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Today SNP MPs were again unable to confirm what Scottish agricultural policy will look like after we leave the European Union, and when Scottish farmers can expect to know what it will look.

The Scottish Conservative have been calling on the SNP to publish their plans for agricultural policy post-Brexit but so far, the SNP have failed to give any detail or any time scale of when to expect an agricultural bill for Scotland.

At present, provision for farmers is secured until December 2020. Scottish Conservative MPs will publish amendments shortly that would include Scotland in the Agricultural Bill.

Commenting Scottish Conservative MP Colin Clark said:

“Today the SNP spent a lot of time calling for agricultural policy to meets the needs of Scotland, with which I agree. But they seem to have completely forgotten that agricultural policy is devolved to the Scottish Government.

“The rest of the UK are preparing future farming policy for when we leave the European Union, unlike the SNP lead Scottish Government who are dragging their heels.

“Mr Wishart mentioned in the debate we should expect an agricultural bill, but Nicola Sturgeon failed to mention it in her Programme for Government or in her conference speech this week.

“SNP proposals for Scottish agricultural policy are as clear as mud.

“Farmers in Scotland are still completely in the dark over the issue; it is time they received some clarity from the SNP.”