

# Greening Checklist for 2021

## Ecological Focus Areas: Green Cover

Green cover is the establishment of a temporary crop in the autumn that will provide an enhancement to biodiversity, improve soil structure and will prevent soil erosion.

Answer each question below with a yes, no or n/a to help check if you are complying with the rules for the 2021 scheme year. If the rules are applicable to you, and you are compliant, your answers to the questions should be yes.



Picture above: EFA green cover

- Is the land you have used to support EFA green cover:
  - On your holding and on a claimed Basic Payment Scheme eligible agricultural parcel?
  - On arable land?
  - A minimum of 0.01 hectares in size?
  - Clearly identifiable and distinguishable on the ground?
  
- Have you submitted an EFA map with your Single Application Form, detailing the location and size of your EFA green cover?
  
- Does your green cover consist of two or more of the following crops: alfalfa, barley, red clover, white clover, mustard, oats, phacelia, radish, rye, triticale, vetch?
  
- Have you established your EFA green cover by 1<sup>st</sup> November and maintained it up to the 31<sup>st</sup> December inclusive?
  
- Have you **not** undertaken the following activities on your EFA green cover:
  - Used it to support agricultural production during the maintenance period 1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> December inclusive, including grazing?
  - Incorporated or sown the green cover to a winter crop in the autumn (prior to 31<sup>st</sup> December) of the year it is being claimed as EFA?
  - Applied pesticides from establishment of the EFA green cover until the 31<sup>st</sup> December?
  - Harvested any of the crops sown as EFA green cover?