



Greening 2018

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- New options for EFA
 - Changes to existing EFA options
 - Common EFA errors
 - Cross Compliance issues found at inspection



New options for EFA

- EFA hedges (EFAH)
- Agroforestry (EFAAF)

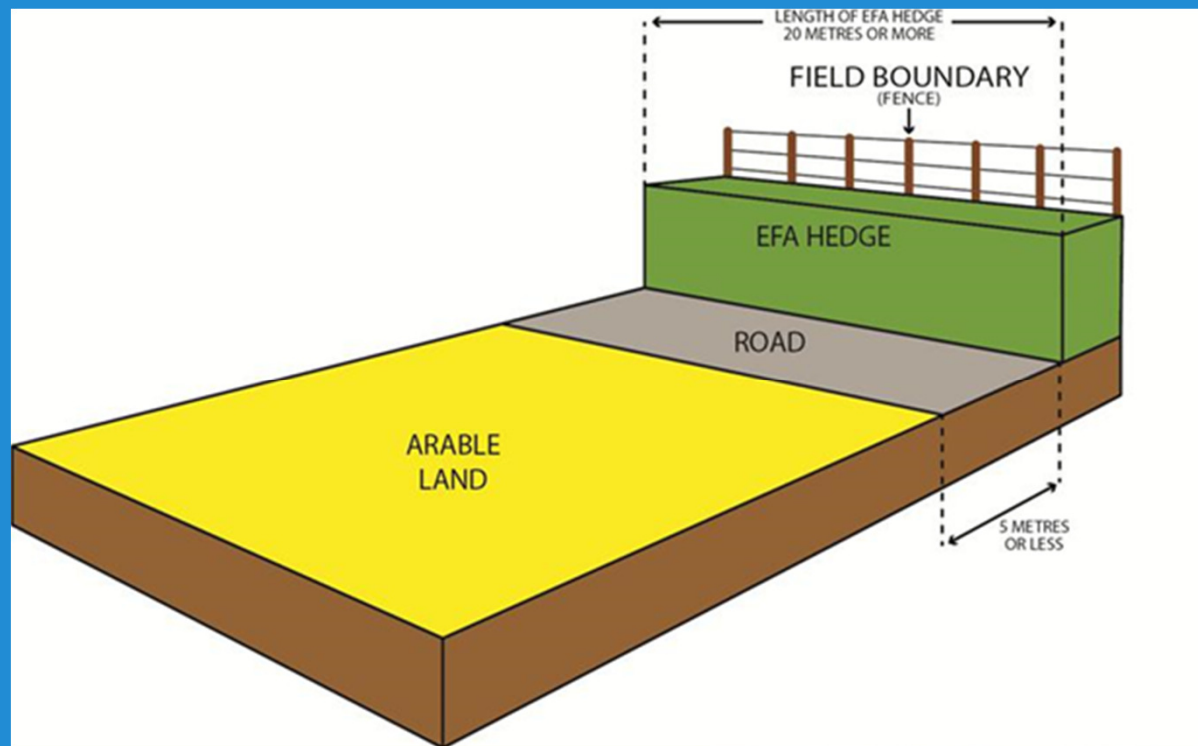
EFA Hedges

- EFA hedge is a linear feature
- Each Linear metre is worth 10m²
- Can be any height but no wider than 3m from centre of hedge
- On or within 5m of Arable land or next to a claimed EFA option
- Must manage hedge in accordance with Cross Compliance



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Hedge is eligible to be claimed for EFA as within five metres of arable land.

