

**Agriculture and Fisheries Grant Scheme**

**Agri-Environment Initiatives Grants**

**Organic Viability Plan**

The purpose of this form is to allow you to provide an overall picture of what your proposed organic unit will look like once it has been converted, and to demonstrate that it will be technically viable in terms of rotation and stock numbers and health. You must also complete a Conversion Plan which must be approved by your chosen Control Body and submitted with your first annual claim. The Viability Plan must be comprehensively completed and should inform the detail in your Conversion Plan. It is expected that to complete a considered Viability Plan you will require advice and/or training in the organic management of the farm enterprises you wish to convert.

**1. Personal Details**

|                                |                      |
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| 1.1 Title                      | <input type="text"/> |
| 1.2 Surname                    | <input type="text"/> |
| 1.3 First Name(s)              | <input type="text"/> |
| 1.4 Business/Organisation Name | <input type="text"/> |
| 1.5 Email Address              | <input type="text"/> |
| 1.6 Address                    | <input type="text"/> |
|                                | <input type="text"/> |
|                                | Post Code            |
| 1.7 Contact Numbers            | <input type="text"/> |

**2. Organic Standards**

Do you have access to a copy of the organic standards of an approved organic certification body?

Yes  No

**3. Proposed Conversion Timetable**

**3.1 Overview: timetable for conversion of land and livestock**

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| a. Will the proposed organic unit be converted all-at-once or in a phased conversion?    | <input type="checkbox"/> All at once<br><input type="checkbox"/> Phased |
| b. What is the proposed start date for the (first phase of) conversion?                  | <input type="text"/>  |
| c. What is the proposed date for the (first phase of) land to reach full organic status? | <input type="text"/>  |
| d. When do you plan to harvest your first full organic status crop?                      | <input type="text"/>  |
| e. Do you plan to undertake simultaneous conversion of land and livestock?               | <input type="text"/>  |

### 3.2 Details of any non-organic enterprises located on farm that are not to be converted.

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## 4. Land Area to be Converted

### 4.1 Areas

Total acres of proposed organic unit  Acres

If phased conversion is proposed, area to be converted in:

a. Phase 1  Acres

b. Phase 2  Acres

c. Phase 3  Acres

Total area already organic or in conversion  Acres

Total area of land which will not be converted to organic  Acres

All other land (e.g. woodland)  Acres

Roads, Yards and Buildings  Acres

Total Area of Holding  Acres

### 4.2 Proposed organic unit: Breakdown of land types

Area of (cultivable) land to be put in organic rotation  Acres

Area of improved permanent grassland  Acres

Area of unimproved grassland/rough grazing  Acres

Area of permanent cropping/top fruit  Acres

Total area of agricultural land in proposed organic unit  Acres



## 6. Stock on Proposed Organic Unit

### 6.1 Stock numbers

|                                     |              | Under current<br>conventional<br>management | Proposed under<br>organic<br>management |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|---|---|
| No. of breeding females             | Suckler cows | <input type="text"/>                        | <input type="text"/>                    |
|                                     | Dairy cows   | <input type="text"/>                        | <input type="text"/>                    |
|                                     | Ewes         | <input type="text"/>                        | <input type="text"/>                    |
|                                     | Sows         | <input type="text"/>                        | <input type="text"/>                    |
|                                     | Does         | <input type="text"/>                        | <input type="text"/>                    |
|                                     | Nannies      | <input type="text"/>                        | <input type="text"/>                    |
|                                     | Poultry      | <input type="text"/>                        | <input type="text"/>                    |
| Calves sold as stores               |              | <input type="text"/>                        | <input type="text"/>                    |
| Calves sold as finished             |              | <input type="text"/>                        | <input type="text"/>                    |
| Calves kept as breeding replacement |              | <input type="text"/>                        | <input type="text"/>                    |
| Lambs sold as stores                |              | <input type="text"/>                        | <input type="text"/>                    |
| Lambs sold as finished              |              | <input type="text"/>                        | <input type="text"/>                    |
| Lambs kept as breeding replacement  |              | <input type="text"/>                        | <input type="text"/>                    |

### 6.2 Livestock Breeds on the Proposed Organic Unit

|         | Breeds               |
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| Cattle  | <input type="text"/> |
| Sheep   | <input type="text"/> |
| Pigs    | <input type="text"/> |
| Deer    | <input type="text"/> |
| Goats   | <input type="text"/> |
| Poultry | <input type="text"/> |

## 7. Animal Health Plan

Do you currently operate a written Animal Health Plan (AHP)?

Yes  No

If not, you should be aware that you will be required to prepare a written organic Animal Health Plan, as part of the Conversion Plan which you submit to your Certification Body, showing in detail how you propose to promote and maintain animal health on your farm. It is desirable to seek veterinary advice in the preparation of your AHP, although this is not compulsory.

## 8. Proposed Marketing Strategy

Please indicate your proposed main and secondary market outlets by volume.

|  | Main                     | Secondary                |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ▪ Sale of primary product (e.g. grain, cattle) to wholesale/processing sector        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ▪ Sale of primary product direct to consumers (e.g. through farmers market, etc.)    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ▪ On-farm processing (e.g. on-farm butchery) and sale of product direct to consumers | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ▪ Other main outlet  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outline in the box below your proposed marketing strategy, including a list of any potential market outlets you have contacted or advisers you have consulted.

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## 9. Training/Advice

Have you received training and or advice in consideration of entering conversion to Organic farming practices?

Yes  No

Please provide details of training and/or advice including name of adviser/advice body.

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## 10. Declaration and Data Protection

I confirm I have read and understood the Data Protection information overleaf and that I wish to proceed on this basis.

Signature

Print Name

Date

## DATA PROTECTION

Please read the information before signing below.

1. The Department of Environment, Food & Agriculture is a Controller for the purposes of the 2018 data protection legislation and will only process your personal information in accordance with its principles. The information requested here is required in the public interest in order for the Department to Administer the Agriculture and Fisheries Grant Scheme 2016.
2. Some of the information you provide, such as your name, address and contact details may be shared within DEFA, with other Government departments, boards or offices for the purposes of statutory functions and in the public interest.
3. We will only hold your data for as long as it is needed to administer this (and possible future) application and in accordance with our privacy policy and document retention policy.
4. If you wish to know more about your rights our Data Protection Officer can be contacted at [DPO-DEFA@gov.im](mailto:DPO-DEFA@gov.im) / tel. 686781. DEFA's Privacy Notice may be found here <https://www.gov.im/about-the-government/departments/environment-food-and-agriculture/privacy-notice/>