

# Farmers are feeling abandoned, but taxing wealth is right, say Greens

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Reacting to planned protests this week by farmers over changes to Inheritance tax [1], Green Party Food, Agriculture & Rural Welfare spokesperson, Emily O'Brien, said:

"Farmers are feeling abandoned. They have suffered badly from Brexit, both via detrimental trade conditions and reduced subsidies. And tax breaks for agricultural land have inflated land values, making it harder for both new entrants and existing farmers.

"It is right to clamp down on those who buy farmland to avoid tax and the Green Party strongly supports wealth taxes. But we also need the government to take action to ensure that hard working farmers can earn a decent income. In particular, in the face of our climate and nature crises, we need subsidies to focus on encouraging farmers to shift to nature-friendly farming. This will protect our food security and support the rural economy while allowing wildlife to recover."

## Notes

1. [Stارmer doubles down on 'tractor tax' claim ahead of huge protest | The Independent](#)

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# Murphy: Dublin based Spark to set up AI and data analytics centre in the north

Economy Minister Conor Murphy has announced a £2.1 million investment by Dublin-based Data Platform Company Spark to establish a Data Analytics and AI Technology and Consulting Centre in Belfast.

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## **Working together to keep antibiotics working**

This year during World AMR Awareness Week (18-24 November) we are reminding the public of the importance of working together to keep antibiotics working.

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## **Environmental Farming Scheme farmers urged to complete a Claim Confirmation now**

All farmers who hold an Environmental Farming Scheme (EFS) agreement that started on 1 January 2024 must complete an online Claim Confirmation during December to avoid the agreement being cancelled.

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## **O'Dowd welcomes record number of vehicle tests conducted by DVA staff in October**

Infrastructure Minister John O'Dowd has welcomed the highest number of vehicle tests conducted by DVA staff.