



Bounce without Breaking: Building Resilient Farm Businesses

Follow-up resource list

It certainly doesn't seem a month ago that we came together for our Future Farmers breakfast meeting at the Great Yorkshire Show, where a diverse industry panel examined the theme 'Bounce Without Breaking: Building Resilient Farm Businesses'. With help from our panel and sponsors, we have pulled together useful tips and resources:

Future Farmers of Yorkshire:

Future Farmers Mentorship Programme

Launched in 2022, the programme has been designed through industry collaboration and is aimed at Future Farmers of every age and business status. You will be matched with mentors from within the Future Farmers extensive membership who are experience in your specific area.

Your mentor will...

- Support you to evaluate your business aspirations
- Help you build your knowledge and open up new perspectives
- Provide focus, a listening ear and will help you to set goals
- Offer contacts and access to new networks
- Empower you in your decision making

Future Farmers Bursaries

We offer funded places to industry events and conferences such as:

- Groundswell
- NFU Conference
- Oxford Farming Conference
- Oxford Real Farming Conference
- RABDF Entrepreneurship in Dairying
- AHDB AgriLeader Forum

To find about more about the Mentorship Programme, bursaries and what else we can offer our members to support their personal development and improve farm resilience, please contact futurefarmers@yas.co.uk

AHDB

AHDB Farmbench

Farmbench is an online benchmarking tool that allows you to compare your farm to similar businesses. It helps you to identify where you can improve efficiency and increase profits.

To find out more about the AHDB's online benchmarking programme, please look at their [webpage](#) or contact a member of the Farmbench Team:

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AHDB AgriLeader

The AgriLeader programme challenges individuals from leading farms and businesses to develop the skills they need to drive their business forward.

To find out more about the AHDB AgriLeader programme in general, please look at their [webpage](#) or contact a member of the AgriLeader Team.

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In addition, please see below some information on just some of the activity from the AgriLeader team:

- [The AgriLeader Forum](#) – A national “conference” (for levy payers only) where you’ll meet likeminded farmers and be inspired by international speakers from outside the Ag industry.
***Save the date* – AgriLeader Forum 2024 in Manchester, 30-31 January 2024**
- [Talking Leaders](#) – A monthly broadcast where they bring you exciting, thought-provoking speakers to share their life experiences and lessons transferable to our sector.
- [The Labour life cycle](#) – A toolbox of HR and leadership resources to help you with all the steps of the labour life cycle and better manage your people.
- [AgriLeader 2030: “Bridging the gap” report](#) A research review of Leadership and Management Development in UK Agriculture.
- To receive AgriLeader event invitations and their regular newsletter – [The Leader](#) please [sign up here](#).

AHDB Farm Excellence Platform

Farm Excellence is about making real on-farm change. See the latest practical research, discuss the topical challenges facing farming businesses and learn from other farmers.

To find out more about the AHDB Farm Excellence programme in general, please look at their [webpage](#), or find your regional Knowledge Exchange Manager [here](#).

AHDB Beef & Lamb Ambassador Programme

A national discussion group funded and facilitated by AHDB, participating farmers will develop their technical and business skills through discussion and access to industry experts.

Applications close on 4th August 2023, to find out more please click [here](#) or contact beefandlamb@ahdb.org.uk

Other resources

Farm Resilience Fund: The Farming Resilience Fund provides business support to farmers and land managers in the first few years of adapting to agricultural transition. If you currently receive direct payments, you can receive this support and it is free of charge. It is designed to help you make the right business choices for the future.

[Farming Resilience Fund: free business advice for your farm - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Worshipful Company of Farmers: The principal aim is to provide inspiring leadership and management training for anyone engaged in the agriculture industry.

[Home - Worshipful Company of Farmers \(farmerslivery.org.uk\)](https://farmerslivery.org.uk)

Henry Plumb Foundation: Helping young people (18-35) who are passionate about making their future in agriculture. The Henry Plumb foundation provides financial backing and support for those with ideas, enthusiasm, and a wish to get ahead. As part of the programme, candidates will be matched with an experienced industry mentor, who help them make the most of these exciting opportunities.

[Helping those passionate about agriculture - The Henry Plumb Foundation](#)

Nuffield Farming Scholarship: The Nuffield Farming Scholarships Trust is a charity organisation whose aim is to bring positive change to agriculture through the development of its future leaders, sending them overseas to learn from others and helping them share their brilliant ideas when they return home.

[Agricultural Studies | Nuffield Farming Scholarships \(nuffieldscholar.org\)](https://nuffieldscholar.org)

[Grants and Scholarships | Yorkshire Agricultural Society \(yas.co.uk\)](https://yas.co.uk)

NFU Poultry Industry Programme

The programme builds on the existing skills and knowledge of the young people that take part to help them develop their careers as future industry leaders.

[NFU Poultry Industry Programme 2022/23 – NFUonline](#)

[Chris Harrison, Poultry Industry Programme 2022/23, Free range egg producer, North East – NFUonline](#)

Podcasts

High Performance Podcast: [Podcast — High Performance \(thehighperformancepodcast.com\)](#)

Michael Blanche: Pasture Pod (It's About Time Mini-Series)

Books

Steven Covey's – 7 Habits

Daniel Kahneman – Thinking, fast and slow

James Kerr – Legacy

Matthew Syed – Rebel Ideas

Bill Cullen – Golden Apples

Richard Branson – Screw Business as Usual

Malcolm Gladwell – The Tipping Point

Jack Canfield – The Success Principles

Jack Welch – Winning

Jim Collins – Good to Great

Thomas J Stanley – The Millionaire Mind