

**Guide to Claiming EFS Online**

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How to complete your

Environmental Farming Scheme Claim Online

**It is important to note that all EFS agreement holders are required to complete the Land Details Section of the Single Application regardless of whether or not they wish to claim for the Basic Payment Scheme.**

If you have an EFS agreement you will see a claim table similar to the land details table in the BPS claim. If you have an EFS Higher or Wider agreement the relevant tab will be displayed. If you have an agreement for both EFS Higher and Wider schemes, two or more tabs will be displayed. Click on each tab to display your agreement details and to make a claim for the Option(s) and associated additional Non-productive investments (NPIs) or capital items options.

If you have made a change to your field(s) (split or merged) using the map or field data table when completing your BPS claim then the original field(s) will be coloured grey below. The new field(s) are detailed below the original field. You are required to update the columns - “Amount Claimed", "Completed at time of claim” if appropriate, against the new field(s) for the Option.

# Land with EFS Options that is eligible for BPS payment

In some cases land with EFS Options will remain eligible for BPS for the duration of the EFS agreement and for a further retention period if SFP was claimed and paid on the land in 2008. The codes to be used are detailed below:

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| **Code** | **Environmental Farming Scheme (EFS) Option** |
| **OT12** | Natural Regeneration of Woodland |
| **OT10** | Planting Tree Corridors |
| **OT10** | Establishment of native woodland less than 5 ha (ENW) |
| **OT21** | Creation of Riparian buffer – 2 metre width – ungrazed |
| **OT21** | Creation of Riparian buffer – 2 metre width – planted with native trees |
| **OT21** | Creation of Riparian buffer – 10 metre width – ungrazed |
| **OT21** | Creation of Riparian buffer – 10 metre width – planted with native trees |
| **OT3** | Establishment of Agroforestry |
| **OT23** | Creation of pollinator margins 10 metre width – Pollen and nectar |
| **OT23** | Creation of pollinator margins 10 metre width – Annual wildflower |
| **FR1** | Creation of arable margins 6 metre width – rough grass |
| **FL3** | Creation of arable margins 6 metre width – cultivated uncropped |
| **CO16** | Provision of winder feed crop for wild birds |
| **OT3** | Creation of traditional orchard – non commercial |

**Explanation of descriptions used on EFS claim tabs.**

**Management Unit (Higher agreements only) –** this is the management unit associated with each option or item detailed in your agreement.

**Field No.** – each Field ID is made up from the Farm Survey Number and Field Number.

**Field Area** - the total area shown here will be the total area in hectares (ha) as identified in your agreement.

**MEA (ha)** – the MEA is our assessment of the maximum eligible area that you can use toclaim in each field (but see page 9 of this guide for claiming areas within Higher agreements). The MEA is based on the boundary features less ineligible features that we have shown on your map. Ensure that you check the MEA is accurate before claiming.

**Option/Item Name** – the options and items within your EFS agreement will be listed for you.

**EFS Code** - this is the code associated with each option or item as detailed in your agreement.

**Permanent or Rotational** – states if this option is permanent or rotational to another eligible field(s) that you have management control of.

**Unit Type** – this will tell you how this option is measured: length (metres); a monetary value (£); or a numeric value (quantity)

**Amount Agreed (Year 1/Year 2/Year 3/Year 4/Year 5)** - this is the amount of this Option(s) on your EFS agreement.

**Amount Claimed (Year 1/Year 2/Year 3/Year 4/Year 5)** - record in this column the amount you wish to claim. You cannot claim for an amount greater than is in your agreement.

**Failure to claim for Year 1 Capital Options and NPIs in Year one will result in the Option/NPI being ineligible for payment.**

**Failure to claim for an Option for two consecutive years will result in termination of your agreement for agreements with one Option, or termination of the affected Option for agreements with more than one Option; associated NPIs will also be removed.**

**Amount Claimed/ Maintained Year 2/ Year 3/Year 4/Year 5** – for Capital Items Options or Non-productive investments (NPIs), claimed and paid in year 1 of your agreement. This pre-populated figure should indicate the same amount as claimed in year 1 of your agreement. **You must continue to maintain and claim for these options/NPIs in each year of your agreement. If you have maintained the year 1 amount, do not reduce the pre-populated amount to zero. Only reduce the pre-populated amount if you have failed to maintain and retain the Option or NPI as agreed.**

**Failure to claim for Capital Options/NPIs (with the exception of Primary Vegetation Control NPIs) in Years 2-5, for two consecutive years will result in any previous payment becoming ineligible. Recovery of the payment may result.**

