

Small Farms Grant Scheme and New Entrants Capital Grant Scheme full guidance



Appendix B: Examples of how work undertaken can meet scheme objectives

Scheme objectives

1. reduce production costs
2. improve and redeploy production
3. improve quality
4. preserve and improve the natural environment, hygiene conditions and animal welfare standards
5. promote the diversification of farm activities

Operation	Description	Outputs	Objective
Agricultural buildings – Operation number 1	Stock housing	Create capacity to in-winter (additional) stock (number / type stock) which will lead to:	3 and 5
		___% reduction in fodder wastage	1
		___% reduction in calf mortality	1
		___% reduction in vet bills	1
		An increase in average calf weights by ___kgs	1
		Reduce weekly man-hours by ____ hrs	2
		Increase grazing period by ____ days	5
	Erection of polytunnel	To extend production season by ___days (provide details of extended season)	1
		Increase output (provide details)	2
		Increase range of crops (provide examples of increased range)	1 and 2
		Achieve a recognised quality grade	3

Operation	Description	Outputs	Objective
	Storage	Reduction wastage of hay / straw by ___kgs. Reduce cost of purchased feed through buying in bulk (provide amount saved per tonne) Reduce cost of purchased hay / straw through purchasing in summer (provide estimate of cost saved per tonne)	1 1 1
Land management – Operation number 3	Bracken control	Increase fully usable grazing area by ___ha which will lead to: An increase in lambing percentage (provide estimate) An increase in weaned lamb weight (provide estimate) An improvement in sheep and cattle health through a reduction in bracken poisoning resulting in overall increased output An increase in the biodiversity of ___ha currently infested with bracken	1 2 2 3 4
Land management – Operation number 4, 5, 6	Drainage	Extend grazing period in field by ___days Increase hay / silage crop output by ___% On average, extend working period of ground by ___days (provide estimate of extended dates) Through improvement in sward composition, increase quality of hay / silage crop by ___ % ___ % reduction in damage to land by poaching and tracking	1 2 2 3 4
Feeding of out-wintered stock – Operation number 7, 8	Outdoor feed area	Increase average calf weights by ___kgs (provide full details of expected improvements) Reduce labour input (provide details and the estimated labour savings) ___ % reduction in damage to land by poaching and tracking	1 1 and 2 4

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Provision of fences, hedges, walls, or gates – Operation number 9	Hedges / fencing	<p>____% increase in production in arable crops by providing shelter</p> <p>____% decrease in lamb mortality by providing shelter</p> <p>To protect grass and arable crops thereby reducing the need to purchase winter keep by ____%</p> <p>Improve stock control reducing gathering time by ____ hrs man hours per week</p> <p>To improve health control by keeping fields clean for grazings young stock thereby increasing output by ____% and reducing medical / vet costs by ____%</p>	<p>2</p> <p>4</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>4</p>
Provision of electrical equipment – Operation number 11	Electrical equipment	Reduce labour input (provide details and the estimated labour savings)	1 and 2
Roads, bridges and culverts – Operation number 12	New access road	<p>(Provide reasons, details of machine and estimate of extended life)</p> <p>Allow full vehicular access to an area of agricultural land for a particular purpose (provide full details)</p> <p>____ % reduction in damage to land by poaching and tracking</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1 and 2</p> <p>4</p>