



Timeline of Strategies and Grants

Funding and Support for Agriculture and Fisheries in Jersey: 2005 to Current Position



2005 Rural Economy Strategy (RES)

The 2005 RES set the policy direction for agricultural support through the introduction of the Single Area Payment (SAP). The SAP replaced a production led subsidy system and was based on area farmed.



2010 Rural Economy Strategy 2011-2015 White Paper

A Scrutiny Review of the Rural Economy Strategy 2011-2015 recommended development of a separate comprehensive strategy for fisheries.



2013 Marine Strategy Consultation

Following the Sub-Panel's recommendation, Government published the 2013 Marine Strategy Consultation. Aims included long-term protection of marine resources, sustainable development of fisheries and aquaculture, and fair access to resources.



2017 Rural Economy Strategy 2017-2021

Introduced the Rural Support Scheme (RSS), evolving the SAP into a tiered scheme focused on the provision of public goods and services to promote sustainable agriculture.



2017 Fishermen's Loan Scheme

The Minister for the Environment launched a loan scheme to encourage more fishermen into the industry and support investment in the marine sector. Aimed at reducing barriers for young people and incentivising new entrants.



2022 Economic Framework for the Rural Environment & Economic Framework for the Marine Environment

Publication of the REF and MEF as overarching policy frameworks to guide support, governance, development and sustainability in Jersey's rural and marine sectors. The frameworks established strategic structures for rural and marine governance, support, development, communication and long-term sustainability.



Current Position (2026)



Rural Support Scheme (RSS)

Four-tier support scheme supporting farms and smallholders through accreditation, land use payments, performance measures and capital investment grants.



Better Business Support Package

£1.1 million of assistance was allocated specifically for rural and marine sectors through existing business support schemes.



Agriculture and Fisheries (Loans) (Jersey) Law

Updated in 2026 to extend the former Agricultural Loans Fund to both agriculture and fisheries through the Agriculture and Fisheries Loans. The fund is administered by Jersey Business.