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# Environmental Land Management Scheme Update

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# What has been announced

We have announced and published:

- prospectus
- SFI 2023 standards
- Landscape Recovery round 2

# The prospectus

Actions, timescales and payment rates

Organised around types of land and features

>250 continuing (including those being updated) from CS

Around 30 new actions



# SFI in 2023

- Refined based on learning so far
- A broader offer
- More flexibility

We will evolve the scheme over time to make sure it works for farmers and delivers the required outcomes



# SFI in 2023

six new standards, 19 actions:

- hedgerow management
- integrated pest management
- nutrient management
- arable and horticultural land
- improved grassland
- low input grassland



# Hedgerows standard – summary

SFI action	Payment rate
Assess and record hedgerow condition	£3 per 100 metres (m) – one side
Manage hedgerows so there's a range of different heights and widths	£10 per 100m – one side
Maintain existing hedgerow trees, or establish new ones, so there's an average of at least 1 hedgerow tree per 100m	£10 per 100m – both sides

# Integrated pest management standard – summary

SFI action	Payment rate
Arrange for a 'BASIS-qualified adviser*' to complete an integrated pest management (IPM) assessment and produce an IPM plan <i>*a member of the BASIS Professional Register who's qualified with the relevant BASIS Certificate in Crop Protection for the crops the farmer is growing</i>	£989 per year
Establish and maintain flower-rich grass margins, blocks, or in-field strips	£673 per hectare (ha)
Establish a companion crop	£55 per ha
No use of insecticide	£45 per ha

# Nutrient management standard – summary

SFI action	Payment rate
Arrange for a 'FACTS qualified adviser*' to complete a nutrient management (NM) assessment and produce an NM review report <i>*a member of the BASIS Professional Register who's qualified under the Fertiliser Advisers Certification and Training Scheme (FACTS)</i>	£589 per year
Establish and maintain legumes	£102 per ha
Establish and maintain legume fallow	£593 per ha



# Arable and horticultural land standard – summary

SFI action	Payment rate
Establish and maintain blocks or strips of pollen and nectar flower mix	£614 per ha
Establish and maintain blocks or strips of winter bird food	£732 per ha
Establish and maintain grassy field corners and blocks	£590 per ha
Establish and maintain a 4m-12m buffer strip on arable and horticultural land	£451 per ha

# Improved grassland standard – summary

SFI action	Payment rate
Take grassland field corners and blocks out of management	£333 per ha
Maintain improved grassland to provide winter bird food	£474 per ha
Establish and maintain a 4m-12m buffer strip on grassland	£235 per ha

# Low input grassland standard – summary

SFI action	Payment rate
Manage grassland with very low nutrient inputs (outside SDAs)	£151 per ha (indicative)
Manage grassland with very low nutrient input (SDAs)	£98 per ha (indicative)

# Any questions?

