



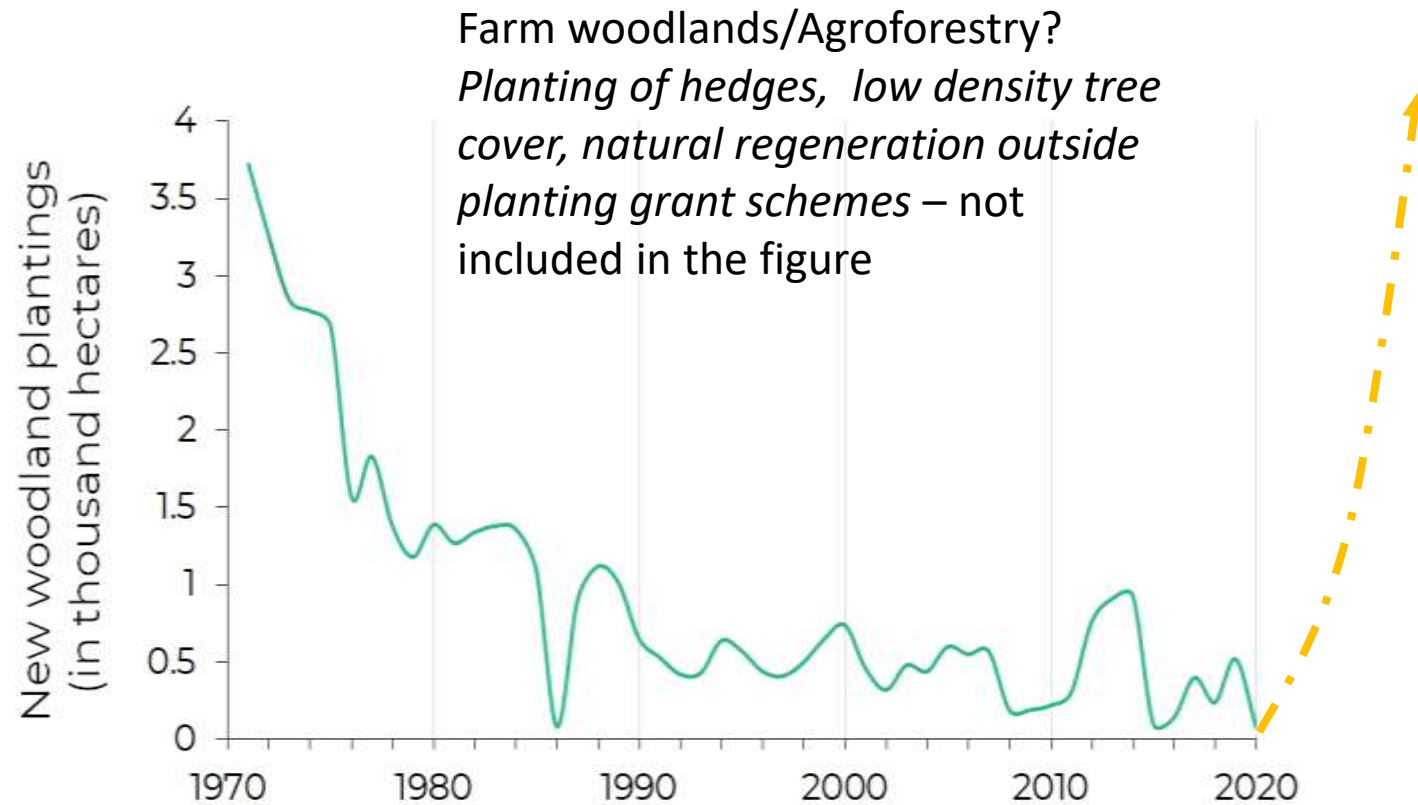
Report on Agroforestry in Wales 2021

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Current progress with agroforestry?

- Difficult to get current figures on woodland establishment generally
 - Agroforestry measure (in Wales) is unfortunately not currently fit for purpose (as excludes any fencing component). Very low uptake.
 - Last two Glastir woodland Creation windows saw 4,263 ha of new woodland agreements accepted to go forward for full plans
 - Some evidence to suggest that some of this is for farm woodland activity. Current data does not capture this explicitly
 - Glastir small grants is used for hedgerows, margins and orchard systems (1375 hedgerow schemes since 2016)
 - Funding for last two windows is an 8 fold increase on previous funding
- Current target 4000 ha/annum (43,000 ha by 2030)



Source: Forest Research, [Woodland Statistics](#)

Policy shift?

- Statement of opinion on agroforestry (June, 2020)
 - <https://record.assembly.wales/StatementOfOpinion/164>
 - Agroecological approaches seen as the 'correct response'.
 - Agroforestry seen as a key mechanism in a 'whole farm' approach
 - Lacking details
- Sustainable Farm Scheme (still in development)
 - Agroforestry mentioned (once) in recent White paper on Agriculture
 - Recognition that Glastir, as currently designed, does not support agroforestry.
 - New scheme several years away...
- Agroforestry appears to lie outside the National Forest Initiative.

