

# Cross compliance checklist

## GAEC 4 - Minimum soil cover

The aim of GAEC 4 rules is to protect soil against erosion after harvest until the end of winter (winter is up to and including the last day of February).

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

- After harvest is the land covered by the stubble of the previous crop, by another crop or by grass?

*Note: If agronomic or weather conditions are such that cultivating land would be detrimental to the use of the land, or the land is being prepared for sowing the subsequent crop i.e. ploughing, then you will not breach the above rule.*



Picture above: Retained stubble of cereal crop

- Have you ensured that secondary cultivations and final seed beds are only created very close to sowing?



Picture above: Seed bed being created

