

NORTHERN FARMING CONFERENCE 2025

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RESILIENT FUTURE FOR FARMING

Wednesday 5th November, Hexham Auction Mart



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PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY

09:30	Registration Opens
10:00	Chair's Welcome
10:05	Speaker Session Lord Curry of Kirkharle Alistair Carmichael, MP and EFRA Select Committee Chair Jeremy Moody, Secretary and advisor for CAAV Baroness Minette Batters, Former NFU President, farmer and appointed by DEFRA to lead the Farm Profitability Review
11:15	Coffee Break
11:45	Sarah Baker, Head of Economic Analysis, AHDB
12:05	Professor Paul Wilson, Professor of Agricultural Economics at Nottingham University and President of the Agricultural Economics Society
12:25	Questions
12:45	Lunch
13:45	Vice Chair's Welcome
13:50	Farmer Panel Duncan Morrison, Livestock (Aberdeen Angus) Farmer, Aberdeenshire Graham Rutherford, Northumberland Beef and Lamb Farmer, Longhorsley Helen Marsden, Livestock Farmer, Dumfriesshire Thomas Todd, Farmer at Barelees Farm, Cornhill on Tweed
14:40	Kat Thorne, The Morning Gamechanger
15:50	Closing from Chair
16:00	Conference Close

ORGANISING COMMITTEE



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Director (Beef and Lamb),
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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.
5. Do not stop to collect personal belongings.
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