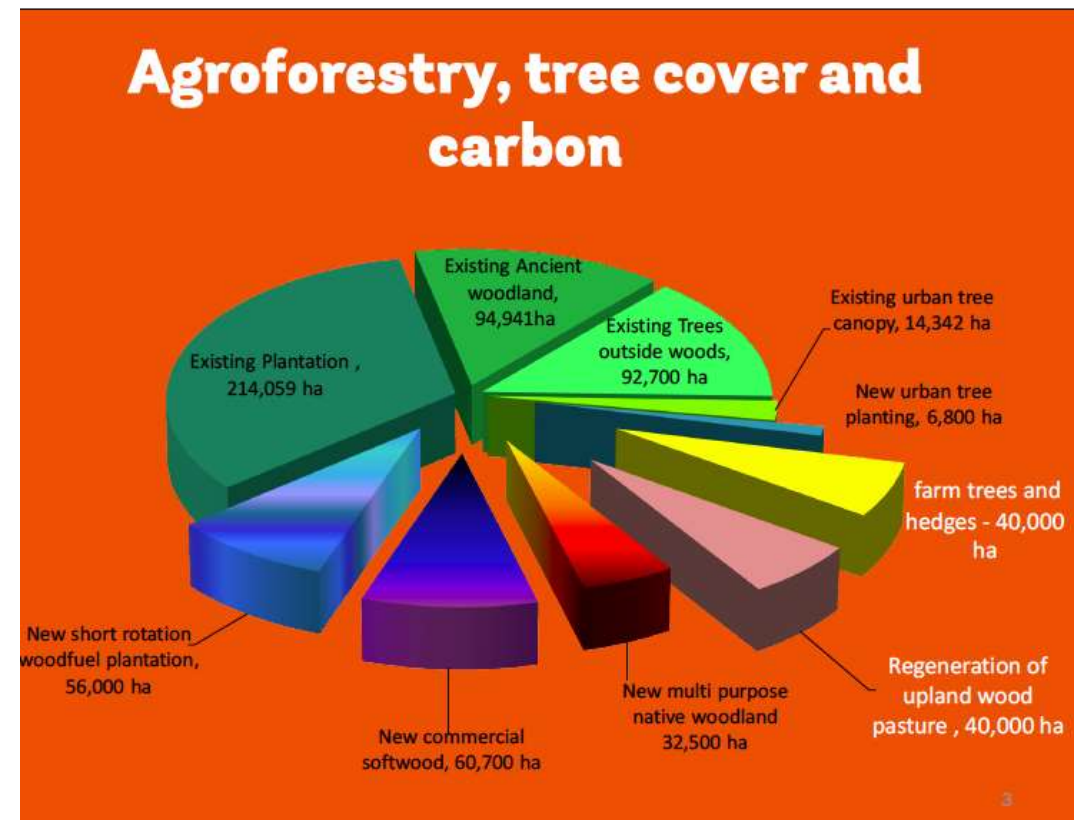


Figure from the Woodland Trust's 'Hedges and Edges' proposal showing opportunity for agroforestry –

Slide courtesy Jerry Langford

Local Initiatives

Groundswell of agroforestry activity (despite COVID)

- Hedges and Edges (Woodland Trust)
 - National Hedgerow week
- Soil Association training courses for farmers freely available in Wales
 - <https://www.soilassociation.org/farmers-growers/technicalinformation/agroforestry-and-farm-woodland-e-learning/>
- Coed Cymru
 - 50% of woodland schemes they are processing are farm woodland or agroforestry
- Farming Connect
 - Demonstration farms x 5





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Links

Agroforestry in Wales – Some links to presentations developed this year looking at agroforestry for Farming Connect (as examples of extension material)

- <https://businesswales.gov.wales/farmingconnect/news-and-events/technical-articles/agroforestry-opportunity-sustainable-intensification-farmland-improve-productivity-and-reduce>
- <https://businesswales.gov.wales/farmingconnect/news-and-events/webinars/webinar-what-agroforestry-and-how-can-it-benefit-farm-business-23072020>
- <https://businesswales.gov.wales/farmingconnect/news-and-events/videos/agroforestry-ffermio>

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One of the farms we were hoping to visit this year if this had been a face to face meeting (one of five demonstration farms in Wales that are used for illustrating aspects of farming with trees)

- <https://businesswales.gov.wales/farmingconnect/sites/farmingconnect/files/documents/Focus%20Site%20Project%20Review%20-%20Establishing%20an%20Agroforestry%20and%20Regenerative.pdf>
- <https://businesswales.gov.wales/farmingconnect/our-farms/projects/fferm-henbant-bach>