



FARMING FOR nature

Why farming for nature is a good investment for the farmer, the farm and the planet.



Enhances production

Having lots of earthworms and microbes in your soil improves soil structure and functionality, which leads to naturally higher yields.



Reduces costs

Natural nitrogen fixers, such as clovers in grassland and beans or peas in a tillage rotation, can reduce the need for applying costly fertilisers.



Reduces pest outbreaks

Diverse crop rotations, native wildflower strips for predatory insects, and dense hedgerows for birds can help naturally control insect populations and reduce pest outbreaks.



Improves animal welfare

Healthy hedgerows can decrease the risk of airborne diseases and provide shelter and shade for livestock – increasingly important as summer droughts and winter storms increase in intensity.



Increases climate resilience

Well-managed watercourses can improve water quality and reduce the potential for flood damage, while multi-species swards and diverse cropping can help reduce the impacts of drought on grass and crop yields.





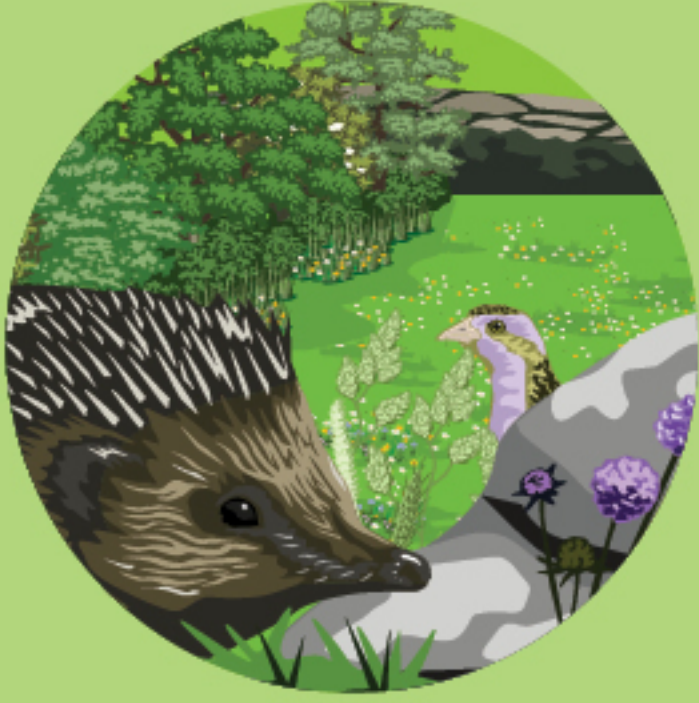
Unlocks potential income streams

Agri-environment schemes are increasingly rewarding farmers who deliver more for nature and the climate.



Provides a better working environment

A farm full of biodiversity can increase the wellbeing of the farm family and their surrounding community.



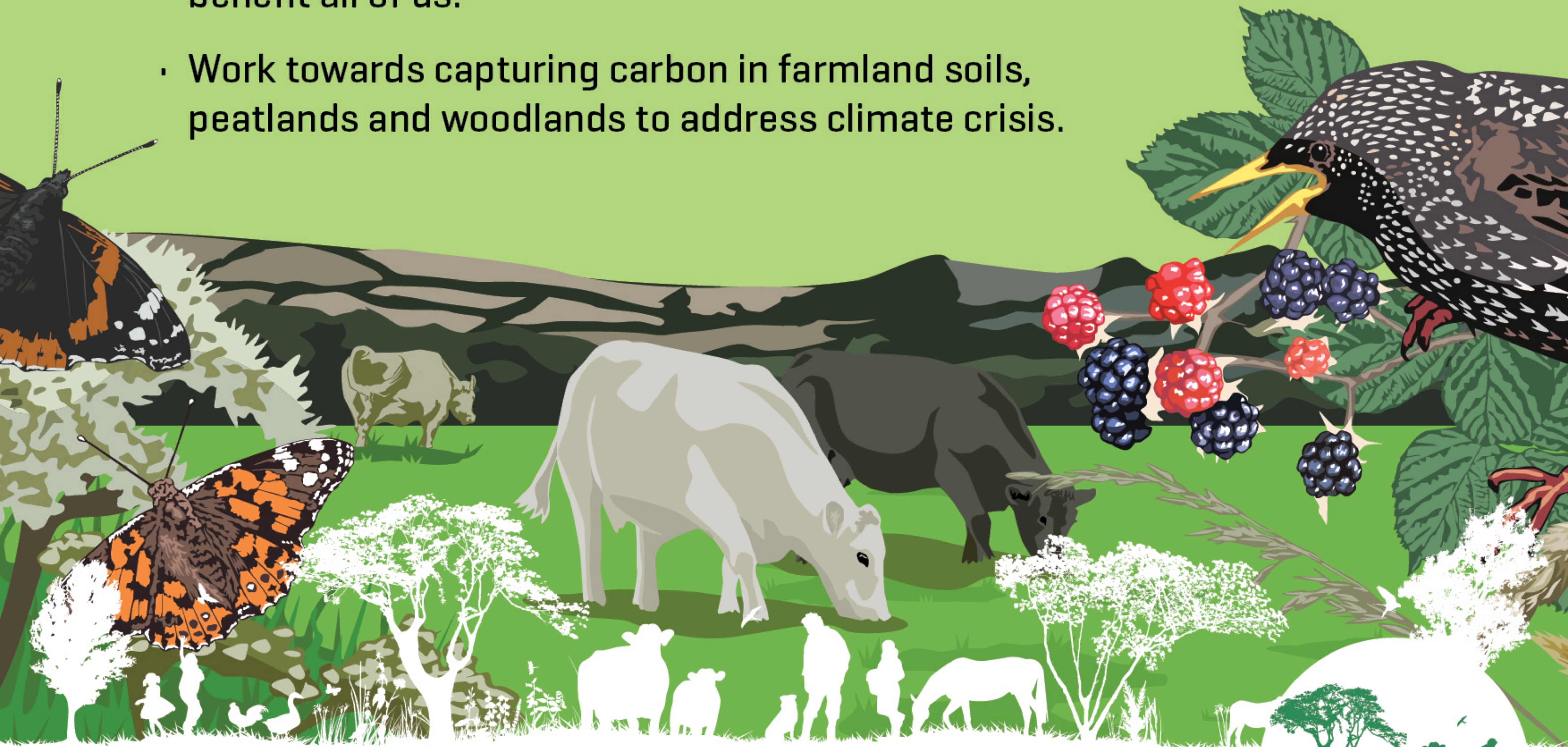
Provides a legacy

Making space for nature means a brighter future for your farm and for the future generations who will farm it.

How agriculture can support nature






Whilst farming's main role is to produce food, it can also:

- Make space for key habitats for our native flora and fauna to breed and feed, delivering healthy ecosystems and enhanced biodiversity.
- Work towards providing cleaner water and healthier soils that benefit all of us.
- Work towards capturing carbon in farmland soils, peatlands and woodlands to address climate crisis.



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