

# Greening Checklist for 2026 Ecological Focus Areas: Agro-Forestry



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**Agro-forestry provides a diversity of habitats for wildlife and can reduce run-off and 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 2026 scheme year. If the rules are applicable to you, and you are compliant, your answers to the questions should be yes.



EFA agro-forestry

- Is the land you have used to support EFA agro-forestry been:
  - Basic Payment Scheme eligible arable land in 2015?
  - Planted under a Forestry Grand Scheme since 2015?
- Have you prepared an EFA map, detailing the location and size of your EFA agro-forestry?
- Have you ensured that the area is subject to an agreement with the Forestry Commission under agro-forestry and been planted since 1st January 2015?


Further details about agro-forestry can be found at:

[www.ruralpayments.org/topics/all-schemes/forestry-grant-scheme/](http://www.ruralpayments.org/topics/all-schemes/forestry-grant-scheme/)

*Note: If you want to include areas in your EFA that are currently part of an agro-forestry grant scheme you can do this, however you must ensure that the management of the two schemes are compatible (the payment you receive for your agro-forestry grant scheme may be reduced to reflect the Greening payment you receive for your EFA feature).*

The detail contained within this information note represents a summary of the key scheme requirements. To ensure compliance with all aspects of the scheme, please refer to the full scheme guidance which is available at: [www.ruralpayments.org/topics/all-schemes/basic-payment-scheme/basic-payment-scheme-full-guidance/greening---bps/greening-guidance-2026/](http://www.ruralpayments.org/topics/all-schemes/basic-payment-scheme/basic-payment-scheme-full-guidance/greening---bps/greening-guidance-2026/)