State of agriculture in Scotland

- Average age is 58
- Lose 3 farmers a day
- Increasing land ownership concentration - 16 owners own 10% and consolidation of farm holdings
- Small growth in smallholdings: 42% holdings on 2% of agricultural area
- Sharp difference between growth in farm incomes (15%) over land value (85%) land as a commodity...
About SFLT

Aim: increase access to land for agroecological farmers, primarily through acquiring farmland and renting it out on long-term affordable leases

- Set up in 2015 by farmers and environmentalist
- 2017 - Feasibility study, conducted by Nourish
- 2018 - BenCom registration, Business Plan
- 2019 - Crowdfunding campaign success!
- 2020 - Employ Development Worker to:
  - Tenant selection process
  - Agroecological tenancy template
  - Develop network and info for land matching and broker some agreements
Strategic Work

○ Farming Opportunities for New Entrants (Scot Gov) - 62 opportunities to New Entrants on publicly owned land
○ Engaging with Scottish Government legislation…
  i. Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003
  ii. Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015
  iii. Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016
  iv. Good Food Nation Bill & Land Reform 3?
○ Continue to work with allies at a European level