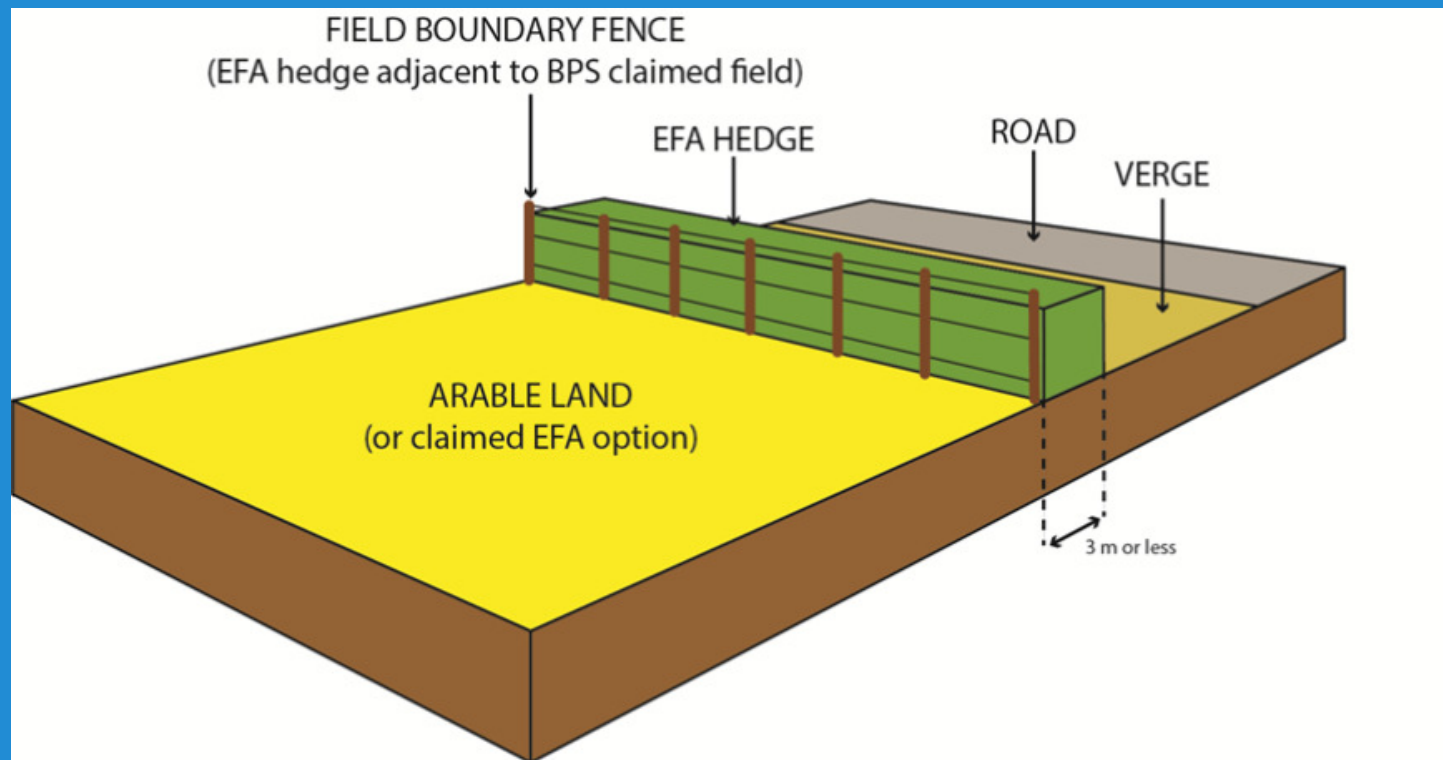


Hedge must be at least 20m in length, any gap less than 20m is treated as part of hedge



