

How to complete your Environmental Farming Scheme (EFS) 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 Farm Sustainability Payment (FSP).

If you have an EFS agreement you will see a claim table similar to the land details table in the FSP 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 FSP 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 also eligible for FSP payment

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

Code	Environmental Farming Scheme (EFS) Option
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 winter 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 to claim 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 any ineligible features 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 (Year 4/Year 5) of EFS (W Agreement)

EFS Scheme

If you have made a change to your fields (split or merged), the original fields will have an 'original' tag. New fields will be shown with a 'new' tag beside them.

You are required to update the columns 'Amount claimed/maintained' against the new field for the option.

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▶ [What do the columns mean?](#)

Wider Scheme 01/01/2023 - 31/12/2027	
Effective period	01/01/2023 - 31/12/2027
Claim period No.	4
Claim period	01/01/2026 - 31/12/2026
Farm Survey Number	
Field Number	
-- Any FSN --	-- Any Field No --
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EFS Higher – Agreement commencing 01-01-2025/2024/2023/2022/ (Year 2/Year 3/Year 4/Year 5 of EFS (H) Agreement)

EFS Scheme

If you have made a change to your fields (split or merged), the original fields will have an 'original' tag. New fields will be shown with a 'new' tag beside them.

You are required to update the columns 'Amount claimed/maintained' against the new field for the option.

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Higher Scheme 01/01/2025 - 31/12/2029		
Effective period	01/01/2025 - 31/12/2029	
Claim period No.	2	
Claim period	01/01/2026 - 31/12/2026	
Management Unit	Farm Survey Number	Field Number
-- Any Unit --	-- Any FSN --	-- Any Field No --
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EFS WIDER CLAIMS - YEAR 4/YEAR 5 FOR AGREEMENTS COMMENCING 01 JANUARY 2022 OR 01 JANUARY 2023

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

Wider Scheme
01/01/2023 - 31/12/2027

Effective period 01/01/2023 - 31/12/2027

Claim period No. 4

Claim period 01/01/2026 - 31/12/2026

Farm Survey Number **Field Number**

Status	Field number	Field area (ha)	MEA (ha)	Option name	EFS code	Perm / Rot	Unit type	Amount agreed (year 4)	Amount claimed/ maintained (year 4)
Original	[REDACTED]	1.31	1.31	Retention of winter stubble	RWS	Rot	ha	1.32	<input type="text" value="1.32"/>
Original	[REDACTED]	6.19	6.19	Creation of pollinator margins- 10m width- annual wildflower	WFM	Rot	ha	0.50	<input type="text" value="0.50"/>
Original	[REDACTED]	6.19	6.19	Provision of winter feed crop for wild birds	WFC	Rot	ha	0.50	<input type="text" value="0.50"/>
Original	[REDACTED]	4.32	4.32	Retention of winter stubble	RWS	Rot	ha	4.32	<input type="text" value="4.32"/>
Original	[REDACTED]	1.49	1.49	Retention of winter stubble	RWS	Rot	ha	1.49	<input type="text" value="1.49"/>

Year 4/Year 5 claims -

- 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 2026 to 31 December 2026. You are claiming for work completed/maintained 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 2026 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.
- 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.

New Farm Sustainability Standards have replaced Cross-Compliance from 1 January 2026 and new Land Eligibility rules now apply. All land is now eligible for agricultural and environmental schemes (such as Farm Sustainability Payment, EFS, Farming with Nature Transition) except for the ineligible features and land uses listed at: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/guide-land-eligibility-2025>

Please take account of the new land eligibility rules when completing your 2026 EFS claim as your maximum eligible area (MEA) may have changed.

If you need further assistance with this, please ring or email the EFS Helpline team on 0300 200 7848 or efs@daera-ni.gov.uk.

- If you have made a reduction to your claim for FSP 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.

- Payments for Options and NPIs (see table 1) 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.

Option	Option Code
Traditional stone wall rebuilding – Single skin	SSW
Traditional stone wall rebuilding – Double skin	DSW
Hedge Planting including two protective fences	PNH

- 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 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 2 / YEAR 3 / YEAR 4 / YEAR 5 - AGREEMENT COMMENCING 01 JANUARY 2022, 2023, 2024 OR 2025

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.

Higher Scheme
01/01/2023 - 31/12/2027

Effective period 01/01/2023 - 31/12/2027

Claim period No. 4

Claim period 01/01/2026 - 31/12/2026

Management Unit	Farm Survey Number	Field Number		
<input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="-- Any Unit --"/>	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="-- Any FSN --"/>	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="-- Any Field No --"/>	<input type="button" value="Reset"/>	<input type="button" value="Filter"/>

Status	Mgt unit no.	Field number	Field area (ha)	MEA (ha)	Option/NPI name	EFS code	Option/NPI type	Perm / Rot	Unit type	Amount agreed (year 4)	Amount claimed/maintained (year 4)
	1	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="██████████"/> <small>Original</small>	3.13	3.13	Purple moorgrass and rush pasture remedial management	PRG	Area	Perm	ha	3.13	<input type="text" value="3.13"/>
	1	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="██████████"/> <small>Original</small>	0.93	0.93	Purple moorgrass and rush pasture remedial management	PRG	Area	Perm	ha	0.93	<input type="text" value="0.93"/>
	1	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="██████████"/> <small>Original</small>	0.93	0.93	Gate and two gate posts - Stock-proof fence	GPS	NPI	Perm	qty	1	<input type="text" value="1"/>

✘ You must correct the following errors to proceed

Higher Scheme : 01/01/2023 - 31/12/2027

██████████ with PRG :

- Amount Claimed must be greater than or equal to 0.00.

