

R&D Tax Credits in Agriculture

Farming may not conjure up images of an industry at the forefront of R&D and yet British farmers and agricultural related businesses are some of the most innovative in the world, developing new techniques and tools in their quest to improve overall performance in this essential sector. Unfortunately many in this industry are unaware that they are eligible for an R&D tax claim.



DO YOU QUALIFY?

The R&D tax credit scheme rewards any company whose work seeks to resolve a 'scientific or technological uncertainty'.

Qualifying activities in the agricultural industry may include:

- Initiatives to improve sustainability, reduce environmental impact or enhance soil quality.
- Adaption of machinery to improve a function specific to individual farming needs.
- Innovative use of technology and smart software to improve agricultural output.
- Developing and trialling better livestock feed & systems.



PROJECT EXAMPLES

We have experience dealing with a wide range of claims in the agricultural industry. Examples include:

- Development of an instant milk-cooling system to meet the differing complexities of robotic milking machines.
- Developing a food additive to reduce digestive problems in livestock.
- Designing a multi-tiered rearing environment for young chicks.
- Developing a non-till agricultural drill capable of high output whilst working on low organic soils and across uneven and undulating terrain, as well as roads.



What costs can I claim?

- Employee costs (including PAYE costs and pension contributions)
- Subcontractor costs
- Consumable Materials
- Energy Costs
- Certain specialist equipment

How much can I claim?

The tax relief is generous - up to **33% of the qualifying expenditure** for SME's and 11% for large companies under the **RDEC scheme**. The claim is part of a company's normal Corporation tax return and applies to the **latest two financial years**.



Why Choose Libcus?

As Chartered Accountants with a dedicated focus on Research & Development, we use our specialist knowledge and expertise to investigate your eligibility and compile a claim. Our consultants have an unique mix of skill set in terms of technical understanding of both industry and tax and are up to date with the current government legislation, minimising the risk for our clients.

With 100% success rate you can be confident we will help maximise your claim. Contact us today to find out more.