

HOW DO FARM WOODLANDS CONTRIBUTE TO REGIONAL WOODLAND STRATEGIES?

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Farm woodlands have to cope with a diverse and often contradictory set of forest policy drivers and priorities. This paper revisits the European Forestry Strategy and incentives for farm woodlands available within the Rural Development Regulation, including recent agroforestry developments in France and the RSR mid-term review. It highlights the rather limited prominence given to farm woodlands in the National Forest Strategies of the UK Nations, and in most of the Regional Forestry Frameworks.

Encouragingly, however, recent local and national forestry delivery plans appear to highlight the role of the farmer and farm woodlands. Future plans are discussed including 'tomorrow's woodland', 'farming futures', 'farmland markets' and 'carbon balance on farms'.