

Why do opponents of LVT wheel out the argument that farmers could not afford to pay LVT? This is taken from the [latest statistics from DEFRA](#) .

"General cropping and cereal farms had large increases in rent in 2010 and the prices now stand at £249 and £176 per hectare respectively. This may be due to the improvement in the profitability of arable farming." The main findings were

- 2010 rent prices for Full Agricultural Tenancy (FAT) agreements have risen across all regions.
- Cattle and sheep farms in less favoured areas (LFA) showed the largest FAT proportional increase (21%) from £52 in 2009 to £62 in 2010.
- Average rent for dairy farms increased by 16% between 2009 and 2010 and now stands at £180 per hectare.

The idea that farmers could not pay an LVT is absurd.