



# Croft and Small Farm Services

From agri-environment applications, through to succession planning, we can support you to manage and improve your small farm or crofting business.

## Subscription services

The best way to keep up to date in an ever-changing crofting landscape is to subscribe to one of our croft and small farm subscriptions.

Subscriptions offer a combination of services, including regular written updates, subscriber meetings, time with your local consultants and discounts on additional services.

Get in touch with your local office for our latest price list.

## Environmental and Carbon Services

Crofting is, by its very nature a high nature value (HNV) farming system. We can support your own HNV aspirations through our on the ground and practical biodiversity and conservation advice and our experience with carbon auditing and mitigation planning.

## Croft Development Plans

It's normal for your crofting aspirations to change over time. Are you a new entrant? Are you an established crofter looking for new ideas? Are you planning to retire or wind down? For all cases we can help with croft development plans and succession plans. Often these plans are funded by Government in their support for crofting development and innovation.

## Crofting grants and support schemes

Changes to support payments are on the horizon and crofting can punch above its weight in terms of farming for nature, delivering on many of the Government's biodiversity aims. The rules around funding support can often be complex. However, you can benefit from timely advice from our local advisors, who are always up to date, looking ahead, and can help you to ensure that your crofting business is financially supported and sustainable.

## Common grazings

Our advisors work closely with the Crofting Commission and are well placed to help you with your common grazing. We can advise on setting up an active committee, co-operative structures, agri-environment advice, and many practical livestock and cropping issues. With income coming in, common grazings can add facilities such as fanks, weighing systems, crushes, and sheds.



### Crofting Commission applications

Crofting legislation can be confusing, but we specialise in crofting regulation work and are here to assist with applications. From sub-lets, assignations, decrofting or apportionments, to croft registrations. We can be here to help with the family conversations that need to happen, to ensure that succession happens in a timely manner, guaranteeing that future generations can work the land and continue to live in thriving crofting communities.

### Technical advice

Livestock underpins the Scottish agricultural beef and sheep systems, with high quality beef calves, lambs and draft ewes springing from the crofting areas. Our advisors help to make sure your business is optimised by looking at rationing and testing silage, especially important with increasing feed costs.

We can help you with soil sampling and getting your soil fertility right, to improve your crop of grass, which will always be your cheapest feed. We have practical experience locally, and can draw on expertise from our specialists and research teams, working nationally.

We have staff and offices in all the crofting counties, many of whom are crofters and small farmers themselves. Our team is experienced, independent, and ready to provide friendly, reliable, and expert advice and support.

**Give us a call or email today to find out how we can help your croft or small farm progress – contact us on 01870 602336 or email [crofting@sac.co.uk](mailto:crofting@sac.co.uk).**