

# 2013 NFU Conference

## Briefing and Lines to Take on CAP Reform

### Q&A

#### Direct Payments

**Q1. Do you support an upper limit on payments?**

No. Like successive UK Governments we are opposed to capping. It's a distraction from the task of reducing subsidy across the board and runs counter to growth and the development of a competitive agriculture sector. Capping would lead to farms restructuring into units which are smaller, and perhaps less efficient units, in order not to lose out on subsidy.

We are also concerned Capping would add a significant amount of administrative complexity for both farmers and paying agencies, making it difficult to monitor and implement. It would penalise charitable organisations that have large land holdings but are in business specially to deliver environmental and rural benefits