

Farming and flooding Somerset case study



Using the live lesson segment of James Winslade's interview, record his answers here.

We are now at James Winslade's farm on the Somerset Levels.
What was the main cause of the 2014 floods on the Somerset Levels?

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James' family had to move into temporary accommodation and he had to move 550 animals to safety. What did it feel like to be at the centre of such a significant flood event?

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James made use of social media sites as part of your response to the floods. How did he use these social media platforms?

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James' family couldn't return to their farm until the autumn of 2014. What impact did this have on their lives?

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Up to two metres of water covered James' fields for three months. What problems did this cause?

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A £20 million Flood Action Plan was launched by Somerset County Council and the Environment Agency to reduce the flood risk in this area, including flood defence works and raising roads. What work has James been aware of as part of this plan?

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Has James made any changes to his farming practices to reduce the risk of flooding on his farm in the future?

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Following the interview, can you list one cause, one impact and one response in relation to the Somerset Levels floods of 2014?

Cause

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Impact

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Response

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