

HIGHLAND

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Support Small Scale

Messages of support from the Highlands

Small scale farms and crofts are essential if we are to deliver on the key aims of Scotland's new Agriculture Bill. They produce high-quality healthy food, provide an essential role in climate mitigation and adaptation, and restore nature and biodiversity, while contributing to rural development, community wealth and cultural diversity in Scotland.

Here are some Highland-based crofters, small farmers, market gardens, teachers, researchers and more who are asking for the Agriculture Bill to support them in their work.



**"I SUPPORT A DIVERSITY OF FOOD PRODUCERS, I AM
SUPPORTING SMALL FARMERS AND CROFTERS"**

Maria Scholten with Murkle oats, Inverness
(Researcher into landraces and genetic diversity)



"THE AG BILL NEEDS TO RECOGNISE AND REWARD CROFTERS AND FARMERS WHO ARE ALREADY DOING A GOOD JOB OF FARMING WITH NATURE, INSTEAD OF JUST PAYING TO FIX MISTAKES. MOST CROFTS ARE IN HIGH NATURE VALUE AREAS, WHERE GOOD CROFTING MANAGEMENT CONTRIBUTES TO THAT BIODIVERSITY."

Helen O'Keefe, Crofter, Elphin



**"BLACK ISLE PERMACULTURE & ARTS SUPPORT AN AGRICULTURE BILL
TO STAND UP FOR NATURE AND GOOD HEALTHY FOOD IT MUST
SUPPORT CROFTERS AND SMALL FARMERS. WE NEED GOOD FOOD AND
GOOD FARMING"**

Clive and Julie, Black Isle Permaculture



" WE NEED MORE PEOPLE BACK ON THE LAND, TO LOVE AND NURTURE A SMALL AREA, WHILE ALSO FEEDING AND CLOTHING US. THERE ARE SO MANY OF US READY TO JOIN THIS GROUNDSWELL, TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE - WE JUST NEED YOUR SUPPORT. "

Kat Sharp, Crofter, Achpopuli farm by Loch Ness



**'SMALL FARMERS, CROFTERS AND SMALL HOLDERS CAN
FEED SCOTLAND, WE NEED LAND MADE AVAILABLE FOR
THIS TO HAPPEN!'**

Mike Hyatt, Crofter



"FOR THE AGRICULTURE BILL TO STAND UP FOR NATURE AND GOOD HEALTHY FOOD IT MUST SUPPORT CROFTERS AND SMALL FARMERS. LOCAL AND SEASONAL FOOD IS THE WAY FORWARD."

Anja Baak, Great Glen Charcuterie, Spean Bridge



"THE NEW AG BILL MUST FOCUS ON REWARDING THOSE WHO DELIVER WHAT SCOTLAND NEEDS MOST. THIS HAS TO INCLUDE DIRECT SUPPORT FOR HEALTHY LOCAL FOOD, CARBON NEGATIVE FARMING PRACTICES, AND REAL RURAL JOBS WITH A UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME FOR EVERY FARMER AND CROFTER. PAY US FOR WHAT WE CAN DO FOR HEALTH, CLIMATE, NATURE AND COMMUNITIES, INSTEAD OF HOW MUCH LAND WE TAKE UP."

Jo Hunt, Crofter, Knockfarrel



**"THE NEW AGRICULTURAL BILL GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO
MAKE SCOTLAND A LEADER IN SUPPORTING SMALL SCALE
AGROECOLOGICAL AND DIVERSE FARMING / CROFTING
PRACTICES."**

Haley, Seeds of Scotland, Highlands



"SMALL SCALE AGRICULTURE IS AS IMPORTANT AS INTENSIVE SYSTEMS BUT I CROFT BECAUSE I HAVE A DESIRE TO WORK WITH THE LAND PROVIDED, WORKING IN HARMONY WITH OUR SUTHERLAND LANDSCAPE WHILST PRODUCING THE HIGHEST QUALITY PRODUCE I CAN."