# Screenshots for EFS Agreements Claim tabs

The following screenshots show claim tabs for different EFS Agreements:

**EFS Wider – Agreement commencing 01-01-2023/2022/2021/01-01-2020 (Year 2/Year 3/Year 4/Year 5) of EFS (W) Agreement)**

**EFS Higher – Agreement commencing 01-01-2024 (Year 1 of EFS (H)**

**Agreement)**

**EFS Higher – Agreement commencing 01-01-2023/2022/2021/01-01-2020- (Year 2/Year 3/Year 4/Year 5 of EFS (H) Agreement)**

The areas, lengths and amounts of EFS Wider options and capital items included in your EFS Wider agreement are prepopulated in the claim section of the Single Application Online.

**Remember that your claim covers the entire claim year 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024. You are claiming for work completed to date and also for work you intend to complete by the date given on the Option/NPI Information sheet.**

**If you are unable to complete the Options for which you have claimed in**

**April/May 2024 by the end of the scheme year, you should complete an EFS**

**SAF3 by 31 December to ensure that you are not paid work which you have not completed. Any payment made for work not done will be recovered and penalties may apply. Fraud, when detected, will be pursued vigorously and, if necessary, prosecution will follow.**

**Year 1 claimants will now be required to submit a claim confirmation form at the end of their first year of EFS, to confirm or reduce their claims.**

You may have already completed the work for the Option (and do not intend to do any further work to bring it up to the agreed amount by the end of the scheme year) at the time you make your claim. If this is the case, carefully measure the amount you have completed **and if necessary, reduce the prepopulated amount online**; e.g. 200 metres of stockproof fencing (SPF) protecting a woodland planting option (ENW) has been included in the EFS Wider agreement. The fence has been completed and measured at 180 metres. **The prepopulated claim of 200 metres must be reduced to 180 metres.**

Claims for NPIs (capital items) are only eligible for payment where the EFS Wider

Options within the field have also been completed and claimed **–** e.g. a claim for

Gate and two gate posts (GPS) is not eligible for payment unless the EFS Wider Option (such as Creation of 2m riparian buffer – ungrazed, RBS) has also been claimed.

Check your claim areas against the current LPIS MEA for the field to ensure that you make your claim using the most recent LPIS data available.

If you have made a reduction to your claim for BPS in a field i.e. you have claimed below the MEA due to the presence of an ineligible feature, check if this reduced figure needs to be duplicated in your EFS claim for that field.

# EFS WIDER CLAIMS - YEAR 2/YEAR 3/YEAR 4/YEAR 5 FOR AGREEMENTS COMMENCING , 01 JANUARY 2020, 01 JANUARY 2021, 01 JANUARY 2022, 01 JANUARY or 2023

**Year 2/3/4/5 Agreement Claim Screen. Effective Period will depend on the year of the claim**

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**Year 2/Year 3/Year 4/Year 5 claims - follow the guidance listed above for Year 1 claims but in addition:**

* Payments for Options and NPIs (see table below) established in the first year of your EFS agreement (such as stock proof fencing, drinking troughs etc.) were paid as part of your EFS Year 1 claim.
* There will be no further payment for these Options and NPIs in years 2-5 of the agreement.
* **However you must continue to claim and maintain these Options and NPIs for the remainder of the five years of your EFS agreement. Do not change the pre-populated amount unless you have not maintained and retained as claimed in year 1. Failure to do so may result in recovery of monies previously paid and penalties being applied.**
* If you wish to establish any Rotational Option in an alternative field specified in your agreement you will be unable to add this new field(s) to your pre-populated EFS online claim. **Instead you will have to submit an EFS SAF3 showing new field(s) details and area claimed**. If you do not have a list of alternative fields eligible for Rotational Options attached to your agreement or wish to rotate to a field not detailed on your agreement you should contact efs@daera-ni.gov.uk to validate the eligibility of any field(s) you are proposing to alternate to. **Failure to validate the eligibility of the alternative approved field may result in the field you have planted being ineligible for payment.**

See Table 1 below:

**Table 1 EFS (W) Options paid in Year 1 of agreement only.**

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| **Option** | **Option**  **Code** |
| \*Creation of Tree enhanced boundaries | TEB |
| \*\*\*Hedge laying including two protective fences | LAY |
| Traditional stone wall rebuilding – Single skin | SSW |
| Traditional stone wall rebuilding – Double skin | DSW |
| Hedge Planting including two protective fences | PNH |
| \*\*Watercourse stabilisation with fencing | WSF |

\* Not available for agreements commencing 2020 and after

\*\* Not available for agreements commencing 2021 and after

\*\*\* Not available for agreements commencing 2022 and after

* If you reduced your claim in Year 1 for one of these Options (and any associated NPIs) the reduced amount will be pre-populated on the claim tab.
* Ensure that the ‘Amount Claimed/Maintained Year 2/Year 3/Year 4/Year 5’ column is correct before submitting your claim – under normal circumstances it should indicate the same amount as claimed in Year 1 of your agreement.

