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INTRODUCTION

Symposium on Brexit studies and their findings at farm level

Context

- Introductory paper reviews the c. 20 studies available on the impact of Brexit on UK agriculture (part of 2017 work for AHDB)
- Different approaches and focuses (e.g. not all go to farm level, some environmental or food chain orientated)
- Michael Gove (late 2017) seemed uncertain of official work going on in Defra
- Many unknowns, so lots of conjecture

Main factors in post-Brexit UK farming environment

- Shape of possible domestic agricultural policy
 - Phasing out of Basic Payments and using more funds for Pillar2-like schemes
- Outcome of trade negotiations that will impact on UK markets and prices received
- Availability and cost of migrant labour (also affecting UK labour wages)
- Any change in the regulatory burden

Studies differ in:

- Coverage of impact factors
- Detailed specification of impact factors
- Use of scenarios
- Formulation of scenarios
- Sophistication of approach (eg. Trade models and farm-level models)
- Sector coverage
- Geographical coverage

Analysis of studies

- List with main characteristics provided in this Introduction paper Annex
- Detailed account of each given in Agra CEAS technical report to AHDB
- Most discuss trade
- Only a small number discuss impact of reducing Basic Payments
- Even fewer model labour issues or regulatory change

Studies chosen for this Symposium

They each:

- Use closely-specified scenarios to explore possible post-Brexit situations
- Cover at least domestic policy and trade factors
- Produce independent and original results
- Assess the impacts at farm level, with a breakdown at least by farming type

Presentations will focus on the scenarios and results

Three chosen for presentation

Study	Domestic policy	Trade policy	Migrant labour	Regulation
NFU/LEI (Berkum et al, 2016)	*	*	No	No
AHDB (Bradley & Hill, 2017)	*	*	*	*
ESRC/FAPRI (Davis et al. 2017)	*	*	(*)	No

The three

- LEI, Wageningen, for the National Farmers Union, published as **Berkum, S. van, R.A. Jongeneel, H.C.J. Vrolijk, M.G.A. van Leeuwen and J.H. Jager** (2016) Implications of a UK exit from the EU for British agriculture. This is presented by **Lucia Zitte**, of the NFU
- The technical report for the AHDB by **Bradley, D. and Hill, B.** (2017) Quantitative modelling for post-Brexit scenarios. (Agra CEAS Consulting. September 2017) This is presented by **Dylan Bradley**.
- Preliminary results from the ESRC project "Brexit: How might UK agriculture survive or thrive?" which incorporates market-level assessment from FAPRI-UK project, already in the public domain as **Davis, J., Feng, S., Patton, M. and Binfield, J.** (2017) Impacts of Alternative Post-Brexit Trade Agreements on UK Agriculture: Sector Analyses using the FAPRI-UK Model. FAPRI-UK Project. August 2017. This is presented by **Carmen Hubbard**, University of Newcastle