██████████ with PRG :

- Amount Claimed cannot be greater than the Amount Agreed.

Higher Scheme
01/01/2023 - 31/12/2027

Effective period 01/01/2023 - 31/12/2027

Claim period No. 4

Claim period 01/01/2026 - 31/12/2026

Management Unit	Farm Survey Number	Field Number		
-- Any Unit --	-- Any FSN --	-- Any Field No --	Reset	Filter

Status	Mgt unit no.	Field number	Field area (ha)	MEA (ha)	Option/NPI name	EFS code	Option/ NPI type	Perm / Rot	Unit type	Amount agreed (year 4)	Amount claimed/ maintained (year 4)
✘	1	██████████ Original	3.13	3.13	Purple moorgrass and rush pasture remedial management	PRG	Area	Perm	ha	3.13	
✘	1	██████████ Original	0.93	0.93	Purple moorgrass and rush pasture remedial management	PRG	Area	Perm	ha	0.93	0.94

Year 2/Year 3/Year 4/Year 5 claims follow the guidance below:

- 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 have not maintained the full amount by the scheme deadlines or if you are not claiming their associated RMOs.
- **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.
- **New Farm Sustainability Standards have replaced Cross-Compliance from 1 January 2026 and new Land Eligibility rules now apply. All land is now eligible for agricultural and environmental schemes (such as Farm Sustainability Payment, EFS, Farming with Nature Transition) except for the ineligible features and land uses listed at: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/guide-land-eligibility-2025>**
Please take account of the new land eligibility rules when completing your 2026 EFS claim as your maximum eligible area (MEA) may have changed.

If you need further assistance with this, please ring or email the EFS Helpline team on 0300 200 7848 or efs@daera-ni.gov.uk.

- If you have made a reduction in your claim for FSP 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 4 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 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 2026 to 31 December 2026. You are claiming for work completed to date and also for work you intend to complete by 31 December 2026.**

- If you are unable to complete the Options for which you have claimed in April/May 2026 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.

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 FSP are eligible for EFS payments. Your EFS area claim for a particular field may be higher than the LPIS MEA and your FSP claim in that field if the field contains EFS woodland.

Table 2: EFS (H) Woodland Options and codes

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 may be ineligible for FSP are eligible for EFS payments. Your EFS area claim for a particular field may be higher than the LPIS MEA and your FSP 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

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

IMPORTANT - Claiming for scrub, bracken and rush control

- 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.** Over-declaration penalties will be applied where post-claim checks determine that the area claimed exceeds the area completed.

Table 4 EFS (H) Vegetation Control NPI codes

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.
- 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) Invasive NPI codes

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

- 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 2026. **This may be less than the area/length/units included in your EFS (H) agreement.** Over-declaration 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.
- 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.**
- 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.**

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

Option	Option Code
Traditional stone wall rebuilding – Single skin	SSW
Traditional stone wall rebuilding – Double skin	DSW
Hedge Planting including two protective fences	PNH

- 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.

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

- 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.

Traditional Breed

Native breeds		Update
EFS code	IMC	
Unit Type	LU	
Amount agreed in year 4	13.0	
Amount claimed in year 4	13.0	
IMCS Membership number	55555	

Ear Tags

Ear tag	Add ear tag
There are currently no ear tags	

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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 2/Year 3/Year 4/Year 5) – this is the LU on 01 January 2026 for the period 01 January 2026 – 31 December 2026. 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 NIFAIS and the Irish Moiled Cattle Society Breed Register can be made. Click on “Add Ear Tag” button and the following box will appear.

Ear Tags

Add an ear tag

Ear tag

Cancel **Add an ear tag**

Ear Tags

Ear tag	Add ear tag
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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 2026 and which you intend to retain in 2026. **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
 - Be at least 6 months of age at the start of the claim year (01 January 2026).
 - Remain in the herd for the claim period 01 January 2026 to 31 December 2026
 - Have ear tag numbers that cross reference with NIFAIS
 - Be registered with the Irish Moiled Cattle Society.

Livestock Unit value of female Irish Moiled Cattle 2026 Claim Year

2026 Claim Year	Date of Aphis check	Livestock Unit (LU)	Rule	Date of Birth range to be eligible
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01.01.2026 to 31.12.2026	01.01.2026	0.4	6 Months <=12 Months	01.01.2025 – 01.07 2025
01.01.2026 to 31.12.2026	01.01.2026	0.6	>12month <=24 months	01-01-2024 - 31.12.2024
01.01.2026 to 31.12.2026	01.01.2026	0.8	>24 months	On or before 31.12.2023

- 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 .