

Agricultural Environment Scheme Initiatives 2024/2025 key changes

New			
Increased rate/clarifications			
Removed			
Combined/clarifications			
Reduced rate			
Minor amends/clarifications			
Old Handbook		Updated hand book	
Initiative	Payment rate	Initiative	Payment rate/ upto /per ac
		Upland Farmland Initiative	100%
		Area of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI) Management Agreement	As per Management agreement
		Pig Industry Efficiency Schedule	£40 per pig
		Vermin Control	£200 + £1ac
		Farm Carbon Calculator	£250 +£6ac
		Soil Health Initiative	£250 +£4 or £6
Winter Stubble	£58/ac	Winter Stubble	£40/ac
New Hedge Planting	£15m +£5m or 75% of cost	New Hedgerow Planting and Enhancement	Up to £20m or 75% of cost
Traditional Spring Cropping	£120/ac	Traditional Spring Cropping	£120/ac +£40/ac if under sown
Conservation Headlands	£120/ac	Cereal Conservation Headlands	£120/ac
Educational Visits	£290/visit	Educational Visits (School/Youth Groups)	£300/visit
Delivering a unique or desirable permanent habitat	£58/ac	Management of Priority Habitats	£60/ac
The Creation of Herbal leys	£60/ac	Herbal and Mixed Species Leys	£120/ac
The Creation of Legume Rich Swards (in the grazing situation)	£60/ac	Legumes Rich Swards (e.g. Clover Reseeds)	£80/ac
Dry-stone Walling, Repairing or Rebuilding	£30m2	Dry-stone Walling	£60/£90/£120 depending on height
Supplementary Winter Feeding for Farmland Birds	£1025/tonne	Supplementary Winter Feeding of Farmland Birds	£1100/tonne
Soil fertility - Soil Sampling	50%	Combined	
Water Protection Zones	£8/£80/£120/ac	combined	
Infield Grass Strips	£325/ac	Combined	
Hedge Enhancement	£6/m	combined	
Woodland Planting Scheme	100%	Woodland, Tree and Shelterbelt Planting	Up to 100%
Dubs, ponds, scrapes and wetland habitats	100%	Dubs, Scrapes and Wetlands	Up to 100%
Farmer Initiatives		Farmer Initiatives	
Winter Fodder Crops	£10/ac	Winter Fodder Crops	£20/ac single species £45/ac multi species
Unharvested Cereal Headlands	£290/ac	Unharvested Arable Crops	£290/ac
Biennial Wild Bird Seed Mix Strips	£220/ac	Wild Bird / Pollinator / Wildflower Plots on Arable Land	£220/ac

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Buffer strip on cultivated land	£120/ac or £70/ac	Grass Buffer or In-field Strips on Cultivated Land	£80/ac or £325/ac
Hedge Management	£8/m	Hedge Management	£8m
Manx Sod Hedge Building, Repairing or Rebuilding	100%	Manx Sod Hedges and Earth Banks	100%
Control of Invasive Non-Native Plant Species	£400/ac	Control of Invasive Non-Native Species	100%
Wide Water or ASSI Buffer Zones (20 - 50 m)	£8/80/£120/ac	Wide Water Buffer Zones	£80/£120/ac 100% capital
Winter Cover Crops	£100/ac	Winter Cover Crops between Arable Rotations	£100/ac
Soil fertility – Imported Lime	£0.25/ENV	Manx & Imported Agricultural Lime	50% & £0.25 per ENV
Legumes Combined/ Harvested Forage	£80/ac	Legumes for Combining or Harvesting as Forage	£80/ac
Organic Scheme Conversion and Management		Organic Farming	
Pest and Disease monitoring	80%	Pest, Disease, Nutrient monitoring or sampling for animals, soils, and crops	80%
Poultry efficiency initiative	50%	Poultry Productivity KPIs	50%
Forage sampling – Making the best use of home grown feed	50%	Combined	
Wildlife Boxes	£200 max	Nest & Wildlife Boxes	100%
Upland Stewardship Scheme	£5.33/ac	Upland Stewardship	£5.33/ac
Plant and Animal Health – Integrated Pest Management	£100 +£0.50/ac	Removed	
Animal Health – Herd/Flock Health Plan	£50 +£3/ac	Removed	
Dairy Productivity Recording KPIs	£50 + £3/ac	Removed	
Beef Productivity KPIs	£50 + £3/ac	Removed	
Sheep KPIs	£50 + £3/ac	Removed	
Other Livestock KPIs	£50 + £3/ac	Removed	
Arable Cost of Production	£50 + £3/ac	Removed	
Crop Nutrient Management Plan	£50 +£3/ac	Removed	
Manure Management Plan	£50 + £3/ac	Removed	