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Fodder Support Scheme



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What is the Fodder Support Scheme?

The purpose of the Fodder Support Scheme (FSS) is to incentivise and support farmers to grow sufficient grass and conserve sufficient fodder (silage and/or hay) for the 2022 winter.



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How to qualify

Have submitted a 2022 BPS application online at agfood.ie on or before 15th May 2022.

- Apply for FSS online at agfood.ie on or before the 2nd of August 2022.
- Confirm and agree to cut and conserve silage and or hay by 5th September 2022.
- Applicants must declare the total number of hectares of grassland they intend to cut for hay and/or silage in 2022.
- Only grassland parcels will be eligible.
- At least 5% of participants will be selected for inspection with a further 3% subject to administrative checks.
- You must agree to comply with the terms & conditions of the Fodder Support Scheme.



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Eligibility

All Milk suppliers as of the 16th May 2022 are not eligible to apply for the scheme

Tillage land and ANC Category 1 land is not eligible to receive support under this scheme

Low Input Permanent Pastures (LIPP) parcels in GLAS are excluded from support

Traditional Hay Meadow parcels in GLAS are eligible for support under the FSS.



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Rates of payment

The payment rate will be up to €100 per eligible hectare, on up to a maximum of 10 hectares.

Max €1,000

- Payments are expected to begin issuing to cleared cases in late November 2022.

A maximum threshold of 10 hectares of grassland for the Fodder Support Scheme will apply to a Single herd Registered Farm Partnership.

A maximum threshold of 20 hectares of grassland (i.e., the 10-hectare individual maximum multiplied by 2) will apply to a Multi herd Registered Farm Partnership of **two herds**.

A maximum threshold of 30 hectares of grassland (i.e., the 10-hectare individual maximum multiplied by 3) will apply to a Multi herd Registered Farm Partnership of three **or more herds**.



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Inspections

At least 5% of FSS applicants will be subject to on farm inspection

- Receipts to support that fodder has been grown, cut and conserved – for example receipts from a contractor to mow, bale, wrap etc, the grassland area in hectares entered for the Scheme.
- Geo-tagged photos submitted in a manner described by the Department.
- On the spot inspections (see Section 9).
- You can sell some or all of the fodder produced on the holding, but you may be asked to produce evidence demonstrating the cutting and conserving of the fodder and the subsequent sale of the fodder such as receipts/bank statements etc.
- Farmers in a farm partnership registered with the Department are eligible for the Fodder Support Scheme



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