**EFS HIGHER CLAIMS - YEAR 1 - AGREEMENT COMMENCING 01 JANUARY 2024**

# Year 1 Higher Agreement Claim Screen

**Please note that you will have to update zero or blank cells if you wish to claim for those Options or NPIs. Also adjust other area/length/units down if you are not going to claim the full amount.**

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The lengths and amounts of **EFS Linear Options and capital items** included in your EFS Higher agreement are prepopulated in the claim section of the Single Application Online. These must be reduced if you will not have completed the full amount by the scheme deadlines or if you are not claiming their associated RMOs. See **Claiming for Non-Productive Investments NPIs (Capital Items)** on page 14 below.

* **The Area Options and area NPIs within your Higher agreement will not be pre-populated. You should insert a value to match what you have done/intend to do in the scheme year, otherwise the RMO and any associated NPIs claimed, will not be eligible for payment.**

* Check the areas you claim against the current **LPIS MEA** for the field to ensure that you make your claim using the most recent LPIS data available.

Your agreement includes one or more **Remedial Management Options (RMOs)** for each field. Check that the total area claimed for these RMOs within the field is not more than the LPIS MEA of the field. **NB There are some circumstances in which you may claim an area higher than the LPIS MEA for the field;** for example when claiming **woodland** (RMO) areas and Intact Lowland Raised Bog areas (ILR). See **Claiming for Woodland Remedial Management Options** and Claiming Intact Lowland Raised Bog Option below. Your agreement may also include area based vegetation control NPIs (such as Rush control (PRC)) or control of invasive species in a number of fields. The area claimed for these NPIs may be higher than the MEA of the field, however it cannot be higher than the amount included in the agreement. See **Claiming for scrub, bracken and rush control** and **Claiming for treatment of invasive non-native species** below.

* If you have made a reduction in your claim for BPS in a field i.e. claimed below the MEA due to the presence of an ineligible feature, check if this reduced figure needs to be duplicated in your RMO claim for that field (except for NPIs used to control that ineligible feature, See Table 3 below).

* If you have completed the Options and NPIs ensure that you have claimed at least the minimum amount required per field or agreement for each RMO and/or NPI. Options/NPIs where the minimum length has not been achieved will be ineligible for payment.

* **Remember that your claim covers the entire claim year 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024. You are claiming for work completed to date and also for work you intend to complete by 31 December 2024.**

* **If you are unable to complete the Options for which you have claimed in April/May 2024 by the end of the scheme year, you should complete an EFS SAF3 by 31 December to ensure that you are not paid work which you have not completed.**
* **All Year 1 claimants will now be required to submit a claim confirmation form at the end of their first year to confirm, or reduce their claims.**

You may have already completed the work for the Option (and do not intend to do any further work to bring it up to the agreed amount by the end of the scheme year) at claim stage. If this is the case, carefully measure the amount you have completed **and if necessary, reduce the prepopulated amount online;** e.g. 200 metres of stockproof fencing (SPF) protecting a breeding wader RMO (BWG) has been included in the EFS Higher agreement. The fence has been completed and includes 2 sets of gates and posts measuring a total of 8.6m. The total length of fencing completed is 200 – 8.6m = 191.4m **The prepopulated claim of 200 metres must be reduced to 191.40 metres.**

**IMPORTANT - Claiming for Woodland Remedial Management Options**

* Ensure that you claim for areas of woodland that you are managing and have been included in your EFS agreement – **under normal circumstances you should not make a zero EFS claim for woodland options.**
* **Claims for fields which include woodland RMO’s (grazed or ungrazed, see Table 2 below) may exceed the MEA of the field.** This is because managed woodland areas which are ineligible for BPS are eligible for EFS payments. Your EFS area claim for a particular field will be higher than the LPIS MEA and your BPS claim in that field if the field contains EFS woodland.

