Direct payments to farmers under the CAP are known as Pillar 1 payments. Total Pillar 1 payments in 2014-15 were £455 million (Single Farm Payment of £434m + Scottish Beef Scheme of £21m). This is comparable to Pillar 1 payments in the 2015-16 draft budget which add up to £438m.

Agri Environmental Measures funds new schemes under the Scottish Rural Development Programme which will open in 2015. Funding for peatland restoration and a new beef support package is included.

Technical Assistance has increased significantly. This contributes funding to the CAP Futures Programme, which is an IT and business change programme to implement the CAP. CAP compliance and improvements also contributes funding to the CAP Futures Programme.

More detailed information can be found in the SPICe briefing Draft Budget 2015-16: Rural Affairs, Food and the Environment.