

Committee Name:	Agri & Rural Affairs
Level (Hierarchy):	Two
Role:	Providing a voice, personal development opportunities and events for SAYFC members on agricultural and rural issues
Committee Remit:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To deliver a variety of topical and engaging meetings/farm & business visits/seminars and events in each region throughout the year. Deliver an annual Agri & Rural Affairs Conference (or similar event) To arrange a bi-annual long haul study tour and a bi-annual short haul study tour (alternate years) Ensure SAYFC has a voice by playing an active role within industry stakeholder groups, such as but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> QMS Red Meat Resilience Group National Sheep Association (Next Generation) Farming Opportunities for New Entrants (FONE) Food and Agricultural Stakeholder Taskforce (FAST) To provide opportunities for members to develop their knowledge and skills within the agricultural and rural sector Ensure the voice of young people is heard within policy making in the agricultural and rural sector through engagement with the Scottish Government, the UK Government and NFUS To develop a farm safety plan and promote the topic within each region for the year ahead To promote and develop the partnership between NFUS and SAYFC as a means to help shape and secure a sustainable and profitable future for Scottish Agriculture
Committee member responsibilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend committee meetings and ensure that your regions views are gathered, heard and listened to by all the members of the committee. When unable to attend, ensure apologies are submitted at least 24 hours in advance (unless in exceptional circumstances) and any comments relevant to the meeting are submitted to Chair or staff member in advance To hold the Chair and the wider committee to account for the actions that they take to deliver any actions agreed by the Agri and Rural Affairs committee To fulfil any posts to the best of your ability allocated to you by the committee. To share 'SAYFC' and 'sayfc agri' posts on both your own and relevant club, district and regional social media and group chats To be a point of contact between Agri and Rural Affairs and the region you are representing, acting as a link between the different groups To promptly respond to requests from the Chair or Agri Staff Member As a member of the Agri and Rural Affairs Committee you are a representative of SAYFC and a role model to other members, and should therefore behave appropriately both at SAYFC events and within your social media presence
Membership:	<p><u>Committee:</u> Chair Vice Chair Three representatives per Region Three Co-options</p> <p>Past Chair</p> <p><u>Regional Agri Chairs will be elected from the regional representatives – North / East / West</u></p>

	<p><i>Observers:</i> Any member of the Senior Leadership Team NFUS Next Generation representative</p>
Voting procedures:	<p>All committee members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the respective regional assemblies, all incoming and outgoing regional committee members and two members per club are entitled to vote on the three Regional Agri and Rural Affairs Representatives • At the Agri and Rural Affairs Assembly, the outgoing and incoming committee members have voting rights • Co-options shall be elected at the Agri and Rural Affairs Assembly • Regional Agri Chairs are elected at Agri and Rural Affairs Assembly from the Regional Representatives and Co-options • Any elected Regional Representative for the incoming year may stand for election as Regional Agri Chair • If a Regional Representative is elected as Agri Chair or Agri Vice Chair the space may be replaced by the next ranked member from the voting procedure at the relative Regional Assembly. <p>If a region does not fulfil any of their regional representative positions, they will be reverted to co-option places to be voted on at the Agri & Rural Affairs assembly as above.</p> <p>Chair: Elected by members of the Agri & Rural Affairs Committee, retiring committee / new committee. The Vice Chair is an ex-officio position, they do not need to be re-elected on the committee before being elected as Chair. They must be proposed and seconded during the assembly. Any member of the committee is eligible to stand for the position of Chair.</p> <p>Vice Chair: Elected by members of the Agri & Rural Affairs Committee, retiring committee / new committee. Must be elected to the committee first, either as Regional representative or co-option. Any member of the committee is eligible to stand for the position of Chair.</p>
Chaired by:	Agri and Rural Affairs Chair or Vice Chair
Reports to:	Senior Leadership Team
Secretary:	Jenny Murtagh, or other staff member appointed by the Remuneration Committee
Attendance requirements:	50% attendance must be obtained for any member to be eligible for election in the following year
Honoraria:	The Agri & Rural Affairs Chair will be granted an optional honorarium of £250 per annum.