**PRESS RELEASE – FARMWELLWALES - EMBARGOED UNTIL 9am 30th March 2020**

**Online resources hub launched to help Welsh farmers**

An initiative to help Welsh farmers with their business and personal resilience has been launched today by the Wales Farm Support Group.

FarmWell Wales aims to provide Welsh farmers with the most up-to-date information and details of support services, which can help them and their farm businesses stay strong and resilient through times of change and volatility.

The initiative takes the form of a website ([farmwell.wales](http://farmwell.wales) / [farmwell.cymru](http://www.farmwell.cymru)), a hard copy directory which will be posted out to approximately 16,500 farm businesses across Wales and two short films on personal and business resilience.

The initiative has been created through a joint collaboration between various government bodies and rural support charities including the Welsh Government, the Farming Community Network (FCN), Farming Connect, the DPJ Foundation, Tir Dewi, The Addington Fund, Mind Cymru, Mind Monmouthshire and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (R.A.B.I).

The website is free for all to use and has three clear aims:

* To help Welsh farmers and agricultural workers develop and keep their farm businesses resilient through changing times
* To help Welsh farmers, their families and their staff to become personally and mentally robust, enabling them to manage their personal and business lives more effectively
* To provide ready access to a wide range of support and help to anyone who may need it, including FCN, RABI, the DPJ Foundation and Tir Dewi.

The directory contains contact details and website information for a wide variety of free and subsidised services available to Welsh farmers. It is an essential resource for hard-to-reach farmers, those who are not comfortable with modern technology and those who struggle to access rural broadband.

The two films reflect the two aspects of the website, one on personal resilience and the other on business resilience. Both films are to be shared on social media and will direct to the FarmWell Wales website.

Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs said:  “We are facing a global public health emergency with the spread of covid-19. This will be a worrying time for families in communities across Wales, especially rural and farming communities.

“I am pleased FarmWell Wales is available to farmers throughout Wales. It’s an important source of help through at any time but particularly at the moment. I’d like to express my thanks to the members of the Wales Farm Support Group for their hard work in the development of the website and directory.”

To start using FarmWell Wales, simply visit [www.farmwell.wales](http://www.farmwell.wales) (English) or [www.farmwell.cymru](http://www.farmwell.cymru) (Welsh).

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Editor Notes

* For launch pack or any enquiries about this press release, please contact FCN on 01788 510866 or email [help@fcn.org.uk](mailto:help@fcn.org.uk).

**DATGANIAD I’R WASG - FARMWELL CYMRU**

DAN EMBARGO TAN 9am 30 Mawrth 2020

**Lansio canolbwynt adnoddau ar-lein i helpu ffermwyr Cymru**

Mae menter i helpu ffermwyr Cymru gyda chadernid eu busnes a nhw eu hunain fel unigolion wedi cael ei lansio heddiw gan Grŵp Cymorth Ffermydd Cymru.

Nod FarmWell Cymru yw darparu'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf a manylion am wasanaethau cymorth i ffermwyr Cymru, a all eu helpu nhw a'u busnesau fferm i aros yn gryf ac yn gydnerth drwy gyfnodau o newid ac anwadalrwydd.

Mae’r fenter ar ffurf gwefan ([farmwell.cymru](http://www.farmwell.cymru)), cyfarwyddiaeth a fydd yn cael ei bostio at tua 16,500 o fusnesau ffermio ledled Cymru, a dwy ffilm fer ar gadernid personol a chadernid busnes.

Crëwyd y fenter drwy gydweithrediad rhwng gwahanol gyrff y llywodraeth ac elusennau cymorth gwledig, gan gynnwys Llywodraeth Cymru, y Rhwydwaith Cymuned Ffermio (FCN), Farming Connect, Sefydliad DPJ, Tir Dewi, Cronfa Addington, Mind Cymru, Mind Sir Fynwy a'r Sefydliad Lles Amaethyddol Brenhinol (R.A.B.I).

Mae’r wefan yn rhad ac am ddim i bawb ei defnyddio, ac mae ganddi dri amcan clir:

* Helpu ffermwyr a gweithwyr amaethyddol o Gymru i ddatblygu a chadw eu busnesau fferm yn gydnerth drwy gyfnod newidiol
* Helpu ffermwyr Cymru, eu teuluoedd a'u staff i ddod yn gydnerth yn bersonol ac yn feddyliol, gan eu galluogi i reoli eu bywydau personol a busnes yn fwy effeithiol
* Darparu mynediad parod at amrywiaeth eang o gymorth a help i unrhyw un a allai fod ei angen, gan gynnwys FCN, RABI, Sefydliad DPJ a Tir Dewi.

Mae'r cyfeirlyfr yn cynnwys manylion cyswllt a gwybodaeth am wefannau ar gyfer amrywiaeth eang o wasanaethau sydd ar gael i ffermwyr Cymru. Mae'n adnodd hanfodol ar gyfer ffermwyr anodd eu cyrraedd, y rhai nad ydyn nhw'n gyffyrddus â thechnoleg fodern a'r rhai sy'n ei chael hi'n anodd cael gafael ar fand eang gwledig.

Mae'r ddwy ffilm yn adlewyrchu’r ddwy agwedd ar y wefan, un ar gadernid personol a'r llall ar gadernid busnes. Mae'r ddwy ffilm yn addas i'w rhannu ar gyfryngau cymdeithasol a byddant yn cyfeirio pobl at wefan FarmWell Cymru.

Gweinidog yr Amgylchedd, Ynni a Materion Gwledig yn cyflwyno FarmWell Cymru “Rydym yn wynebu argyfwng iechyd cyhoeddus byd eang gyda’r covid-19. Mae’r cyfnod yma yn achosi pryder i deuluoedd ledled Cymru, yn benodol i gymunedau ffermio a chymunedau gwledig.

“Rydw i’n falch bod FarmWell Cymru ar gael i ffermwyr ledled Cymru. Mae’n ffynhonnell cymorth bwysig, ond yn fwy byth nawr. Hoffwn ddiolch i aelodau o Grŵp Cymorth Ffermydd Cymru am eu gwaith caled i ddatblygu’r wefan a’r gyfarwyddiaeth.”

I ddechrau defnyddio FarmWell Cymru, ewch i [www.farmwell.cymru](http://www.farmwell.cymru) (Cymraeg) neu [www.farmwell.wales](http://www.farmwell.wales) (Saesneg).

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* I gael pecyn y lansiad neu os oes gennych chi ymholiadau am y datganiad i'r wasg hwn, cysylltwch ag FCN ar 01788 510866 neu e-bostiwch [help@fcn.org.uk](mailto:help@fcn.org.uk).

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