Greening Update 2018

Crop Diversification (3-crop rule)

1. Do you have 10 hectares or more of arable land?
   - No
   - Yes
     2. Is more than 75% of this arable land temporary grass, fallow, herbaceous forage or leguminous crops?
        - No
        - Yes
          3. Is 75% of your total land in temporary grass or permanent grass or herbaceous forage?
             - No
             - Yes
               4. Is the arable land (including TGRS, fallow, leguminous crops & herbaceous forage) on your holding between 10 and 30 hectares?
                  - No
                  - Yes
                    5. Minimum of 2 crops are required – the main crop must be less than 75% of arable area
                    - Minimum of 3 crops are required – your main crop must be less than 75% arable area and your 2 main crops together must be less than 95% arable area
                    - You are exempt from Crop Diversification requirements

Ecological Focus Areas

1. Do you have more than 15 hectares of arable land?
   - No
   - Yes
     2. Is more than 75% of the arable land in temporary grass, herbaceous forage, fallow or leguminous crops?
        - Yes
          3. Is more than 75% of your total land in temporary grass or permanent grass or herbaceous forage?
             - Yes
               4. You are exempt from Ecological Focus Area requirements
             - No
               5. 5% of your arable land must be put into an Ecological Focus Area
               - You are exempt from Ecological Focus Area requirements
### EFA Rules for 2018

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### Some key changes to EFA rules for 2018

EFA margins may be:
- cut after 15 July (including for silage or hay)
- grazed after 15 July (if the margin does not contain or is not adjacent to a watercourse)

Rules for drainage on EFA Fallow. You may:
- undertake maintenance of field drains in the period 15 January to 15 March, this is limited to investigation (inspection pits, etc.) and replacement of pipes or tiles where existing 'bursts' have been identified
- in exceptional cases (subject to prior approval) you may undertake maintenance of field drains in the period 15 March to 15 July. In such cases you must seek prior written approval from your local area office to undertake drainage which will only be approved if you can demonstrate that the works are essential and immediate (recently identified after heavy rain)