

# The Future of Agricultural Support

## Agricultural reform Programme

### Preparing for Sustainable farming



#### Whole Farm Plan

All farmers must complete 2 of the following 5 options by 15th May 2025.

1. Bio-diversity Audit	2. Carbon Audit	3. Integrated Pest Management Plan	4. Soil Analysis	5. Animal Health and Welfare Plan
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#### Other Seed Options Under AECS

Stubbles followed by a Green Manure

#### MANY OPTIONS FOR THIS

Please consult your seed advisor.

#### Agricultural Reform Programme

Basic Payment Scheme remains as it is for 2025

Greening has no changes for 2025. It will have new options from 2026 (Enhanced Tier Support)

Agri Environmental Climate Scheme (AECS). Continues for 2025 with no changes

Cross Compliance New conditions for Peatlands (GAEC6)

#### Agri-Environmental Climate Scheme Options

##### Creation of Beetle Banks, Water Margins and Grass Strips

##### BGM6 Fine Grasses & 15% Wild Flowers (AB8, IPM2, CIPM2)

45%	Strong Creeping Red Fescue
15%	Chewings Fescue
9%	SSMG
9%	Cocksfoot
6%	Hard Fescue
3.75%	Sainfoin
3.75%	Vetch
3%	Lucerne (inoculated)
1%	Alsike
1%	Bentgrass
1%	Plantain
1%	Red Clover
0.5%	Sheeps Burnet
0.5%	Sheeps Parsley
0.25%	Birdsfoot trefoil
0.25%	Yarrow

100%

Sowing rate for Scotland 30kg/ha  
Pack size 20kg

##### Wild Bird Seed for Farmland Birds Specifically for Scottish Conditions

##### Northern WBS 1 - 1 Year Spring Sown (AB9, AHL2, CAHL2)

60%	Spring Triticale
20%	Spring Barley
10%	Linseed
5%	Forage Rape
3%	Fodder Radish
2%	Phacelia

100%

Sowing rate 40kg/ha  
Pack size 20kg

#### Forage Brassicas for Farmland Birds

Best to consider

Swedes • Kale • Hardy Hybrid Brassicas

#### FALLOW LAND MIXTURE (EFAFAL)

45%	Late Perennial Ryegrass (Dip)
45%	Late Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)
5%	Timothy
5%	White Clover

100%

Sowing rate 30 - 35kg/ha  
Pack size 20kg

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# BPS Scotland - Greening

## A guide to Ecological Focus Area (EFA) Mixtures



<p><b>EFA Fallow Land (EFAFAL) Scottish Government Basic Payment Scheme – Greening</b>                      Fallow Period 15th January to 15th July. No agricultural production between these dates. Wild Bird Mixtures &amp; Wild Flower mixtures are encouraged and may be sown during the fallow period. After the fallow period is over grass may be cut or grazed. Plan ahead for 2026 and sow a late heading mixture after 16th July 2025.</p>	<p>EFA Weighting 1.0</p>	<p>Fallow Mixture PAGE 12</p>	<p>BGM 1 or 2 PAGE 7</p>	<p>Northern WBS 1 PAGES 11 &amp; 12</p>	<p>Farmland Wild Bird Mixture PAGE 11</p>
<p><b>EFA Margins (EFAM) Scottish Government Basic Payment Scheme – Greening</b>                      Period is 1st January to 31st December. They should be around the margin of a field or split 2 crops within a field. Must be between 1m and 20 m wide. You are allowed to cut for hay or silage after 15th July. If not beside a watercourse it may be grazed. Wild flower, wild bird seed and normal grass mixtures may be established.</p>	<p>EFA Weighting 1.5</p>	<p>Any Grass Mixture</p>	<p>BGM 1 or 2 PAGE 7</p>	<p>BGM 6 PAGE 12</p>	<p>Northern WBS 1 PAGES 11 &amp; 12</p>
<p><b>EFA Catch Crops (EFACC) Scottish Government Basic Payment Scheme – Greening</b>                      Establish the crop in spring. The only catch crop you can grow will be a cereal nurse crop with undersown grass. <b>It should be a recognised grass seed mixture.</b> The catch crop must be retained until at least the 31st December. You may graze the catch crop after harvest of the main crop.</p>	<p>EFA Weighting 0.3</p>	<p>Any Recognised Grass Mixture</p>	<p>Italian Catch Crop Mixture</p>		
<p><b>EFA Green Cover (EFAGC) Scottish Government Basic Payment Scheme – Greening</b>                      Establish the green cover crop by 1st November. Maintain the green cover up to 31st December inclusive. Do not graze during the maintenance period 1st November and 31st December. It must be a mixture of 2 or more of only the following: Alfalfa, barley, red clover, white clover, mustard, oats, phacelia, radish, rye, triticale and vetch.</p>	<p>EFA Weighting 0.3</p>	<p>DLF Red &amp; White Clover Blend PAGES 9 &amp; 17</p>	<p>N-Rich Cover Mix PAGE 18</p>		
<p><b>EFA Nitrogen Fixing Crops (EFA-NFIX) Scottish Government Basic Payment Scheme – Greening</b>                      You must ensure that all EFA nitrogen-fixing crops are surrounded by a claimed EFA margin. You cannot harvest before 1st August to protect ground nesting birds. You must grow 2 of the following; Alfalfa, beans, birdsfoot trefoil, chickpea, red and white clover, lentils, lupins, peas and vetch. Mixtures are allowed, but the nitrogen-fixing species must be dominant by weight.</p>	<p>EFA Weighting 1.0</p>	<p>DLF Red &amp; White Clover Blend PAGES 9 &amp; 17</p>	<p>Alfalfa PAGE 9</p>	<p>Peas &amp; Beans</p>	<p>Vetch PAGE 17</p>
<p><b>EFA Hedges (EFAH)</b>  <b>EFA Agro-Forestry (EFAAF)</b>                      These are EFA options for Scotland that do not require any seed.</p>	<p>Various</p>				