Cara Cameron, Crofter and Educator, Lairg



**"SUPPORTING SMALL SCALE FOOD PRODUCTION IN THE
HIGHLANDS IS ESSENTIAL TO BUILD HEALTHY COMMUNITIES"**

Maddy Norval, crofter, Rogart



"WE NEED TO SUPPORT SMALL SCALE FARMERS AND PRODUCERS TO HELP DEVELOP A RURAL ECONOMY THAT WORKS FOR PEOPLE AND NATURE"

Thomas Widrow, Landworker, Inverness



**"WE NEED AN AGRICULTURE BILL THAT RECOGNISES THE
ABUNDANCE OF PRODUCE GROWN BY SMALL PRODUCERS,
CROFTERS AND GARDENERS."**

Fuggo King, Organic Forest Gardener, Tain



**"FOR THE AGRICULTURE BILL TO STAND UP FOR NATURE AND
GOOD HEALTHY FOOD WITH LOW TRANSPORT CARBON USE, IT
MUST SUPPORT CROFTERS AND SMALL FARMERS."**

Jackie Pavlenko, supporter and teacher, Dornoch



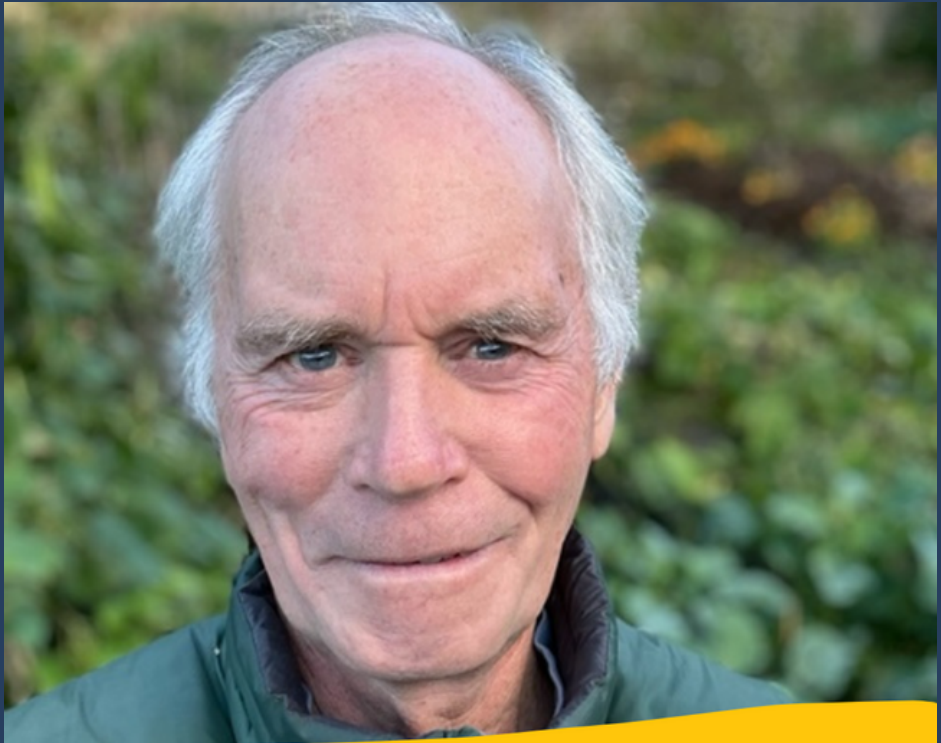
"WE MUST RECOGNISE AND REWARD THE ESSENTIAL ROLE THAT SMALL SCALE FARMERS AND CROFTERS PLAY IN PROVIDING OUR COMMUNITIES WITH LOCAL HEALTHY FOOD AND SUPPORTING NATURE."

Josie Fraser, Market Gardener, Inverness



**"FOR THE AGRICULTURE BILL TO STAND UP FOR NATURE
AND GOOD FOOD IT MUST SUPPORT CROFTERS AND SMALL
FARMERS. WE NEED GOOD FOOD AND GOOD FARMING"**

Donna Gilles, Small Farmer, Ardgay Sutherland



"TO RESPOND TO THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY, WHICH IS REALLY A HUMAN EMERGENCY, WE NEED ECOLOGICAL FOOD PRODUCTION, CHAMPIONING CROFTERS AND SMALL FARMERS."

Angus Marland, Supporter, North West Sutherland



"HEALTHY SOIL, REGENERATIVE FARMING AND CO2 CAPTURE WITH A LESS INDUSTRIAL APPROACH TO FARMING WITH MORE CARE FOR SOILS IS NEEDED. SMALL SCALE INITIATIVES AND ARE IN DESPERATE NEED FOR A SUPPORTIVE POLICY."

Jan Jacob Baak, Great Glen Charcuterie, Spean Bridge

Highland Good Food Partnership is a charity working with communities across the Highlands to make our food system better for people, producers and the planet.



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