**Table 2: EFS (H) Woodland Options and codes**

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| **EFS Woodland Remedial Management Options** | **Option**  **Code** |
| Ungrazed woodland (Mixed ash) remedial management | WAU |
| Ungrazed oakwood remedial management | WOU |
| Ungrazed woodland (wet) remedial management | WWU |
| Grazed woodland (Mixed ash) remedial management | WAG |
| Grazed oakwood remedial management | WOG |
| Grazed woodland (wet) remedial management | WWG |

**Important – claiming for Intact Lowland Raised Bog**

* Ensure that you claim for areas of Intact Lowland Raised Bog (ILR) that you are managing and have been included in your EFS agreement – **under normal circumstances you should not make a zero EFS claim for the ILR option.**
* **Claims for fields which include ILR (See Table 3 below) may exceed the MEA of the field.** This is because managed ILR areas which are ineligible for BPS are eligible for EFS payments. Your EFS area claim for a particular field will be higher than the LPIS MEA and your BPS claim in that field if the field contains EFS ILR Option- provided you have managed the Option as prescribed in the Information sheet. **Claims must not exceed agreed areas detailed in your ssRMP**.

**Table 3: EFS (H) Moorland Option and Code**

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| **EFS Moorland Remedial Management Option** | **Option Code** |
| Intact Lowland Raised Bog Remedial Management | **ILR** |

**IMPORTANT - Claiming for scrub, bracken and rush control**

* **Claims for scrub, bracken or rush control options (See Table below) may exceed the LPIS MEA of the field.** This is because areas of scrub, bracken or rush which are currently ineligible for BPS but which have been included as a scrub/bracken/rush control NPI within your EFS agreement are eligible for these EFS NPI payments.
* Claims must accurately reflect the area where control of scrub/bracken/rush has been completed. **This area may be less than the area of scrub/bracken/rush control included in your EFS (H) agreement.** Overdeclaration penalties will be applied where post-claim checks determine that the area claimed exceeds the area completed.

**Table 4 EFS (H) Vegetation Control NPIs which may be paid on areas above the field MEA**

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| **Scrub, bracken and rush control options** | **Option**  **Code** |
| Scrub control light, stems less than 7 cm diameter, machine cut | SLM |
| Scrub control light, stems less than 7 cm diameter, manual cut | SLH |
| Scrub control heavy, stems greater than 7 cm diameter, machine cut | SHM |
| Scrub control heavy, stems greater than 7 cm diameter, manual cut | SHR |
| Scrub control – follow up treatment- stems <7cm | SLF |
| Scrub control – follow up treatment- stems >7cm | SHF |
| Primary treatment of bracken – mechanised or chemical | BPT |
| Follow-up treatment of bracken- mechanised or chemical | BFU |
| Primary Rush control | PRC |
| Follow-up rush control (Years 2-5) | RFC |

**IMPORTANT - Claiming for treatment of invasive non-native species**

* Claims for treatment of invasive non-native species (such as rhododendron or laurel, see Table below) are made in £s but the pre-populated value is based on the quotes submitted for the area you applied for at application stage and may result in a claim exceeding the LPIS MEA of the field. This is because areas of invasive non-native species which are currently ineligible for BPS but which have been included as a control of invasive species NPI within your agreement are eligible for these EFS NPI payments.
* Claims must accurately reflect the area where control of invasive non-native species has been completed. **This area may be less than the area of invasive non-native species control included in your EFS (H) agreement.** If you intend to complete less area of control than agreed to, you should reduce the pre-populated value in your claim or if you find at a later date, you have not completed the agreed area, you must submit a SAF3 to reduce your claim. Over-declaration penalties will be applied where post-claim checks determine that the area claimed exceeds the area completed.

**Table 5 EFS (H) NPIs which may be paid on areas above the field MEA**

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| **Invasive non-native species Operations** | **Option**  **Code** |
| Rhododendron and laurel – primary control | RLP |
| Rhododendron and laurel – follow-up spraying regrowth control | RLF |
| Rhododendron and laurel control – control by stem injection | ARI |
| Primary and follow-up treatments of invasive non-native plants –  Japanese Knotweed | AJK |
| Primary and follow-up treatments of invasive non-native plants –  Giant Hogweed | AGH |
| Primary and follow-up treatments of invasive non-native plants –  Himalayan Balsam | AHB |

**Claiming for Non-Productive Investments NPIs (Capital Items)**

* **Claims for NPIs are only eligible for payment where you have also completed and claimed for management options within the field** – e.g. a claim for stockproof fencing (SPF) is not eligible for payment unless the RMO (such as breeding wader remedial management) or a vegetation control NPI (such as rush control) has also been completed and claimed.

