

## Future Farmer Award

A new award has been launched recently aimed at promoting practical ideas for improving the environmental sustainability of farming in Scotland. The Future Farmer Award will give a trailblazing Scottish farmer a package of support, including £4000, to help them communicate their ideas to other farmers and land managers.

The Future Farmer Award is backed by the Elizabeth Murray Trust and Scottish Natural Heritage. Organisers are looking for a farmer who is already improving the environmental sustainability of how they farm and who wants to promote their ideas to others.

Richard Lochhead, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Environment said, "This award presents farmers with an excellent opportunity to herald the many examples of good and innovative work being undertaken the length and breadth of Scotland.

"As Cabinet Secretary I have been hugely impressed with the forward thinking approach adopted by the industry and the efforts made in finding ways of nurturing what is arguable Scotland's greatest asset – its natural environment."

The award is open for applications now, and the closing date is 14th April 2008. You'll find further details and an application form at the [Future Farmer website](http://www.futurefarmer.org.uk/). Applications will be assessed by a panel of experts and shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by representatives of the Elizabeth Murray Trust and Scottish Natural Heritage.

Visit the [Future Farmer website](http://www.futurefarmer.org.uk/) for full information  
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