STOP THE FAMILY FARM TAX

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Show your support for British Farming today

We are taking part in a Farming Day of Unity with farmers from across the UK to demonstrate our support for the #StopTheFamilyFarmTax campaign and to thank you, members of the public, for your continued and incredibly important backing.
Together we must show MPs and ministers clearly that agriculture across the whole of the UK is united in rejecting this awful policy – a policy we were promised would never happen – which will devastate family farms

Why support the campaign to Stop the Family Farm Tax?

We're calling on the government to pause and consult on its decision on APR (Agricultural Property Relief) and BPR (Business Property Relief) announced in the Autumn budget, that farmers and growers would have to pay 20% inheritance tax on farms worth more than £1million.

Economic analysis we have carried out with former Treasury and the Office for Budget Responsibility finds that rather than the 27% suggested by Government, it is expected that 75% of commercial family farms will be hit, and many could disappear.

With fewer British farmers growing food, the UK will become overly-reliant on imports – often of lower quality or lower animal welfare standards - at a time when geopolitical uncertainty looks set to increase.

Together, we're fighting to stop the family farm tax.

You can add your name in support, email your MP, and order our campaign resources.

Scan the QR code to show your support.

Thank you for your support.

Together we can put pressure on the government to halt this controversial family farm tax which will devastate family farms and our food producing businesses across the country.

5 reasons to join the campaign

More than 265,000 people have added their names to our campaign action to stop the family farm tax.
Why should you join them?

1 **The majority of farms don't earn enough money to pay the potential Inheritance Tax Bill without selling off some of their land or business, which in turn can make the farm business unviable.**

Farmers are often asset rich, but cash poor. A farm may be valuable on paper, but that value only becomes real if it is sold. Govt figures show the average pre-tax return on capital for farmers is just 0.5%

2 **Farm businesses are being forced to divert profits to prepare for significant future IHT bills. This will stall investments in long-term food producing businesses, impacting the wider rural economy which relies on farming, and our nation's food security.**

Farmers and growers are the custodians of the countryside. They want to be confident in building climate-friendly, resilient farming businesses while looking after the environment which benefits us all.

3 **There are no options for elderly farmers. Before these measures were announced, the most effective tax advice was for farmers to hold their farm until death. Even with mitigations such as the seven-year gifting rule, some farmers may not live long enough to put their affairs in order in time.**

This puts elderly farmers in an awful position, worrying that if they live beyond April 2026, when the new policy takes effect, their children may lose the farm.

4 **The Treasury has more to gain from thriving businesses paying other forms of tax and providing jobs, than a one off IHT bill from a no longer viable business.**

Farms pay business income tax and employer national insurance for example. They also create jobs and use a wide range of local services. We believe any removal of APR and BPR is likely to raise comparatively little tax for the exchequer and will make only the smallest impact on plugging the £22 billion black hole in public finances.

5 **The Treasury hasn't asked anyone in agriculture about this policy at all – no wonder it's so poorly thought through.**

Treasury ministers and civil servants in London didn't ask the advice of anyone involved in agriculture about this policy. Not even their fellow ministers responsible for farming.