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Food security requires investment in engineering and innovation, says IAgrE

Responding to the Chancellor's Autumn Budget, Charlie Nickin, CEO of the Institution of Agricultural Engineers (IAgrE), said:

"Food security, environmental sustainability and economic growth are all closely connected to the UK's ability to adopt and develop modern agricultural technologies.

While much of the discussion around the Budget has focused on farm finances and taxation, it is important not to overlook the role that engineering, innovation and skills will play in securing the future of British agriculture.

Agricultural engineers are developing and deploying technologies that improve productivity, reduce emissions, optimise inputs, support climate resilience and help farmers adapt to increasing economic pressures.

As government seeks to boost growth and strengthen national resilience, continued investment in agricultural research, engineering education, vocational skills and precision farming technologies will be essential.

The UK's land-based industries face significant challenges, but they also have significant opportunities. The Institution of Agricultural Engineers believes that supporting innovation, developing the next generation of engineers and accelerating the adoption of practical technology on farms should be central to the long-term strategy for food production and environmental management."

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