



# **Agribusiness 2019**

Creating a resilient Agri-food supply chain



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## AIC priorities and the Agri-Brexit Coalition

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# AIC

## Five Sectors



## Six Assurance Schemes



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**ONE POLICY TEAM**

# Field to fork / plough to plate

## Retail & Food service



## Distribution



## Food processing



## Farming



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# The Food Production Chain

**Food safety assurance**



**Farm inputs**



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**Farming**



**Farm advice**



**Retail & Food service**



**Distribution**



**Food processing**

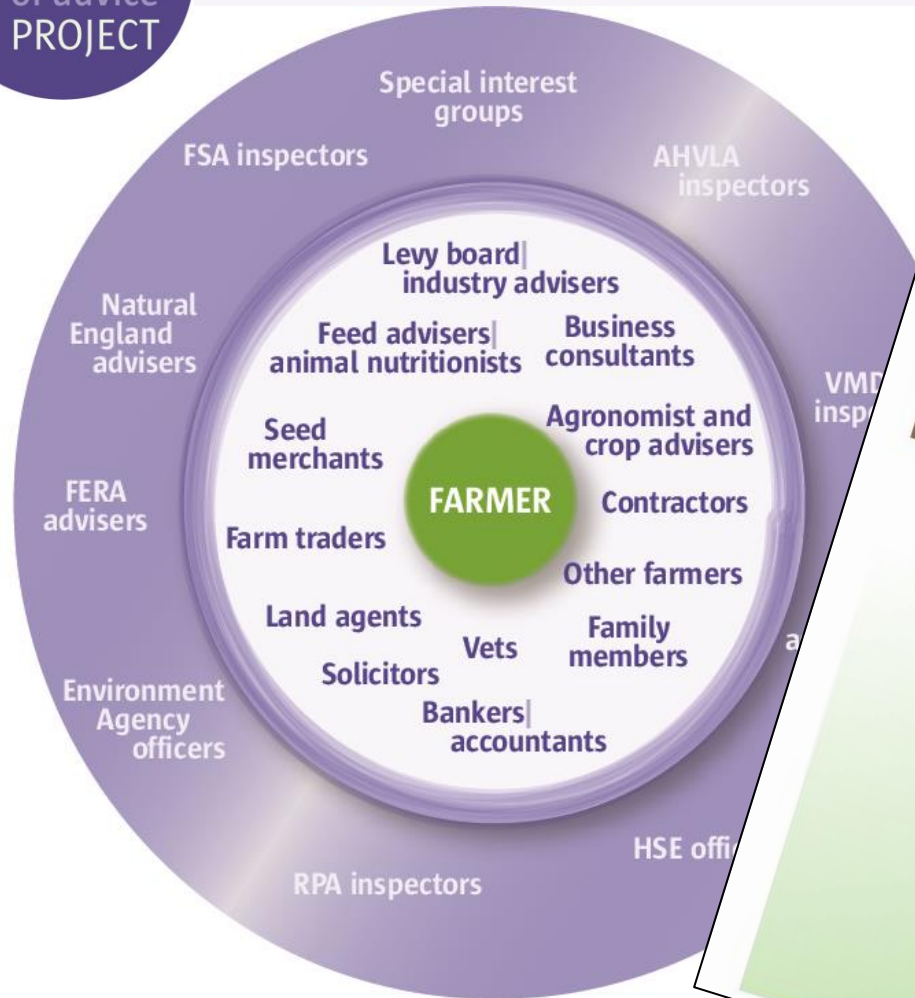


**Haulage/Logistics**

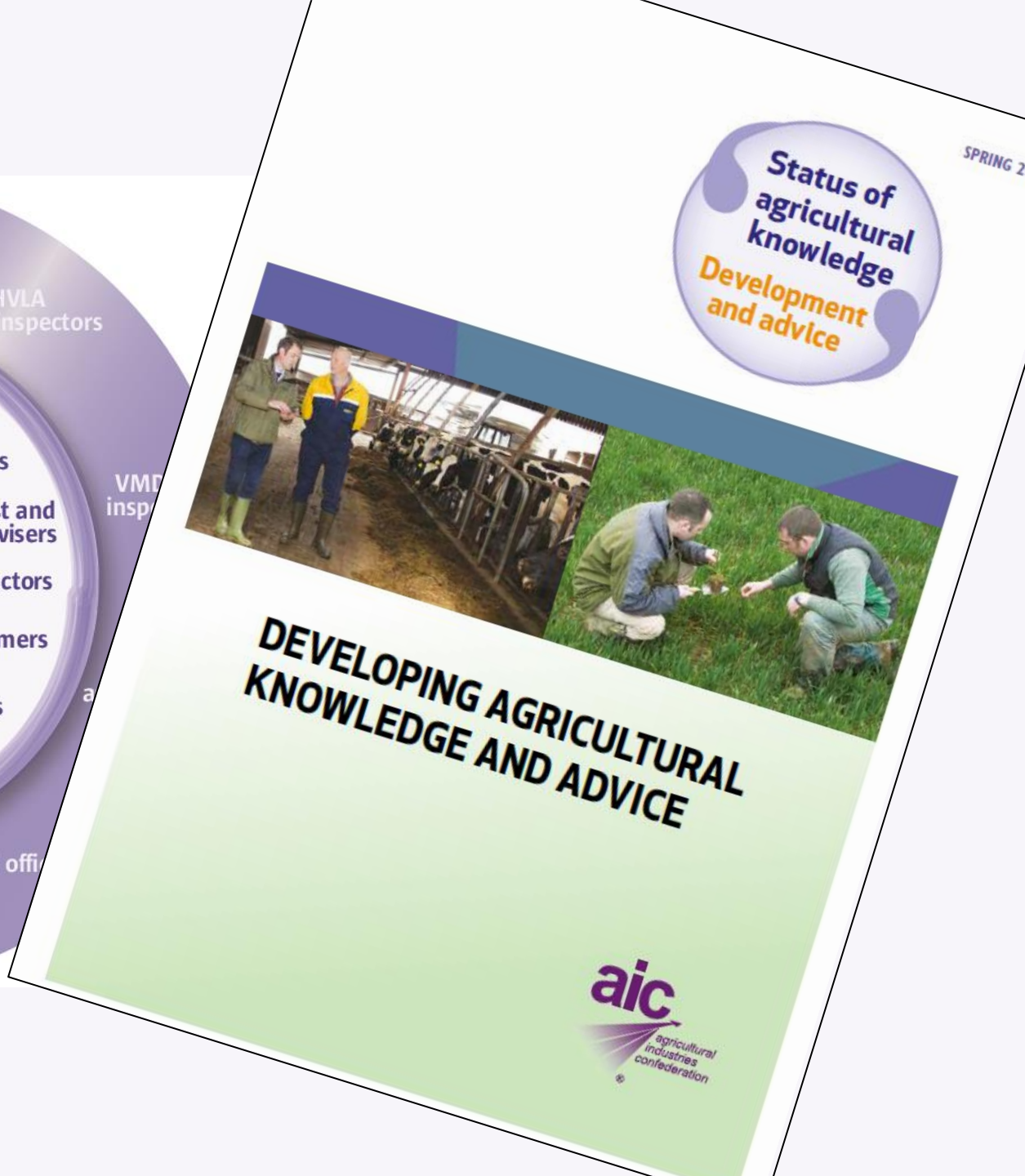


**AIC – the foundation of the foodchain**

**VALUE**  
 of advice  
**PROJECT**



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**£50  
MILLION**

invested in research and development  
by AIC Members



**£40  
MILLION**

spent across the industry turning research  
findings into added value technical solutions

**89% of Britain's**  
farmed area, is managed with support of third party advice

**A WEALTH OF SUPPORT FOR MODERN, SUSTAINABLE, COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURE**

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**5,000+**

Advisers on professional registers who engage day-in, day-out with UK farmers



**£9  
MILLION**

maintaining professional qualifications to keep all the industry's advisers up-to-date

**44,000**

conversations on UK farms EVERY week



**BREXIT**

**Agriculture  
Bill**

**BREXIT**

**135 days to go**

# The Brexit conundrum

- Extensive work across every sector
- Engagement with relevant ministries
  - Regular meetings
  - Training trade officials with Gafta
- Ensuring officials understand the practical issues:
  - Trade
  - Customs arrangements
  - Regulations
- Uncertainty increases the workload





# agri-brexit COALITION



- Eight trade associations
- One strong voice

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- Workshops on regulation, R&D and trade
- Civil servants and stakeholder engagement
- Representation of Food & Drink Sector Council



