



Arable and Agronomy Services

Supporting the development and optimisation of your land for better soil health, system efficiency and crop performance.

Our independent research-based advice can help you meet your goals whether it be improving soil health, moving to a regenerative system, more efficient use of inputs or maximising margins from your arable and potato enterprises.

The services we offer include:

Independent agronomy

- Agronomy which optimises yield while maximising financial margins
- Cost transparency through the decoupling of advice, chemical supply, and application costs
- Ability to shop around for chemicals to maximise value or use a buying group who will do it for you
- Whole farm system tailored advice that can include crop nutrition, agronomy, and rotation planning
- Local consultants, you can trust, who know your farm and the area
- Backed by the latest Scottish research

We are not tied to any one supply company, product, or service and therefore you can trust us to choose a cost effective solution for your business.

Fertiliser planning and nutrient budgeting

- Tailored nutrition for your crop requirements using the latest Scottish fertiliser recommendations
- Utilising organic manures on farm to reduce purchased fertiliser and save money
- Simplify the fertiliser planning process. Ensures compliance with NVZ and farm assurance regulations

Fertiliser planning and nutrient budgeting will help to maximise financial margins while reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.





Soil health

Soil health is an increasingly important part of any farming system. Resilient soils help to make your business more resilient and cope with changes in climate.

We offer a detailed soil health check which reviews the biological, chemical and physical properties of your soils. This includes the Visual Evaluation of Soil Structure (VESS) developed by SRUC soil scientists.

Every soil and farm are different, and we can tailor our advice to meet your needs and help tackle the soil challenges on your farm.

Carbon auditing

Analyse your farm's carbon footprint using our award-winning carbon calculator Agrecalc.

- Understand where your farm's emissions are generated
- Benchmark your emissions against other businesses of the same type
- Prepare your business for changes in agricultural policy and the associated compliance requirements

Our experts can provide mitigation strategies to help reduce GHG emissions, which closely link to improvements in efficiency and profitability.

Regenerative farming and agroecology

Regenerative farming is seen as a way of reducing emissions from your farm by adopting sustainable practises. Food based companies are increasingly aligning their supply chain to farming systems sympathetic to biodiversity and sustainable farming methods.

Our consultants have been involved in providing advice on these systems and help develop a system that is right for you. This is based on SRUC's knowledge and long-term research in organic and sustainable farming systems.

Benchmarking

It is important to know your cost of production when selling into a variable commodity market. Our consultants use nationally recognised benchmarking programmes and can help review your financial and technical performance. This enables a holistic approach to be taken when advising your business.

Contract farming and whole farm management

Contract farming agreements are becoming increasingly common as a method for both landowners to step back from day-to-day management of their farm and enable growing farming business to expand.

Our consultants have practical farming background and can advise on the setup, tendering process, and management of contract farming agreements for both parties.

For those businesses investing in land, we can also offer a whole farm management package.

Our qualified, trusted, and experienced consultants can help you to maximise business efficiency and technical performance on your arable and potato enterprises. As part of SRUC, we have access to world class research, meaning our independent advice is evidence based.

For more details and cost breakdowns for these services, contact us on arable@sac.co.uk