

Greening Checklist for 2021

Ecological Focus Areas: Catch Crops

A catch crop will provide an enhancement to biodiversity and 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 catch crop

- Is the land you have used to support EFA catch crop:
 - 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 catch crop?

- Is your nurse crop under sown in the spring with a recognised grass seed mixture?

- Have you maintained the EFA catch crop until the 31st December inclusive?

- Have you **not** undertaken the following activities on your EFA green cover:
 - Used pesticides from the date of harvest of the nurse crop to the 31st December, inclusive?
 - Incorporated or sown the catch crop to a winter crop in the autumn (prior to 31st December) of the year it is being claimed as EFA?

Note: You are allowed to graze your EFA catch crop after you have harvested the nurse crop.