

**Farmer Scientist
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THE IMPLICATIONS OF
'BREXIT'

FOR UK AGRICULTURE

A REPORT FOR THE YORKSHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY


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BREXIT & AGRICULTURE

The Yorkshire Agricultural Society's 'YAS Brexit Working Party' was established in 2015 following concerns as to the impact of Britain's exit from the EU (Brexit) on UK Agriculture highlighted by their technical network, the Farmer-Scientist Network.

The YAS Brexit Working Party brings together farmers within Yorkshire and academics across the UK who have specialist knowledge and expertise within agriculture, law and world trade, to name a few.

Led by Prof Wyn Grant, University of Warwick, and member of the Farmer-Scientist Network, the YAS Working Party published the report 'The Implications of 'BREXIT for UK Agriculture' in February 2016 during the lead up to the referendum vote on continued British membership of the EU. The purpose was not to recommend how anyone should vote in the referendum; rather, in order that, those involved in agriculture might be better informed about the consequences for them of a British exit, the report identified issues that needed to be clarified in the referendum debate.

On the 27th February 2018, DEFRA launched their consultation to seek views on their Command Document for the future agricultural policy in England: 'Health and Harmony: the future for food, farming and the environment in a Green Brexit'. The YAS Brexit Working Party have again collaborated to contribute to the consultation which closed on Tuesday 8th May 2018.

The purpose of the contribution was to recommend a balanced and informed view on the proposed Command Document and to highlight any further aspects that the policy may need to consider.

You can read the response here: [YAS Brexit Working Party consultation response: Health and Harmony: The future for food, farming and the environment](#)

Previous reports from the YAS Brexit Working Party

February 2017: A series of papers to update farmers on the current considerations and consequences that will impact on the farming industry as we move towards developing new policies in preparation for our exit from the EU.

Paper 1: The Future of Pillar 1 Subsidies by Professor Wyn Grant, University of Warwick

Paper 2: Migrant Labour by Professor Wyn Grant, University of Warwick

Paper 3: The Agri-Food Sector, Brexit and International Trade. This paper was commissioned and originally published by the Food Retail Consortium on the 17th January 2017

Paper 4: Devolution Aspects of Brexit by Professor Alan Greer, University of the West of England

February 2016: 'The Implications of 'BREXIT for UK Agriculture' report's purpose was not to recommend how anyone should vote in the referendum on continued British membership of the EU. However, those involved in agriculture needed to be better informed about the consequences for them of a British exit. The report identified issues that needed to be clarified in the referendum debate.

Read the Executive Summary BREXIT which is available to download.

The full report 'The implications of BREXIT for UK agriculture' is available to download.

Documents available to download from www.yas.co.uk/brexit-and-agriculture