming minister say older farmers are standing in the way of?
6. What is the average age of a UK farmer?
7. How many challenges did the farming minister he wants to address?
8. How many farmers in an association were interested in the plan?
9. Who does the article say welcomed the government's plan?
10. What kind of decisions to older farmers need time to make?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210524-farming.html>

- 1) Who does the UK government want to enter the farming profession?
  - a) children
  - b) younger people
  - c) big companies
  - d) politicians
- 2) What is one reason the UK government wants older farmers to retire?
  - a) to save money
  - b) to grow more food
  - c) to thank them
  - d) to protect the environment
- 3) What methods does the article say older farmers use?
  - a) green methods
  - b) agricultural methods
  - c) traditional methods
  - d) new methods
- 4) What does the article say younger farmers are more open to?
  - a) "green" methods
  - b) making money
  - c) social distance
  - d) genetically-modified food
- 5) What did a farming minister say older farmers are standing in the way of?
  - a) tractors
  - b) change
  - c) crops
  - d) traffic
- 6) What is the average age of a UK farmer?
  - a) 59
  - b) 65
  - c) 40
  - d) 75
- 7) How many challenges did the farming minister he wants to address?
  - a) three
  - b) four
  - c) two
  - d) one
- 8) How many farmers in an association were interested in the plan?
  - a) 75%
  - b) 65%
  - c) 59%
  - d) 40%
- 9) Who does the article say welcomed the government's plan?
  - a) retired farmers
  - b) young farmers
  - c) dairy farmers
  - d) the National Farmers' Union
- 10) What kinds of decisions do older farmers need time to make?
  - a) when to plant seeds
  - b) decisions to rotate crops
  - c) life-changing decisions
  - d) what seeds to plant

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210524-farming.html>

## **Role A – Growing Things**

You think growing things is the best thing about being a farmer. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): being with animals, a healthy lifestyle or money.

## **Role B – Being with Animals**

You think being with animals is the best thing about being a farmer. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): growing things, a healthy lifestyle or money.

## **Role C – Healthy Lifestyle**

You think a healthy lifestyle is the best thing about being a farmer. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): being with animals, growing things or money.

## **Role D – Money**

You think money is the best thing about being a farmer. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): being with animals, a healthy lifestyle or growing things.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210524-farming.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'farmer' and 'retire'.

<b>farmer</b>	<b>retire</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• change</li><li>• cash</li><li>• reasons</li><li>• more</li><li>• believe</li><li>• way</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• average</li><li>• address</li><li>• older</li><li>• 75</li><li>• fair</li><li>• make</li></ul>
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# FARMING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210524-farming.html>

Write five GOOD questions about farming in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# FARMING DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'farm'?
3. What do you think of farming?
4. What is the job of a farmer like?
5. Would you be a good farmer?
6. How much do farmers protect the environment?
7. Should we all grow our own food?
8. What do you think of farms?
9. How difficult or dangerous is farming?
10. At what age would you like to retire?

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# FARMING DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'farmer'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How important is farming?
15. What kind of farming would you like to do?
16. What more can farmers do to protect the environment?
17. Is a job on a farm or in an office best?
18. What was the last life-changing decision you made?
19. What advice do you have for farmers?
20. What questions would you like to ask a farmer?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210524-farming.html>

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The average age of farmers in the UK is 59. Around 40 per cent of them are (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the age of 65. The farming minister said: "We need to address the twin challenges of helping new [farmers] fulfill their dream of gaining access to land, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ also helping an older generation to retire (9) \_\_\_\_\_ dignity." The scheme is popular with many veteran farmers. A farmers' association said 75 per cent of its farmers were interested (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the retirement plan. The UK's National Farmers' Union welcomed the government's plan. It said: "We want to see a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ transition which allows farmers who are considering leaving the industry to have sufficient time and information to make (12) \_\_\_\_\_ life-changing decisions."

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |             |               |               |               |
|-----|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) entrant | (b) entertain | (c) entrance  | (d) enter     |
| 2.  | (a) salary  | (b) purchase  | (c) sell      | (d) pay       |
| 3.  | (a) raisins | (b) reasons   | (c) reasoning | (d) resonance |
| 4.  | (a) much    | (b) lot       | (c) more      | (d) loads     |
| 5.  | (a) be      | (b) have      | (c) do        | (d) dig       |
| 6.  | (a) of      | (b) to        | (c) on        | (d) by        |
| 7.  | (a) height  | (b) top       | (c) higher    | (d) above     |
| 8.  | (a) while   | (b) whole     | (c) whim      | (d) where     |
| 9.  | (a) on      | (b) with      | (c) at        | (d) by        |
| 10. | (a) on      | (b) at        | (c) in        | (d) of        |
| 11. | (a) flair   | (b) fare      | (c) fair      | (d) fear      |
| 12. | (a) what    | (b) those     | (c) which     | (d) them      |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210524-farming.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. change its farming nidrutsy
2. younger people to enter the srfesionpo
3. ctperot the environment
4. Older farmers use more atdrlaition methods
5. The UK's farming mesirnit
6. A fresh irpscpveete

## Paragraph 2

7. The vegeaar age of farmers
8. We need to rsdaesd the twin challenges
9. their dream of gaining casesc to land
10. The mecseh is popular
11. many ranveet farmers
12. have uisfctein time and information

