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The future of Scottish agricultural tenancies: A progressing tenant farmer perspective

Focusing on progressing Scottish tenant farmers who began their agricultural

businesses as new entrants this research identifies their perception on the current trends

in Scottish land tenure, and the barriers faced in searching for another tenancy. This

research attempts to highlight areas of key concern by providing a voice to those who

are facing an uncertain future, with mixed views on sustainable future progressions.

Drawing upon previous literature on new entrants this qualitative research provides

critical data exposing the perceptions towards alternative farming options, as

alternatives to tenancies for future progressions. The results from the data developed

an understanding into progressing tenant farmers perspective on the future availability

of tenancies, in a time where fewer tenancies are being offered.

This research establishes that while a historic decline in tenancies exists progressing

farmers are not deterred in their search for a future tenancy. Alternative farming options

provide potential opportunities however, the view that these would be less favourable

than a tenancy, stemmed from uncertainties and unfamiliarity’s from some participants.

Political intervention is required to encourage landowners to increase lettings, as the

perception that landlord confidence is diminished due to political uncertainties.