



# GFE Growing for the Environment & SFS Sustainable Farming Scheme

## GROWING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Growing for the Environment is a grant scheme available to all eligible farmers in Wales. The scheme supports the growing and utilisation of crops, which can result in improvements in the environmental performance of a farm business.

Any changes will be publicised via the Welsh Government website and GWLAD online.



Application window date this time opened on 6 October 2025 and closed on 14 November 2025 - **NOW CLOSED**

**RULE BOOK LINK** [www.bit.ly/GFE-window8](http://www.bit.ly/GFE-window8)

## Forage Crops - WINDOW 8

OPTIONS

- Mixed leys (Also referred to as multi species or herbal leys) | Cymru Red Herbal & Cymru Green Herbal
- Red Clover or Lucerne | Straights available on page 8
- Unsprayed spring cereals under sown with mixed ley | Cymru Red Herbal & Cymru Green Herbal
- Unsprayed cereal and protein crop mix | Suitable mixtures - Barley Pro Plus & Oat Pro Plus available on page 28
- Unsprayed cereal and protein crop under sown with mixed ley | Suitable mixtures - Barley Pro Plus & Oat Pro Plus available on page 28
- Under sowing maize (Spring / summer sown) | Please enquire
- Unsprayed root or forage crop with ungrazed field margins | Suitable straight and mixtures available on page 9, 22 – 28
- Unsprayed spring cereals under sown with Red Clover | Straights available on page 8, mixture on this page
- Unsprayed spring-sown cereal and protein crop mix with stubbles retained | Suitable mixtures - Barley Pro Plus & Oat Pro Plus available on page 28
- Wildlife cover crop. Retained until 15 February in the following year | Suitable mixture - WBS 3 & Northern WBS1 available on page 10 & 11
- Wildlife cover crop. Retained for 2 years until 15 February 2028 | Please enquire
- Mixed leys with closed period (Also referred to as multi species or herbal leys)  
- Closed period refers to a period of no grazing or cutting | Cymru Red Herbal & Cymru Green Herbal

## Cover Crops - WINDOW 7



Establish an unsprayed cover crop following autumn harvesting of cereals, maize or horticultural crop where soil, after harvesting, is ordinarily left bare or stubble retained.

The application window opened on 3 June 2025 and close on 12 July 2025 - **NOW CLOSED**

Be sure to look for the new application window before these dates in 2026.

**RULE BOOK LINK** [www.gov.wales/growing-environment-rules-booklet-window-7.html](http://www.gov.wales/growing-environment-rules-booklet-window-7.html)

STRAIGHTS  
AND MIXTURE  
OPTIONS  
AVAILABLE  
from pages  
15 – 28

## SFS UA6 - Temporary habitat creation on improved land

The SFS is a whole farm scheme. It includes a Universal Layer, containing a set of Universal Actions (UAs) which generate a Universal Payment.

Additional SFS payments will be available in the Optional and Collaborative Layers for those farmers who choose to go above and beyond the Universal Layer.

Scan the QR Code for more details about the SFS rules and other actions required within UA6



**RULE BOOK LINK**  
[www.bit.ly/SFS2026-rules](http://www.bit.ly/SFS2026-rules)

- TBC** Action 3 - Fixed rough grass margin on arable land - Mixture sown: 15% tussock-forming grasses, remainder fine-leaved (Please enquire)
- TBC** Action 4 - Rotational rough grass margin on arable land - Mixture sown: 15% tussock-forming grasses, remainder fine-leaved (Please enquire)
- UM1** Action 5 - Unsprayed Spring Sown Cereal and Protein Crop Mix Spring-sown mixture of cereal and protein crops Barley Pro Plus & Oatpro Plus (Page 28)
- WB1** Action 7 - Wildlife Cover Crop on improved land Commercially available multi-species wildlife / game cover crop (Page 43)
- ML1** Action 9 - Mixed Leys (also referred to as multi-species or herbal leys) Temporary grassland comprising a diverse mixture of grasses, legumes, and herbs Cymru Red Herbal & Cymru Green Herbal (See below)
- MA7** Maize with an under sown crop Typically grass or clover (Please enquire)

### CYMRU RED HERBAL

- 10% Intermediate Perennial Diploid
- 14% Intermediate Perennial Tetraploid
- 10% Tall Fescue
- 8% Meadow Fescue
- 10% Cocksfoot
- 8% Timothy
- 10% Red Clover
- 4% Late Heading Red Clover
- 4% Small Leaf White Clover
- 4% Medium Leaf White Clover
- 8% Alsike Clover
- 3% Chicory
- 3% Sheep's Burnet
- 4% Plantain

100%

Sowing rate 25kg/ha

### CYMRU GREEN HERBAL

- No Red Clover or Chicory
- 10% Intermediate Perennial Diploid
  - 14% Intermediate Perennial Tetraploid
  - 10% Tall Fescue
  - 8% Meadow Fescue
  - 10% Cocksfoot
  - 8% Timothy
  - 3% Birdsfoot Trefoil
  - 7% Yellow Trefoil
  - 5% Small Leaf White Clover
  - 5% Medium Leaf White Clover
  - 10% Alsike Clover
  - 2% Sheep's Parsley
  - 4% Sheep's Burnet
  - 4% Plantain

100%

Sowing rate 25kg/ha

THESE TWO MIXTURES COMPLY WITH OPTION 1, 6, 8 & 20 OF THE GFE SCHEME & SFS ML1

### DRAIG~DRAGON

- 18% Intermediate Perennial Diploid
- 29% Intermediate Perennial Tetraploid
- 16% Late Perennial Diploid
- 17% Tall Fescue
- 20% Red Clover Blend

100%

Sowing rate 37kg/ha

THIS MIXTURE COMPLIES WITH  
OPTION 2 & 11 OF THE GFE SCHEME

