

# Promoting Rural Resilience

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# Agenda

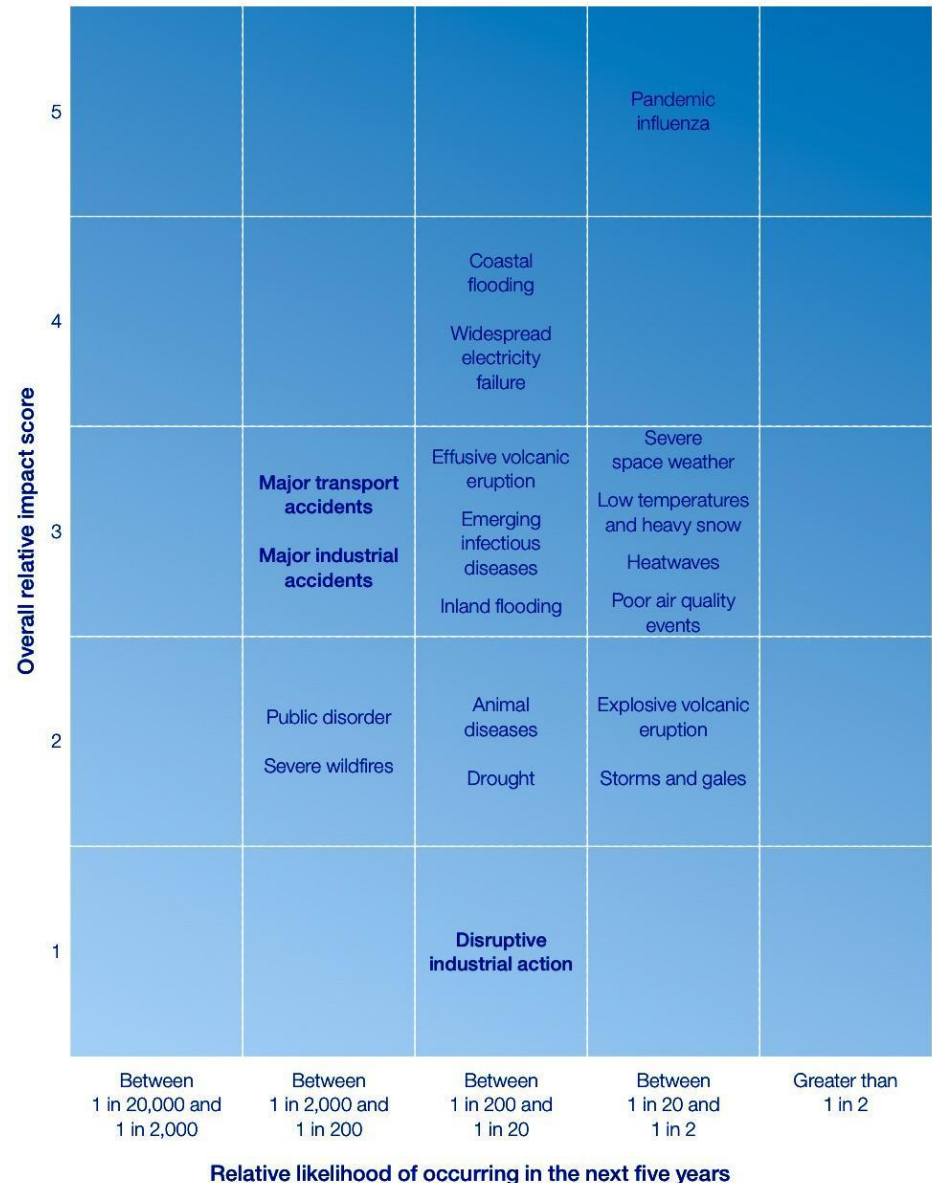
- What is Resilience?
- The risks.
- The challenges.
- The intrinsic resilience of farming.
- Threats to rural resilience.
- How to develop rural resilience.

# What is Resilience?

- ‘The capacity to recover quickly from difficulties.’ (Oxford Dictionaries, 2015)
- ‘The capacity of an individual, community or system to adapt in order to sustain an acceptable level of function, structure and identity.’ (Cabinet Office, 2011)
- ‘The capacity of a system to deal with change and continue to develop; withstanding shocks and disturbances and using such events to catalyse renewal and innovation.’ (Stockholm Resilience Centre, 2014)

# The Risks

- Of the 19 risks identified in the diagram, 12 (63%) would have a specific effect on the farming sector.
- Of those, 8 (42%) are weather and climate related



Source: UK National Risk Assessment - Non-Terrorist or Malicious Attack risks (Cabinet Office, 2011).

# The Intrinsic Resilience of Farming

Long termist

Lifestyle

Successional

Dedicated  
Workforce

High Support  
Levels

Lean  
Structures

Stewardship  
not  
Ownership

Family-  
Orientated

Connection  
to  
Environment

Independent

Seasonal and  
Cyclical

Infrastructure

# Threats to Rural Resilience

- Emotion.
- Financial weakness.
- Dependence on insurance and Government compensation.
- Poor cooperation.
- Public sector decline.
- Lack of leadership.
- Incoherent learning approach.

# How to Develop Rural Resilience?

*'The capacity of a system to deal with change and continue to develop; withstanding shocks and disturbances and using such events to catalyse renewal and innovation.'*

- Strategy.
- Coherent, detailed planning and joint execution.
- Make time for education, training and learning.
- Cooperate before not afterwards.
- Empowerment and engagement.
- Unified encouragement.



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- Partnerships.
- Supporting further research.
- Spreading the word!

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