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Publication of long-awaited report welcomed by Crofting Federation

The Scottish Crofting Federation (SCF) has congratulated the Scottish Government for its good sense in publishing the long-awaited report on the deliberations of the Farming and Food Production Future Policy Group, "Recommendations to Government".

The 16-strong stakeholder group, supported by top agriculture officials, was set up at Scottish Parliament's instruction in January 2019. This is the 10th and final report on the group's work to develop and make recommendations around the broad principles for the future of farming and food production policy.

Chair of the SCF, Donald MacKinnon, said, "We have waited a long time for this report and it is gratifying to see that the Scottish Government has now published it. It is a thorough piece of work and great deal of time and thought went into it. SCF was able to put forward the views of crofters along with representatives of practically every sector to do with agriculture and food production. This report, along with the reports from the climate change groups, can form the basis of the new Scottish agriculture policy, in which SCF will be fully engaged. Prevarication is over and now is the time for action."

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