

# Greening Checklist for 2026: Permanent Grassland



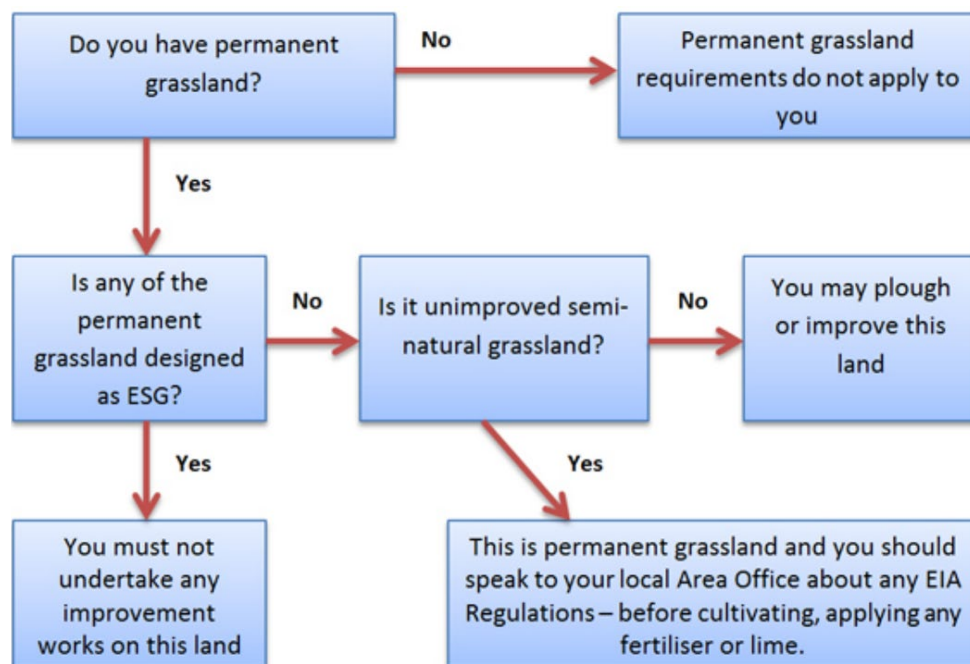
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Permanent grassland is land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage, either naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown), that is more than five years old. If you have permanent grassland on your holding you will need to comply with the rules associated with permanent grassland.

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.

- If you have permanent grassland on your holding that is designated as Environmentally Sensitive Grassland, have you not ploughed or converted it?



Example of Permanent Grassland



Example of Environmentally Sensitive Grassland

*Note: The ratio of permanent grassland compared to the total agricultural area claimed must not decrease by more than 5%. The maintenance of this ratio will be monitored at a national level, not individual farm level.*

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/)