



# NORTHERN FARMING CONFERENCE 2026

TURNING A CORNER: BUILDING  
THE FUTURE OF FARMING

Wednesday 4th November, Hexham Auction Mart



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# PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY

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**09:30**    **Registration Opens**

**10:00**    **Sam Charlton - Chair's Welcome**

**10:05**    **Speaker Session**

Adam Bedford, GSC Grays, Commercial Director (Session Chair)

Gavin Lane, CLA President

Tom Bradshaw, NFU President

George Dunn, Tenant Farmers Association CEO

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**11:15**    **Coffee Break**

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**11:45**    Jonathan Eckley, Director of International Trade, AHDB

**12:05**    Freddie Humfrey, Head of Grain Trading at ADM Agriculture

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**12:25**    **Questions**

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**12:45**    **Lunch**

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**13:45**    **Chair's Welcome**

**13:50**    Georgina Lamb, Farming Community Network, Charitable Partner

**13:55**    **Farmer Panel**

Jamie Leslie, Mixed Farmer, Shetland

Alix Ritchie, Director at Farmstrong Scotland and Perthshire Farmer

David Cross, West Norfolk Farmer

Joe Nelles, Livestock Farmer, Morpeth

Jen Oglesby (Panel Chair)

**14:55**    Anna Jones, Rural Affairs Journalist

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**15:55**    **Closing from Chair**

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**16:00**    **Conference Close**

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# ORGANISING COMMITTEE



**Samantha Charlton**

Owner and Founder,  
Planning for Profit -  
Organising Committee Chair



**Matthew Wallace**

Agricultural Relationship  
Manager, HSBC - Organising  
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Farm Trader & Small Seed  
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Regional Director, CLA North



**Karl Pendlebury**

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**Joanne Alderson**

Engagement Manager, AHDB

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3. Do not attempt to fight any fires. The venue's fire marshal will be responsible for this.
4. Do not take any personal risk.
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