* If a field in your agreement is managed under **‘No Higher Option’ (NHO)** you **should claim for the NHO area** as it remains part of your agreement. NHO areas enable claims for any Wider Options and associated NPIs approved and completed in that field.

* Claims must accurately reflect the area/length/units of NPI completed or which you intend to complete by the 31 December 2024. **This may be less than the area/length/units included in your EFS (H) agreement.** Overdeclaration penalties will be applied where post-claim checks determine that the amount claimed exceeds the area/length/units completed.

* If you make a claim for an Option but later in the claim year you do not complete the entire length/number of units or area of the claim, then you must complete an EFS SAF3 reducing your claim and return this to DAERA

## EFS HIGHER CLAIMS - YEAR 2 / YEAR 3 /YEAR 4/YEAR 5 - AGREEMENT COMMENCING 01 JANUARY , 2020, 2021, 2022 or 2023

**Year 2/Year 3/Year 4/Year 5 Higher Agreement Claim Screen**

**Please note that you will have to update zero’s or blank cells if you wish to claim for those Options or NPIs. Also adjust other area/length/units down if you are not going to claim the full amount.**

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**Year 2/Year 3/Year 4/Year 5 claims follow the guidance listed above for Year 1 claims but in addition:**

* One-off Payments for **Wider Options** (see table below) **and NPIs** (such as Stockproof fencing, drinking troughs, etc) established in the first year of your EFS Higher agreement were paid as part of your EFS Year 1 claim.
* **However you must continue to maintain and claim for these Options/NPIs in each year of your agreement. Do not change the pre-populated amount unless you have not maintained and retained as claimed in year 1. Failure to do so may result in recovery of previous payments made and penalties being applied.**
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Table 1 EFS (W) Options paid in Year 1 of Higher agreement only.

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| **Option** | **Option Code** |
| Creation of Tree enhanced boundaries\* | TEB |
| \*\*\*Hedge laying including two protective fences | LAY |
| Traditional stone wall rebuilding – Single skin | SSW |
| Traditional stone wall rebuilding – Double skin | DSW |
| Hedge Planting including two protective fences | PNH |
| \*\*Watercourse stabilisation with fencing | WSF |

\* Not available for agreements commencing 2020 and after

\*\* Not available for agreements commencing 2021 and after

\*\*\* Not available for agreements commencing 2022 and after

* Ensure that the ‘Amount Claimed/Maintained Year 2/Year 3/Year 4/Year 5’ column is correct before submitting your claim – under normal circumstances it should indicate the same amount completed and claimed in Year 1 of your agreement.

* One-off Payments for **Higher Level** **Non-Productive Investments (NPIs)** (Capital Items) established in the first year of your EFS Higher agreement were paid as part of your EFS Year 1 claim (See Table below for a list of these options). Again, you should continue to claim for them in years 2 to 5 as you must maintain these investments. Do not claim zero unless you have not maintained and retained the Option/NPI as claimed in year 1. Failure to do so may result in recovery of previous payments made and penalties being applied.

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| **NPI** | **NPI Code** |
| Creation of wetlands | AWC |
| Creation of scrapes | COS |
| Bankside reprofiling | ABR |

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| Structures/work to raise water levels | ARW |
| Ditch blocking – plastic piling dams (small dam) | DBS |
| Ditch blocking – plastic piling dams (medium dam) | DBM |
| Ditch blocking – plastic piling dams (large dam) | DBL |
| Heather regeneration - Controlled burning | HRB |
| Heather regeneration – Flailing | HRF |
| Predator Perch removal | APR |
| Predator control traps (Larsen trap) | PCT |
| Machinery for management of fen & reedbed tall vegetation | AMT |
| Restorative pruning of traditional orchards | ARP |
| Tree surgery | ATS |
| Tree pollarding | ATP |
| Post and rail fencing | PRF |
| Rabbit proof fencing | RPF |
| Stock-proof fencing | SPF |
| Permanent electric fencing (including energiser) | PEF |
| Gate and two gate posts – stock-proof fence | GPS |
| Drinking Trough | DTR |
| Drinking Trough Base | DTB |
| Water trough pipe work\* | DTP |
| Pasture Pump and associated pipe work | PAP |
| Parkland/Fruit/ Standard native tree guard | SNT |
| Parkland/Fruit / Standard native tree stake | SNS |
| Deer fence | DEF |
| Fence removal | FRL |
| Gate and two gate posts – deer fence | GPD |
| Outrigger electric fence for stock fence | OEF |
| Solar power energiser for electric fence | SPE |
| Standard parkland tree | SPT |
| Standard fruit tree | SFT |
| Native tree whip | NTW |
| 1.2 m tubular tree guard and stake | TGS |
| Spiral tree guard and cane | TGC |
| Woodcrete bat box | BAT |
| Red squirrel feeder | RSF |
| Large bird box | BBL |
| Small bird box | BBS |
| Barn owl box | BOB |
| Solitary bee box | SBO |
| Stock bridge | ASB |

