Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum policy conference:
Next steps for agricultural climate adaptation and resilience in England
Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 16th March 2027
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8.30 Registration

9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

9.05 **Assessing climate resilience in farming and the food system - priorities for adaptation, food security and NAP4**
Kim Dowsett, Natural Environment Lead, Land, Agriculture and Nature Team, Climate Change Committee
Questions and comments from the floor

9.30 **Climate adaptation and priorities for farming - business viability, investment and lessons from the 2026 drought**
Senior representative, farming

9.40 **Responding to climate change - land and water management, agricultural infrastructure and nature recovery**
drought, heat and changing growing conditions / *abstraction licensing, drought flexibility and winter refill* / *on-farm reservoirs, irrigation, planning and consent costs* / *long-term water resource management and sector reform* / *resilience of farming systems and infrastructure* / *soil health and natural flood management* / *Land Use Framework, nature recovery and productive land* / *commercial implications for landowners and tenants* / *catchment and regional coordination* / *pests and diseases*
Richard Reynolds, Senior Agronomy Advisor, Anglian Water
Professor Carol Wagstaff, Professor, Crop Quality for Health, University of Reading
Senior representative, land management
Senior representative, soil health
Senior representative, agricultural infrastructure

10.05 Questions and comments from the floor

10.30 **Climate science and food security - approaches to risk assessment, forecasting and adaptation**
Professor Pete Falloon, Science Lead, Food Security, Met Office
Questions and comments from the floor

10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

11.00 Break

11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

11.15 **Priorities for food supply chain resilience - domestic and international climate risks, input costs and continuity of supply**
Senior representative, supply chain
Questions and comments from the floor

11.35 **Financing agricultural adaptation - investment, lending, insurance and sharing costs and risks**
Senior representative, finance

11.45 **Equipment, technology and innovation priorities for adaptation - research, commercialisation and adoption on farms**
R&D priorities for climate resilience and food security / *climate-resilient crops and livestock, precision breeding regulation and UK-EU alignment* / *machinery, irrigation, storage and protected cropping* / *precision agriculture, AI, remote sensing and climate information* / *product development, testing and commercialisation* / *skills, advice, data, connectivity and infrastructure* / *affordability, costs, returns and access to finance* / *adoption across different farming systems and the wider food supply chain*
Senior representative, agricultural equipment and technology
Senior representative, plant breeding
Senior representative, farming
Senior representative, innovation

12.05 Questions and comments from the floor

12.30 **Policy priorities for climate adaptation, farm support and food security**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum