

AHDB Beef & Lamb BRP Farmer Innovation Grant – (FIG)

Objective

- To support innovative farmers to test or assess best practice or new ideas in a farm situation which they feel would lead to better returns.
- To generate a number of on-farm case studies of best practice in action to share with the wider industry.

How FIG works?

AHDB Beef & Lamb is offering funding to support groups of farmers wanting to adopt and evaluate an element of best practice on their farms or try out a new piece of technology. The funding is made over a one-year period and will generally have a ceiling of £5,000. The funding allows groups of farmers to get technical help to set up their project and cover some of the costs associated. This could include example data collection and analysis, or advice on the best approach to address an issue on their farms. A budget for expected expenditure is required with an application. Funding for novel equipment is limited to £1,000 per project and at the discretion of AHDB Beef & Lamb.

Farmer groups will be expected to contribute some of their own money and time to the project, which should be shown in the proposal as a farmer contribution.

One of the conditions of the funding is that a report will be provided to AHDB Beef & Lamb to allow the lessons learnt to be communicated to other levy payers. A farm walk or event may also be requested to demonstrate the outcomes to other farmers.

Who can apply?

All English beef or sheep farmers are welcome to apply. There should be at least three farmers in a group. Groups may be supported by a supply chain, veterinary practice or breed society.

What do we want from you?

Your enthusiasm to address an on-farm issue which could lead to improved returns to your livestock enterprise. As part of the grant, an interim progress report and a final report are required, and a willingness to contribute to a communication plan to inform the wider English beef and lamb community of the results. This may involve a farm event or articles to share lessons learnt from the project.

How do you apply?

A call for 2015/16 funding is open until **7 February 2016**. Proposals will be assessed and awarded by the beginning of March, for commencement by 1st May 2016 following completion of contracts. The FIG application form is attached. Please complete and return to brp@ahdb.org.uk or call 024 7647 8834 with any questions.