

Glastir Organic

and other RDP support scheme for
organic producers in Wales

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Context

Organic Centre Wales, operated by a partnership of IBERS, ADAS and the Organic Research Centre, was contracted by the Welsh Government to advise on the development of Glastir and to provide information on the scheme, and organics more generally, to the organic sector.



What are the payments?

Crop/ land category	Conversion		Maintenance	Certification *
	Years 1 & 2 (£/ha)	Years 3-5 (£/ha)	Years 1 - 5 (£/ha)	(£/ha)
Payment Rate 1	600	400	400	80
Payment Rate 2	130	65	65	10
Payment Rate 3	15	15	15	3

*Up to £500/ agreement/ year



How are the categories defined?

- Min. 3ha, max 400 ha of eligible land
- **Payment Rate 3:** Unenclosed upland, Sole Grazed Common Land and field parcels with 50% or more of grazed woodland, blanket bog, coastal and lowland heath, Saltmarsh or bracken/scrub
- **Payment Rate 2:** All land not defined as above
- **Payment Rate 1:** Horticultural rotation
- **Excluded land:** Non- agricultural land and land not utilised/utilisable by livestock



Payment Rate 1

- Land in a **horticultural rotation** including temporary grass and **permanent crops** (berries and top fruit)
- At least **40% of land** must be in defined horticultural crops in any year
- Each parcel registered must have at **least one defined horticultural crop** during the agreement
- Maximum **20 ha per agreement** eligible for this rate.



How do the maintenance rates compare?

£/ha	Wales	Scotland	England	Ireland (not NI)
Rotational land	65+10	65	70	136+30 RC max 60 ha then 24
Improved permanent grass	65+10	55	40	136 max 60 ha then 24
Unimproved grass	?	8.5	20	
Rough grazing	15+3	8.5	8	
Vegetables	400+80 max 20 ha	200	200	160 max 6ha
Fruit	400+80	200	300	160 max 6ha



Glastir Combinations

- Glastir Organic **can be combined with other Glastir options**, including Glastir Entry and Glastir Advanced, on a voluntary basis
- There is no requirement to combine options
- There should **normally be no double funding deductions** for Glastir combinations, but Glastir Organic horticultural crops cannot be used as part of Glastir Entry/Advanced contracts.



Other Glastir Options

- Glastir Entry
 - Some changes to options
- Glastir Advanced
 - Glastir Entry no longer prerequisite
- Glastir Commons
 - Now single scheme
- Glastir Woodland



Greening

- Any certified organic land, including land ‘in conversion’, will **automatically qualify for the greening** payment
- Land is **exempt from the EFA and crop diversification** requirements.
- You do not have to be in Glastir Organic for this to apply.
- Any other **conventional land** you have does have to meet the greening requirements.
- You may need to **register some EFA features** in advance **if you have arable land**, even though organic land will be exempt



Conversion Payments

- Conversion payment is provided to cover the additional costs of converting to organic farming for the first time.
- Any land that has received organic support during the 3 years before the start of the contract will not be eligible for conversion payments.



Business plans

- Will be required during **first year** of scheme membership
- May be required in advance for applicants in later years
- Details still being clarified as part of Welsh Government's knowledge transfer discussions



Application process

- Window of application **1 – 29 October**
- **Online application system**
- Verification and Selection process
- Accept and print the contracts on-line
- Sign and return the contracts within 14 days
- Agreements start **1 January 2015**
- Submit management/ business plan by **31 December 2015**



Sources of information

- Scheme details from **Welsh government website** and **DO staff**
- **OCW** helpline and website
- SA **Organic Market Report**
- **Organic Farm Management Handbook** (available here from OCW stand)
- OCW financial factsheets
- OCW producer survey report
- **Organic farm income** annual reports



Other RDP support options

- Farming Connect training and advice
 - review outcome awaited
- Sustainable production grants
- EIP operational groups
- Supply chain initiatives
- LEADER

