

Soil Management for Grassland/Maize Farmers



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Objectives of Catchment Sensitive Farming

Catchment Sensitive Farming is working with farmers to try and reduce the amount of nutrients, pesticides and/or sediment entering groundwater and watercourses.

- help farmers make better use of fertiliser, slurry and manure to increase nutrient efficiency
- improve knowledge of the impacts of pesticides (including metaldehyde) within the catchment and ways to reduce the inputs.
- advise farmers on appropriate changes in land management and the value of their soil to reduce the loss of sediment
- advise farmers on improvements to farm infrastructure.



Reason for CSF designation

- The key priority is to protect the groundwater and surface drinking water areas from pollutants derived from agriculture: nitrates, pesticides (including metaldehyde) and phosphates.



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Changes a coming.. So..What do we know?

2015

- 2015 water grants
- Countryside Stewardship (CS) targeting
- CS processes
- Farm Advice Framework (FAF)
 - Continuation of 1:1 technical visits
 - Soil Husbandry
 - Nutrient Management
 - Farm Infrastructure
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2016+

- Countryside Stewardship
- Countryside productivity

However, we are planning on the basis of CSF continuation through the RDPE programme period and will change through 2016 to reflect this.



**Countryside
Stewardship
£3.1bn**

Environment land management scheme.

Replaces existing ELS and HLS schemes.

Will include Higher and Mid-Tier agreements and **one-off small-scale grants.**

Some advice, and grants to help facilitate Mid-Tier agreements at a landscape scale

**Countryside
Productivity
£140m**

Grants for farming and forestry businesses.

Start-up grants for new entrants.

Grants through EIP to help translate latest research into practice.

Grants, advice & training for specific sectors: animal health & welfare and forestry and for nitrogen efficiency.

**Growth
Programme
£177m**

Grants, advice and training for SMEs and start-up businesses in rural areas.

Grant support for specific sectors including tourism, broadband and renewable energy.

**LEADER
£138m**

Grants for smaller projects in rural areas.

Could include **grants** for farming or forestry businesses

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Countryside Stewardship

Higher Tier:

Multi-annual agreements for site specific, high value sites.

Similar application process to the current Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) scheme.

Full range of scheme options is potentially available.

One-to-one advisory support to help address more complex land management issues by Natural England and Forestry Commission staff.

Middle Tier:

Multi-annual agreements delivering simpler yet effective improvements in the wider countryside.

Agreements available nationally through a competitive online application process.

Successful applications will be those that address the environmental priorities targeted in their area.

One-off capital grants

To support certain activities, including boundaries maintenance and restoration; water capital and woodland creation

Advice

External advice linked to specific activities:

- reducing inputs (fertilisers or pesticides) or livestock
- water catchment activity in priority and non-priority catchments.

Facilitation

Funding for individuals or organisations to get farmers, woodland managers and / or others to work together to delivery environmental objectives on a landscape scale



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Water Capital Grants 2015



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Water Capital Grants

- Capital grants of up to £10K per holding, for infrastructure works which will help reduce water pollution from agriculture
- Application window – 2nd March to 30th April 2015
- Work must be completed and claimed by 29th January 2016



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Water Capital Grants

- Only available in Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF) target areas
- Applicants can get help from local CSF advisors to submit their application
- £10 million budget in total across England
- Successful applications will be limited
- **Essential to speak to your local CSFO before making an application**



Examples of Capital items:

- Yard works inc renewal of concrete
- Rainwater Harvesting equipment
- Fencing off Rivers and Streams
- Livestock drinking troughs and pipework
- Hard bases for livestock drinkers
- Sprayer Filling and washdown areas
- Roofing Sprayer filling areas
- Biobeds / Biofilter



Water Capital Grants

- Further information available on target areas, funding priority & capital items;

www.gov.uk/catchment-sensitive-farming-reduce-agricultural-water-pollution

- Come and speak to us at the end to find out more



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