

# Agriculture

Our clients include farmers, growers, distributors and land owners. We have worked hard to earn an excellent reputation for dealing with their commercial and personal matters in a professional and caring manner, advising them on a wide range of issues such as:



- Agricultural subsidies and grants
- Agricultural tenancies
- Agricultural tied housing
- Animal health and welfare
- Buying / selling agricultural property
- Company formation and disputes
- Dispute resolution
- Environmental and nuisance notices
- Employment
- Footpaths and rights of way
- Health and safety
- Corporate Recovery and Insolvency
- Partnership agreements and disputes
- Road traffic incidents
- Succession Planning
- Traffic nuisance notices
- Transport
- Waste management
- Water and air pollution
- Wills, tax planning and probate

We are proud to have been on the National Farmers Union (NFU) Legal Panel for the North East of England since it was established and have been providing legal advice to NFU members for over 30 years. All members receive an initial free consultation and a 12.5% discount on all fees.

## Agricultural property

We advise clients buying and selling agricultural land, whether for their own occupation or for investment purposes. Our experienced team will ensure that the contract contains the necessary safeguards regarding any BPS Entitlements or stewardship schemes which are to be transferred. We advise both tenant farmers and landowners regarding Farm Business Tenancies, Agricultural Holdings Act tenancies, grazing agreements and licences. We also have specialist solicitors who can guide clients through the time-sensitive process required to apply for succession to an Agricultural Holdings Act tenancy and the subsequent negotiations.

## Partnerships

Our experienced team can advise clients at all stages of a partnership, from the formation of a new partnership to dissolution. Whether clients are looking to bring in a new partner or an existing partner wishes to retire, we can give practical legal advice to help achieve the best solution for everyone.

Many farming partnerships operate without a written partnership agreement. Our team also advises existing partnerships with a view to documenting their current arrangements to best protect the partners and the business in the long term.

## Dispute resolution

We understand that disputes can arise at any time. Our dispute resolution team has experience of dealing with a wide range of disputes which might arise in the farming context. Whether clients need advice about a partnership or company dispute, equine claims, possession or recovery of rent arrears in relation to residential tenancies or contractual disputes, our team is on hand to give advice as to all the options, including alternative dispute resolution.

## Succession planning

Farming is a complex business. The farm is often the home and workplace for more than one generation. If properly planned and managed the transition of handing over the reins of the business to the next generation can be very successful and can enable all generations to move forward with their desired plans.

By working with all parties, our aim is to achieve the best possible outcome for all, allowing the younger generation to take more control of the business at an appropriate pace and time and ensuring that the retiring partners protect their assets and retirement income.

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