

Executive summary

Brexit poses particular risks for Wales's export-dependent farmers and food producers. It also gives Wales an opportunity to make a step-change into a new approach to food and farming. Wales has a forward-looking government with sustainability high on the agenda, and a diverse geography. The size of the country gives it an advantage: small enough for individuals and projects to make a difference, big enough for economies of scale, and diverse in its landscapes and culture. It has several innovative pieces of legislation that could support a transition to fairer and more environmentally sustainable farming and food production, if political authority and public support can be mobilised to link them together. This paper looks at the steps needed to achieve an integrated post-Brexit food and farming policy for Wales that could set the standard for the United Kingdom. Central to this is a national network that can support a conversation about food and agriculture based on fundamental shared values.