



Farmer Fined for River Pollution



A farmer in Somerset was fined over £40,000 for polluting a river with potatoes and silt, causing road closures.



Mitchell was fined for letting soil into water and had to pay for road damage. The Environment Agency said he should have stopped the pollution.



Mitchell grew potatoes on a slope, causing soil loss in rain. He ignored warnings from August 2022. Farmers must follow rules to prevent pollution.