Basic Payment Scheme Greening Rules – Reminder

Crop Diversification



Ecological Focus Areas (EFA’s)



Arable land includes:

Arable Cropping

Temporary Grassland

Fallow & Field Margins/buffer Strips

Areas in Agri Env Scheme that were previously arable e.g. beetle banks

EFA = 5% of total Arable land

Options for EFA requirements

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|  | Weighting |  | Main Points |  |
| Fallow | 1.0 |  | Exclusion 15th Jan - 15th July |
| Grass Margins | 1.5 |  | Exclusion 1st Jan – 31st Dec |
| Buffer strips | 1.5 |  | Exclusion 1st Jan – 31st Dec |
| Nitrogen Fixing Crops | 0.7 |  | Sow N Fixing crops (at least 2) |
| Catch Crops | 0.3 |  | Undersow a Cereal Crop |
| Green Cover Crops | 0.3 |  | Sow a Cover crop before 1st Oct |
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