

Greening Checklist for 2021

Ecological Focus Areas: Nitrogen Fixing Crops

The decomposition of nitrogen-fixing crops releases stored nitrogen, increasing the total nitrogen in the soil, making it available for the following crops.

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 nitrogen fixing crop

- Is the land you have used to support EFA nitrogen-fixing crops:
 - 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 nitrogen-fixing crops?

- Have you grown two or more of the following nitrogen-fixing crops: alfalfa, beans, birdsfoot trefoil, chickpea, red clover, white clover, lentil, lupin, peas, vetch?

- If EFA nitrogen fixing crops have been grown as a mixture with other crops, is the nitrogen fixing crop species predominant by weight of seed?

- Is your main nitrogen-fixing crop less than 75% of the total area of nitrogen-fixing crops claimed as EFA?

- Are all your EFA nitrogen-fixing crops surrounded by a claimed EFA margin?

Note: The field margin must meet the EFA margin rules.

- Have you **not** undertaken the following activities on your EFA nitrogen-fixing crops:
 - Harvested the nitrogen-fixing crops before 1st August?
 - Applied pesticides to all areas of you EFA nitrogen fixing crops from establishment until after harvest?