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Dear Consultee

Consultation on Direct Payments to farmers: Lump sum exit scheme and delinked payments in England

1. I am writing to invite views on the proposed lump sum exit scheme and our approach to delinked payments. The consultation seeks views on a set of questions including on:
 - the eligibility criteria and aspects of how we should calculate the value of the lump sum; and
 - the reference period to be used to determine eligibility for, and calculate the value of, delinked payments.
2. The consultation document may be found on <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/agricultural-policy/lump-sum-and-delinked-payments-england>.
3. We welcome your views and comments on the proposals. If you wish to obtain a copy of this consultation, please contact us at DirectPaymentsConsultation@defra.gov.uk.

Responses

4. To submit your consultation response please complete the consultation questionnaire provided through Citizen Space (Citizen Space is an on-line consultation tool). URL: <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/agricultural-policy/lump-sum-and-delinked-payments-england>.
5. Alternatively, responses or additional documents can be sent to:
 - Direct Payments consultation
 - Consultation Coordinator
 - 2nd floor
 - Foss House
 - Kings Pool
 - 1-2 Peasholme Green
 - York YO1 7PX

6. Responses should be received by **11 August 2021**.
7. Representative groups are asked to give a summary of the people and organisations they represent and, where relevant, who else they have consulted in reaching their conclusions when they respond.
8. A summary of responses to this consultation will be published on the government website at: www.gov.uk. The summary will include a list of organisations that responded **but not** personal names, addresses or other contact details.
9. Defra's Consultation Privacy Notice can be found on the consultation website at: <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/agricultural-policy/lump-sum-and-delinked-payments-england>.
10. Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries, please contact us as above.

Yours faithfully

Direct Payments policy team

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