

SUSTAINABLE FARMING INCENTIVE STANDARDS 2022

The SFI 2022 contains four Standards – Arable & Horticultural Soils, Improved Grassland Soils; Moorland & Rough Grazing and Animal Health and Welfare. The payment rates and actions required are set out below. For more information please do not hesitate to contact your local YoungsRPS office

Arable and horticultural soils standard

Introductory level - £22 per hectare	Intermediate level - £40 per hectare	Advanced
Test soil organic matter	Test soil organic matter	There are plans to add an advanced level to this standard from 2023 onwards.
Undertake a soil assessment and produce a soil management plan	Undertake a soil assessment and produce a soil management plan	
70% winter cover to protect soil: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least 70% of land in the standard must have green cover over the winter months (Dec-Feb) this can include any kind of green cover, including autumn sown crops and weedy stubbles. 	70% winter cover to protect soil: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least 70% of land in the standard must have green cover over the winter months (Dec-Feb) this must include land with multi-species green cover - covering at least 20% of total land in the standard 	Likely to include increased use of no-tillage techniques.
Addition of organic matter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> add organic matter to all land at least once in the 3 year agreement. this can include any kind of organic matter, including sown green cover crops 	Addition of organic matter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> add organic matter to all land at least once in the 3 year agreement this will include multi-species green cover, and other ways to add organic matter 	

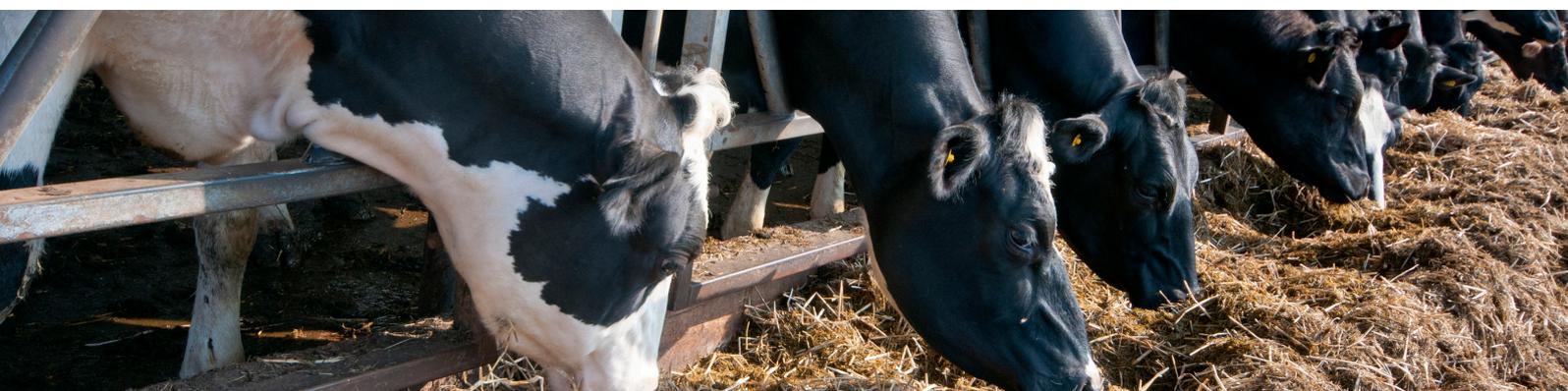
Improved grassland soils standard

Introductory level - £28per hectare	Intermediate level - £58 per hectare	Advanced
Test soil organic matter	Test soil organic matter	There are plans to add an advanced level to this standard from 2023 onwards.
Undertake a soil assessment and produce a soil management plan	Undertake a soil assessment and produce a soil management plan	
95% green cover to protect soil (no more than 5% bare ground over winter)	95% green cover to protect soil (no more than 5% bare ground over winter)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish/maintain herbal leys to improve soil health on at least 15% of land in the standard 	

Moorland and rough grazing standard

Introductory level - £265 (per agreement annually) plus £10.30/ha	Intermediate and advanced levels levels
Verify and record the type and condition of soil and vegetation types, including peatland	To follow later in SFI rollout
Evaluate the public goods already being delivered on the moorland	
Identify opportunities to maintain or enhance public goods	

Annual Health & Welfare review



Yearly farm visit from a vet or vet-led team. Initially available to farmers in England who are eligible for BPS and who keep more than 50 pigs, 20 sheep or 10 cattle.

The rates (per review) will be:

Pigs £684	Sheep £436	Beef cattle £522	Dairy Cattle £372
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Possible future standards & levels

Year	Indicative standards and levels
2023	Nutrient management standard: Integrated pest management standard Hedgerows standard Advanced levels of the 2 soils standards
2024	Agroforestry standard: Low and no input grassland standard Water body buffering standard Farmland biodiversity standard Intermediate and advanced levels of the moorland standard
2025	Organic standard: On-farm woodland standard Orchards and specialist horticulture standard Heritage standard Dry stone walls standard