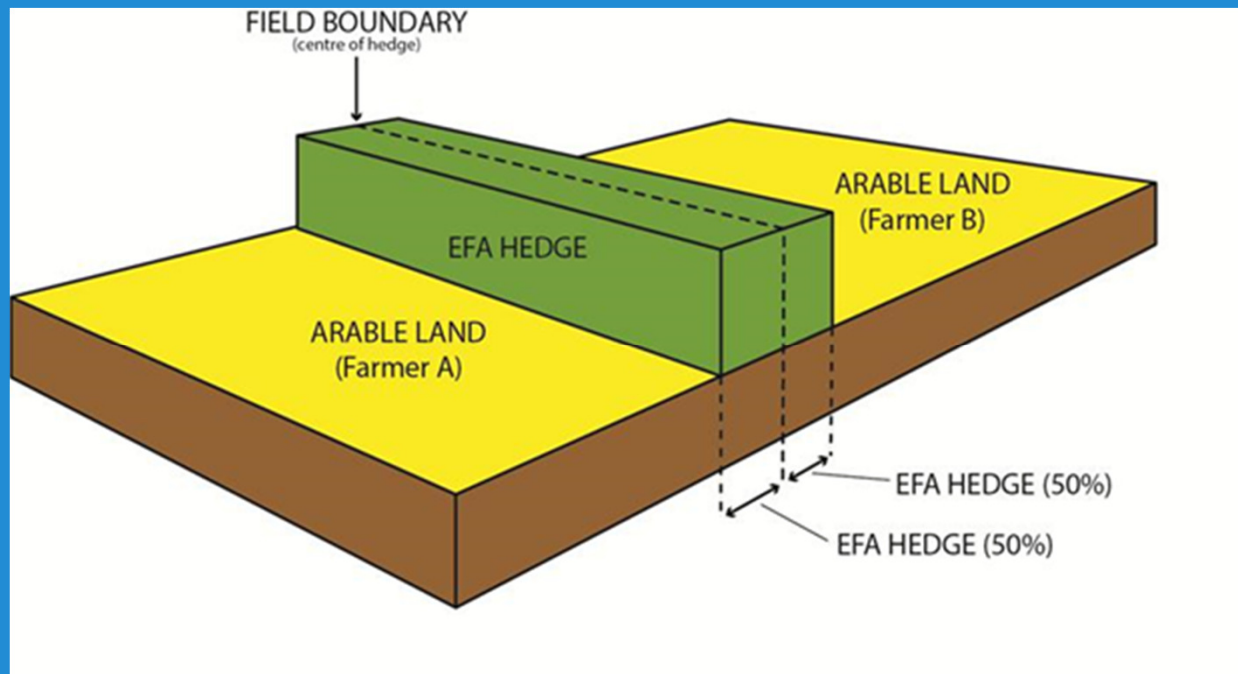
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Hedge is eligible as within 5 m of arable land although hedge outwith field



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Hedge claimed as an EFA hedge shared between two Farmers / Fields



- Can claim 5m² in each parcel



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EFA Agroforestry



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- **What land is eligible to support EFA Agroforestry?**
- Your land must have been:
- BPS eligible, arable land in 2015
- Planted under a FGS (Pillar 2) Scheme since 2015 and subject to an agreement with the Forestry Commission under agro-forestry and have been planted since 2015



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Changes to Existing EFA Options

- Fallow
- Margins
- Nitrogen Fixing Crops
- Catch Crop
- Green Cover

EFA Fallow

- **Maintenance** of field drains
- 15th January to 15th March
- With prior approval 15th March to 15th July
- Must be on Arable ground
- No Plant Protection Products allowed



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EFA Margins

- Amalgamation of Buffers and Margins
- Can be cut or grazed from 15th July
- Cannot be grazed next to a watercourse
- Must be on or within 5 m of arable ground or next to a claimed EFA option
- Between 1m and 20m
- No Plant Protection Products allowed



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EFA Nitrogen Fixing Crops

- No Plant protection products until after harvest of the nitrogen fixing crop
- Can be mixed with other crops
- Sow at least two different claimed EFA nitrogen-fixing crops.
- Must be surrounded by a claimed EFA margin.



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EFA Catch Crop

- No plant protection products from the date of harvest of the nurse crop (Cereal) until after 31st December.
- Can graze the EFA catch crop after harvest of the nurse crop
- Arable Silage for Stock Feed is NOT eligible for EFA catch crop



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EFA Green Cover

- Establish by 1st November
- Maintain until after 31st December
- No agricultural production until after 31st December
- No Plant Protection Products allowed



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EFA Errors

- No Map
- Different option on map to that on ground
- Shown on map but not claimed
- Mandatory to submit a map



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Cross Compliance Issues

- Chemical record breaches
- NVZ breaches
- Ploughing too close to watercourses and hedges
- Livestock Poaching next to watercourses



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Summary

- No plant protection products on EFA

Be aware of the:

- New EFA Options
- Changes to existing options
- Be aware of Cross Compliance

Keep your EFA Simple



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