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Dear Mark

Thank you for your letter of 8 November to the Secretary of State about the future of agriculture, environment and rural policies in Wales. I am replying as Minister responsible for this policy area.

Supporting our farmers and protecting the environment will form an important part of our exit from the EU. We are now focused on making sure all our policies are delivering for the UK and to grow our world-leading food and farming industry and protect and improve our environment.

This needs to be considered carefully and I looking forward to working with industry and the public to develop new proposals that support our agricultural industry as we leave the EU.

The Government will fully engage each of the devolved administrations on a wide range of policy issues relating to the post-exit period, agriculture will of course be central in those discussions.

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We are working closely with industry in Wales and Lesley Griffiths. I look forward to seeing your report which we will factor in to our thinking.