



Scrutiny demanded as councils continue to sell farms estate

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Farm groups have spoken of their disappointment and desire for further scrutiny into local authorities' actions as the latest data shows the national county farms estate remains under threat.

The *70th Annual Report to Parliament on Local Authority Smallholdings in England* (1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020) includes data from 40 authorities that responded to the Chartered Institute for Public Finance and Accountancy (Cipfa) survey – 43 were approached.

However, in some cases, these submitted data sets were incomplete, making it difficult to draw a direct comparison with previous years, which Tenant Farmers Association chief executive

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