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# The Agriculture Bill

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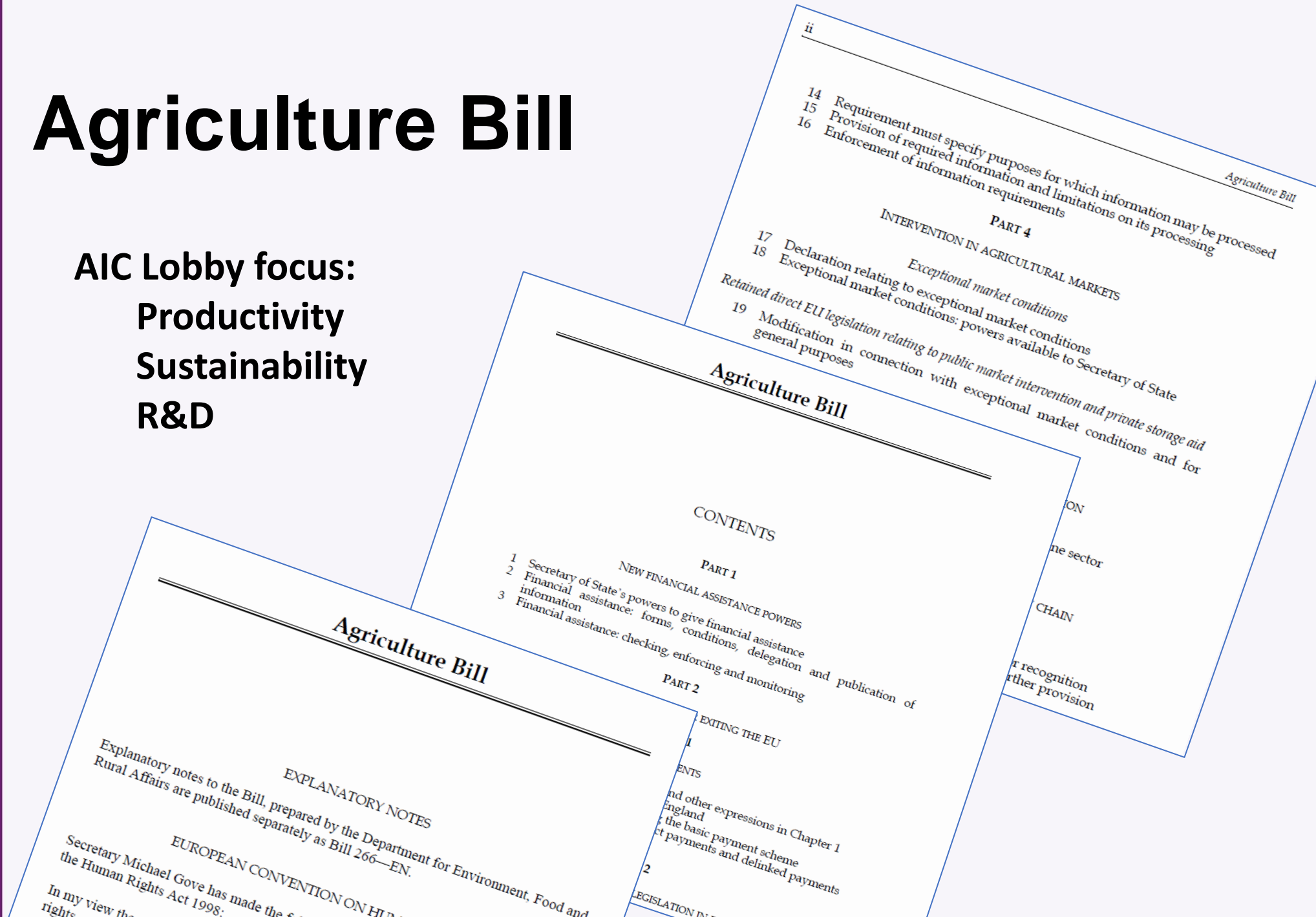




# Agriculture Bill

**AIC Lobby focus:**  
**Productivity**  
**Sustainability**  
**R&D**

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# Increased parliamentary contact



**Needs  
you!**

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# A programme to engage locally

- Mapping the constituencies where Members operate
  - UK government
  - Devolved governments
- Building on existing relationships
- Creating new relationships
- Regular briefings and campaign drafts
  
- **Together we can get the agrisupply industry higher up the political agenda**





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