



**IMPROVING PERFORMANCE AT THE NEXUS OF THE COMMERCIAL AND SOCIAL SECTORS**

**ABSTRACT**

**PERCENTAGE OF UK FARMER AVERAGE INCOME COMING FROM EU SUBSIDIES  
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Although many farmers in Europe would prefer not to receive financial support from the EU, the reality is that a large number of farms currently do not make fair returns from the market. The EU's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) helps farmers deal with market volatility and ensures a degree of resilience to shocks. European farmers are required to meet the expectations of EU consumers for high quality, healthy and safe food that is produced to stringent environmental and welfare standards, and the CAP helps them meet the higher costs of doing so. Payments from the European Union to UK farmers under the Basic Payments Scheme (BPS) decreased in 2015 compared to the previous year and made up 55.7 percent of total income of farmers.

