

UK Government at the Royal Highland Show this week

The Secretary of State for Scotland David Mundell will visit the Royal Highland Show at Ingliston on Thursday of this week, showing support for the agriculture, food and farming sectors.

The Highland Show is the biggest agricultural event in the country and it offers both farmers and others working in the sector the opportunity to talk to the UK Government. A number of other UK Government ministers and representatives from eight UK Government departments will also visit the show.



Royal Highland Show Photo Martin P McAdam

Scottish Secretary David Mundell said: "I'm very pleased to be attending the Royal Highland Show – it's a fantastic event

which shows rural Scotland at its very best.

“The Royal Highland Show is an important opportunity for the UK Government to hear views from farmers and others in the rural economy, and for us to talk about our plans to support them.

“Agriculture is vital to Scotland’s economy, and I look forward to discussing with the industry and show-goers how the UK Government can help the sector flourish.”



Mr Mundell will host a whisky reception showcasing the best of Scotland’s distilleries. The industry contributes £5.5 billion to the UK economy and make up 70 per cent of Scottish food and drink sector.

The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) will promote the Food is GREAT Britain and Northern Ireland campaign. And the Department for International Trade will promoted the Exporting is GREAT campaign.

UK Government departments will also be on hand to give advice about a number of initiatives, including opportunities available through the Industrial Strategy, and information about pensions and Tax-Free Childcare. Meanwhile Diesel, a Scottish Fire and Rescue search and rescue dog [with his own](#)

[Twitter account](#), will be the star of the Department for International Development (DFID) display showcasing UK aid work.

