



Welsh Affairs Committee

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Aled Jones
President
National Farmers Union Cymru

Follow-up Questions from Welsh Affairs Committee Session on 4 June 2025

Dear Aled,

Thank you for giving oral evidence to the Welsh Affairs Committee on our inquiry into *Farming in Wales in 2025: Challenges and Opportunities*.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how useful the evidence you gave us was for our inquiry, and how interesting the Committee found the session.

Due to time constraints during the session, we were not able to cover all the topics that we wanted to. I am following up in writing to ask if you could provide answers to the following questions;

- Did the checks and certificates that Welsh exporters needed to obtain, before the UK-EU reset deal, make Welsh goods less attractive to international markets?
 - Could this have contributed to the decrease in the overall quantity of Welsh export goods since 2019?
- What is your assessment of the recent SPS agreement the UK has agreed with the EU?
 - Has this deal completely removed all the barriers to trade Welsh exporters are currently facing?
 - What should the next step in these negotiations be?
- What are the challenges and opportunities of the potential alignment with EU food standards for the Welsh agri-food export market?
 - Which, if any, EU rules could Welsh farmers find problematic?

I would appreciate a response by 30 June.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Jones MP
Chair of the Welsh Affairs Committee