

Future Farming Investment Scheme

The Scottish Government's [Future Farm Investment Scheme](#) (FFIS) 2025 is a £14m "capital grant scheme designed to help eligible active **farmers and crofters improve the environmental performance of their agricultural business in terms of climate change and biodiversity benefits.**"

The scheme opens on 14th July and closes on 22nd August 2025.

Grants will be awarded to farmers and crofters in Scotland, dependent on them being able to effectively demonstrate that their purchase(s) can **meet at least one of these objectives:**

- **improve business efficiency and sustainability**
- **protect, restore or enhance the environment**
- **reduce greenhouse gas emissions**
- **mitigate the effect of climate change**

The grants available vary depending on the size of farm - for instance, for farms of 30 hectares or less, the maximum grant that could be applied for would be up to £5,000, while farms over 150 hectares could be eligible to apply for up to £20,000. There is no minimum amount of support which can be applied for. Funding can cover up to 100% of eligible investment costs. Find out more about the scheme [here](#).

There is not a prescribed list of items to purchase from - you can see the A-Z list of eligible items [here](#). Farmers are able to choose items that are relevant to their business, ensuring they meet one of the scheme's four objectives. **Additionally, it is important to note that you should not place an order until any funding is approved.** If your application is approved, you'll have nine months to spend it on your chosen equipment. If you're applying, make sure you read the full Future Farm Investment Scheme guidance [here](#).

Numnuts®

If you are looking at castration and tail docking devices that minimise pain, as outlined on the A-Z of eligible items, and to adhere to the objective of improving your business' efficiency and sustainability, look no further than [Numnuts®](#). Get yourself prepared for next lambing season with the 2-in-1 device that administers an Elastrator® ring along with a pre-calibrated dose of local anaesthetic. This device makes giving fast-acting **targeted pain relief for castration and tail docking of lambs easy, fast, and safe.**



Benefits of using Numnuts®

- Revolutionary patented device combines tail docking and castration with targeted pain relief, all in one handled unit
- Reduced labour time/cost
- Dual Stage Injector technology prevents accidental injections
- Easy priming
- Accurate dosing
- No weighing or weight estimation required – simple one dose amount for all lamb sizes, for both tail & testes
- Needle safe
- Simple needle changeover

2-Stage Injector

Delivers a pre-calibrated 1.5ml dose of local anaesthetic

Fluid Junction

Change every 2,000 lambs

Needle - high quality, stainless steel

Replace after every second bottle

Uses standard rubber rings

Allows tail docking & castration

Up to 12 weeks of age

Local anaesthetic

Source directly from your usual vet

Numnuts® bottle mount

Allows you to use any 100mL bottle of local anaesthetic

Numnuts® Device

Ergonomically designed

The Law in Scotland

In 2025, the Scottish Government confirmed that farmers in Scotland can legally use Numnuts® for castrating or tail docking lambs up to 12 weeks old, provided an anaesthetic is administered. This clarification brings significant relief to Scottish farmers and veterinarians seeking reassurance on the legality of using Numnuts®, which minimises the pain and distress associated with traditional rubber ringing procedures. Numnuts® adheres to animal welfare standards and provides a compassionate alternative to older methods.



Elastrator® Automatic Ring Dispenser

If you're looking to speed up your tail docking and castration next lambing season, make reloading rings onto your Numnuts® device easy with the Elastrator® Automatic Ring Dispenser. Pour your rings into the top of the dispenser and let it do the work of arranging the rings, ready to quickly and easily pick up, letting you carry on with marking with less fuss. You can view more [here](#).

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