

## LINK PROJECT

This is a LINK project and so the final report belongs to the consortium receiving the grant, not Defra. Therefore there is no final report to publish here.

They publish the report on behalf of the whole consortium and Defra, often on the HGCA website [www.hgca.com/](http://www.hgca.com/)

### Notes:

The LINK scheme has now ended but it was a means by which the Government encouraged collaborative research for innovative and industrially-relevant research to support its wealth creation and quality of life goals.

Research projects funded through LINK formed an integral of the sustainable farming and food science R&D portfolio. Through LINK, Defra provided grants to consortia of the private sector and the research base to conduct research for industrial or private sector purposes aligned to Defra objectives.

For standard LINK contracts, Government support was available to a maximum of 50% of the total project costs. While Defra was the major sponsor of the programmes covered, funding was also provided by other Government departments.

A requirement for support was that Government contributions were matched by an equivalent contribution - cash and/or in-kind - from industrial partners. Financial support from industry partners was matched 50:50 by Government.

Project participants ranged from large multiple retailers and agrochemical companies to small manufacturers of specialist instruments and machinery and individual farmers and growers as well as industry levy bodies.