\* Not available for agreements commencing 2022 and after

* Where your agreement includes follow up treatments for rush, scrub, bracken or non-native species control, you should amend the pre-populated amount claimed (zero) to the amount you have completed/intend to complete during the current claim year.

## TRADITIONAL NATIVE BREED – IRISH MOILED CATTLE - ALL EFS CLAIMANTS HIGHER AND WIDER, ALL YEARS

If your EFS agreement includes Traditional Native breeds – Irish Moiled Cattle, you will see a claim table as detailed below.

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**Unit Type - LU** = Livestock Units. An Irish Moiled cow is equivalent to 0.8 LU. Female animals aged 12 – 24 months are equivalent to 0.6 LU and those aged 6 – 12 months are equivalent to 0.4 LU.

Please note that female animals are only eligible if registered on the Irish Moiled Cattle Society Breed Register. The claimed number of female LUs must remain in the herd for the claim year period.

**Amount Agreed (Year 1/Year 2/Year 3/Year 4/Year 5) -** this is number of LU on your EFS agreement.

**Amount Claimed** **(Year 1/Year 2/Year 3/Year 4/Year 5) –** thisis the LU on 01 January 2024 for the period 01 January 2024 – 31 December 2024. You cannot claim for more Livestock Units (LU) than the number in your agreement.

**IMCS Membership Number –** this is your Irish Moiled Cattle Society Membership number.

**Manage Ear Tags** - Ear tag numbers for claimed female Irish Moiled animals must be provided so that a cross reference with APHIS and the Irish Moiled Cattle Society Breed Register can be made. Click on “Manage Ear Tag” button and the following box will appear.

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**Ear tag format** – UK registered animals require 14 digits. Only the first two are alphabetical, the remaining 12 are numerical. ROI registered animals require either 14 digits or 15 digits, depending on the date of registration.

# IMPORTANT

* Your EFS agreement is based on the maximum number of Irish Moiled Cattle (IMC) livestock units (LUs) that you intend to retain over the five years of the agreement.

* You should claim for the number of **Livestock Units** **of IMC** which you hold on 01 January 2024 and which you intend to retain in 2024**. Do not claim for the** **number of animals** which you hold**. Check your online application carefully to ensure you have claimed the correct number of Livestock Units.**

* Claims may be made for any amount **equal to or less than the number of eligible Livestock Units** included in your EFS agreement.

* You **must** individually identify the animals you are claiming for by supplying their DAERA Ear Tag numbers.

* Eligible animals must:
  + Be female o Be at least 6 months of age at the start of the claim year (01 January 2024);
  + Remain in the herd for the claim period 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024;

o Have ear tag numbers that cross reference with APHIS/NIFAIS;

o Be registered with the Irish Moiled Cattle Society.

**Livestock Unit value of female Irish Moiled Cattle 2024 Claim Year**

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| **2024 Claim**  **Year** | **Date of**  **NIFAIS check** | **Livestock**  **Unit (LU)** | **Rule** | **Date of Birth range to be eligible** |
| 01.01.2024 to  31.12.2024 | 01.01.2024 | 0.4 | 6 Months <=12 Months | 01.01.2023 –  01.07 2023 |
| 01.01.2024 to  31.12.2024 | 01.01.2024 | 0.6 | >12month <=24 months | 01-01-2022 -  31.12.2022 |
| 01.01.2024 to  31.12.2024 | 01.01.2024 | 0.8 | >24 months | On or before  31.12.2021 |

* The minimum claim is 0.80 LUs of pedigree female Irish Moiled Cattle registered with the Irish Moiled Cattle Society Breed Register.

* If you make a claim for e.g. 6 LUs at the time of claim, but later in the claim year your number of LUs reduce, and they cannot be replaced within the specified time-frame as detailed in the Terms and Conditions, then you must complete an EFS SAF3 reducing your claim and return this to DAERA .

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