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210524-farming.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) time and information to make those life-changing decisions."
- ( **1** ) The government in the United Kingdom wants to change its farming industry. It wants younger people to
- ( ) as environmentally friendly as they should be. The UK's farming minister believes younger
- ( ) enter the profession. It has a new plan to pay older farmers to retire. Some older farmers could get
- ( ) up to \$140,000 in cash if they retire. One of the reasons the government wants older farmers to retire is to protect
- ( ) of difference." He added that older farmers were "standing in the way of change".
- ( ) veteran farmers. A farmers' association said 75 per cent of its farmers were interested
- ( ) transition which allows farmers who are considering leaving the industry to have sufficient
- ( ) The average age of farmers in the UK is 59. Around 40 per cent of them are above the age
- ( ) of gaining access to land, while also helping an older generation to retire with dignity." The scheme is popular with many
- ( ) in the retirement plan. The UK's National Farmers' Union welcomed the government's plan. It said: "We want to see a fair
- ( ) farmers are more open to "green" methods. He said: "A fresh perspective can make a world
- ( ) of 65. The farming minister said: "We need to address the twin challenges of helping new [farmers] fulfill their dream
- ( ) the environment. Older farmers use more traditional methods to farm their land. These methods are not

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210524-farming.html>

1. wants the people younger It profession . enter to
2. traditional use farm . more to Older farmers methods
3. methods . more "green" open to are farmers Younger
4. difference . Fresh of a world can make perspectives
5. of in standing change . way were Farmers the
6. to need We challenges . the twin address
7. dream gaining of access to land . their Fulfill
8. popular is The farmers . scheme many with veteran
9. a to fair We want transition . see
10. are who the considering leaving Farmers industry .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210524-farming.html>

The government in the United Kingdom wants to change its farming *industry* / *industrial*. It wants younger people *to* / *for* enter the profession. It has a new plan to pay older farmers to retire. Some older farmers could get up to \$140,000 *on* / *in* cash if they *require* / *retire*. One of the reasons the government wants older farmers to retire is to *project* / *protect* the environment. Older farmers use more traditional methods to *farm* / *harm* their land. These methods are not as environmentally *amicable* / *friendly* as they should be. The UK's farming minister believes younger farmers are more *wide* / *open* to "green" methods. He said: "A *fresh* / *flesh* perspective can make a world of difference." He added that older farmers were "*standing* / *sitting* in the way of change".

The average *old* / *age* of farmers in the UK is 59. Around 40 per cent of them are *higher* / *above* the age of 65. The farming minister said: "We need to address the *twin* / *twins* challenges of helping new [farmers] fulfill their dream *of* / *to* gaining access to land, while also *helps* / *helping* an older generation to retire with dignity." The scheme is popular *with* / *at* many veteran farmers. A farmers' association said 75 per cent of its farmers were interested *in* / *on* the retirement plan. The UK's National Farmers' Union welcomed the government's *plant* / *plan*. It said: "We want to see a fair transition which allows farmers *who* / *what* are considering leaving the industry to have *sufficiently* / *sufficient* time and information to make those life-changing decisions."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the government in the united kingdom wants to change its farming industry it wants younger people to enter the profession it has a new plan to pay older farmers to retire some older farmers could get up to 140000 in cash if they retire one of the reasons the government wants older farmers to retire is to protect the environment older farmers use more traditional methods to farm their land these methods are not as environmentally friendly as they should be the uks farming minister believes younger farmers are more open to green methods he said a fresh perspective can make a world of difference he added that older farmers were standing in the way of change

the average age of farmers in the uk is 59 around 40 per cent of them are above the age of 65 the farming minister said we need to address the twin challenges of helping new farmers fulfill their dream of gaining access to land while also helping an older generation to retire with dignity the scheme is popular with many veteran farmers a farmers association said 75 per cent of its farmers were interested in the retirement plan the uks national farmers union welcomed the governments plan it said we want to see a fair transition which allows farmers who are considering leaving the industry to have sufficient time and information to make those lifechanging decisions

## PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210524-farming.html>

We should only buy vegetables frown using green farming methods. Discuss.

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# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. FARMING:** Make a poster about farming. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. GREEN:** Write a magazine article about requiring all farming to be very, very green. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on farming. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on farming. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. f    2. a    3. d    4. b    5. g    6. e    7. c  
8. m    9. h    10. i    11. l    12. k    13. n    14. j

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 F    3 T    4 T    5 F    6 T    7 T    8 F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. i	3. d	4. b	5. f
6. c	7. j	8. e	9. h	10. a

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Younger people
2. To protect the environment
3. Traditional methods
4. "Green" methods
5. Change
6. 59
7. Two
8. 75%
9. The National Farmers' Union
10. Life-changing decisions

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. It wants younger people to enter the profession.
2. Older farmers use more traditional methods to farm.
3. Younger farmers are more open to "green" methods.
4. Fresh perspectives can make a world of difference.
5. Farmers were standing in the way of change.
6. We need to address the twin challenges.
7. Fulfill their dream of gaining access to land.
8. The scheme is popular with many veteran farmers.
9. We want to see a fair transition.
10. Farmers who are considering leaving the industry.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b    2. d    3. c    4. a    5. b    6. a    7. c    8. a    9. d    10. c

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)