

# A guide to England Catchment Sensitive Farming Delivery Initiative

## Case Study 1

### All Muck & Money

Measures that David Booth has implemented leading to more efficient Slurry and Fertiliser use have resulted in a reduction in bagged fertiliser from four to one and a half per acre. This led to a saving of over £6,000 across the farm.



## Case Study 2

### Farming & Fishing

CSF advice and support in South Devon has led directly to the prevention of cattle waste from entering significant shellfish estuaries; protecting and improving the environment for this valuable industry.



For case studies close to your farming business speak to your CSFO.

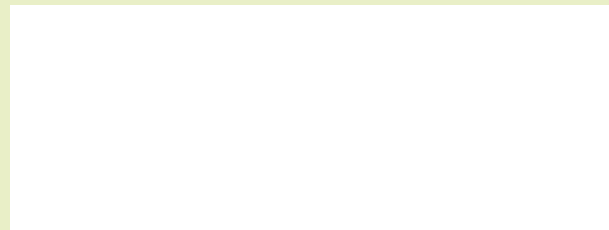
## Background

The England Catchment Sensitive Farming Delivery Initiative is a joint venture between the Environment Agency and Natural England funded by Defra working in 50 priority catchments. It delivers practical solutions and targeted advice to enable farmers and land managers to take action to protect water bodies and the wider environment.

## Contact Us

Find a full list of the priority catchments and Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer (CSFO) contacts at:

[www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/landmanage/water/csf/catchments/csfos.htm](http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/landmanage/water/csf/catchments/csfos.htm)



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The England Catchment Sensitive Farming Delivery Initiative (ECSFDI) is delivered in partnership by Natural England, the Environment Agency and Defra.



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for farmers**

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FARMING DELIVERY INITIATIVE

# The Challenge

Recent Defra funded research indicates that:

- agriculture is responsible for about 60% of nitrogen in UK waters
- agriculture sources are expected to account for 75% of sediment in at risk rivers

In England agriculture is believed to contribute to the deterioration of:

- 36% of bathing waters that are at risk of failing under tighter regulations to be achieved by 2015
- 75% of failing shellfish waters

For more information about the challenges in your area contact your local Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer.

# The Solution

We are working with the farming community to tackle these environmental challenges through the **England Catchment Sensitive Farming Delivery Initiative** which aims to:

1. Work with you to provide practical solutions.
2. Provides you with tailored advice which fits with your business.
3. Encourage changes in your farming practices to achieve healthy and robust river systems for the whole community.

# Action

Your local Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer supported by independent specialists works within the farming community to deliver free advice tailored to the area and farming sector. This advice includes workshops, farm events and individual appraisals.

We also provide a capital grant scheme to adapt farm infrastructure that offers up to 60% funding for successful applicants. Priorities for capital works are identified for each catchment.

Your Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer can advise you on these and further environmental grant schemes available in your area.

# The Benefits

**Farm Business Savings** – Introducing careful nutrient and pesticide planning and reducing soil loss has the potential to produce significant savings on any farm enterprise. Catchment Sensitive Farming can also help you meet regulatory obligations such as Nitrate Vulnerable Zones.

**Environmental Benefits** – See water bodies in your area improve, giving you reduced water pollution, cleaner drinking water, safer bathing water, healthier fisheries, thriving wildlife and lower flood risk for your whole community.

# Priority Catchments

