

# Basic Payment Scheme - Greening, what's involved?

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## Crop diversification – 3 crop rule

You are exempt if;

1. Certified organic
2. Less than 10 Ha of arable land
3. More than 75% of arable land is temporary grass and with less than 30ha of remaining arable land
4. More than 75% of your land is grass, permanent or temporary, with less than 30ha of remaining arable area
5. More than 50% of the land under arable was not on your application the previous year

Penalties applied if you can't meet the requirements, level of penalty calculated on a percentage basis.

If you have more than 15ha of arable crops you will have to provide 5%

## Ecological Focus Area

You are exempt if;

1. You are certified organic
2. If 75% of your arable land is fallow, temporary grass or growing leguminous crops, or a combination of the 3, and your remaining arable land is 30ha or less

Current EFA requirement is 5% of arable land, all arable land including the first 15ha

EFA delivered through a combination of the following

<b>EFA Option</b>	<b>Weighting</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Available in 2015</b>
Catch crop	X0.3EFA (1ha = 0.3ha EFA)	On arable land	Yes
Cover crop	X0.3EFA (1 ha = 0.3ha EFA)	On arable land	Yes
Nitrogen fixing crop	X0.7EFA(1 ha = 0.7ha EFA)	On arable land	Yes
Fallow	X1	On or adjacent to arable land	Yes
Buffer Zone	X0.9EFA(1 ha = 0.9ha EFA)	On or adjacent to arable land or ineligible land	Only hedgerows
Hedgerows	X10(1000m = 1ha EFA)	On or adjacent to arable land or ineligible land	Yes

### **How we can help**

We would be happy to discuss this with you. Please contact us if you would like further advice.