



Organic options available in Countryside Stewardship

What will support look like?

Basic support for Organic producers will be via sector specific options



Conversion – this is split into the following land/production types

- Top Fruit (and permanent bush, food and non-fermented juice)
- Horticulture (Produce for human consumption, maximum 20 hectares)
- Rotational land
- Improved permanent grassland
- Unimproved permanent grassland

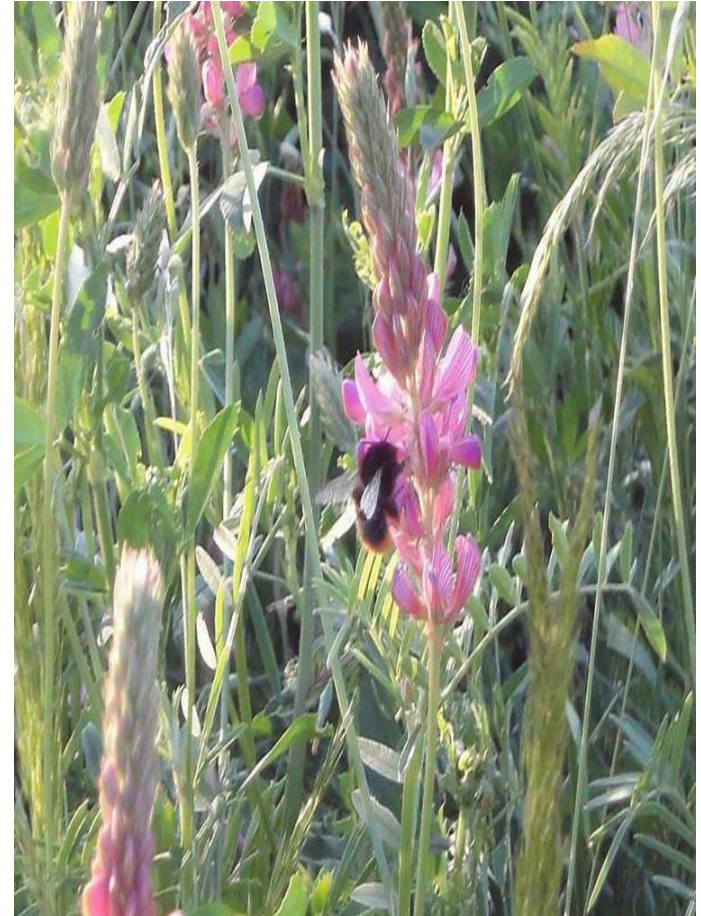


Maintenance – again split into the following land/production types

- Top Fruit (and permanent bush, food and non-fermented juice)
- Horticulture (Produce for human consumption, max 20 hectares)
- Rotational land
- Improved permanent grassland
- Unimproved permanent grassland
- Rough Grazing (parcels <15ha, within the SDA and above the Moorland Line)

What will wider Countryside Stewardship look like?

- Higher tier – similar to HLS in targeting, adviser engagement, by invitation
- Mid-tier – targeted, but not like in ES, no direct involvement of NE advisers (ELS +) potential for advice for synergies
- Hedges and Boundaries Capital Grant



What Options are available?

Options – defined by group/outcome.

Access

Arable

Boundaries, Trees and Orchards

Grassland

Historic Environment and Landscape

Lowland Heathland

Organic

Soil and Water

Species

Uplands

Wetlands

Woodland and Scrub.



How will Countryside Stewardship fit with Organic support options?

Support will not be subject to targeting criteria, but applicants will need to fulfil minimum requirements to gain access to support

Organic land management options will be subject to the same selection, targeting, and scoring criteria as all other (conventional) applications for either the Middle or Higher tiers of Countryside Stewardship

Some priority will be given to Group Applications, current assumptions are that

- the land area involved must cover at least 2,000 hectares,
- and be spread across at least 4 adjoining (or mainly adjoining) holdings
- and, applicants must show they have the backing of the land managers on all these holdings.

A wide-angle photograph of a lush field filled with a variety of wildflowers, including yellow daisies, red poppies, and blue cornflowers. The field stretches towards a distant horizon under a soft, overcast sky. In the background, there are rolling green hills and a line of trees.

Proposed payment rates

Organic conversion

Option code	Option title	Proposed payment - £/ha (unless otherwise specified)
OR1	<i>Organic conversion – improved permanent grassland</i>	75
OR2	<i>Organic conversion – unimproved permanent grassland</i>	50
OR3	<i>Organic conversion – rotational land</i>	175
OR4	<i>Organic conversion – horticulture</i>	400
OR5	<i>Organic conversion – top fruit</i>	450

Organic maintenance

Option code	Option title	Proposed payment - £/ha (unless otherwise specified)
OT1	<i>Organic land management – improved permanent grassland</i>	40
OT2	<i>Organic land management – unimproved permanent grassland</i>	20
OT3	<i>Organic land management – rotational land</i>	70
OT4	<i>Organic land management – horticulture</i>	200
OT5	<i>Organic land management – top fruit</i>	300
OT6	<i>Organic land management – enclosed rough grazing</i>	8

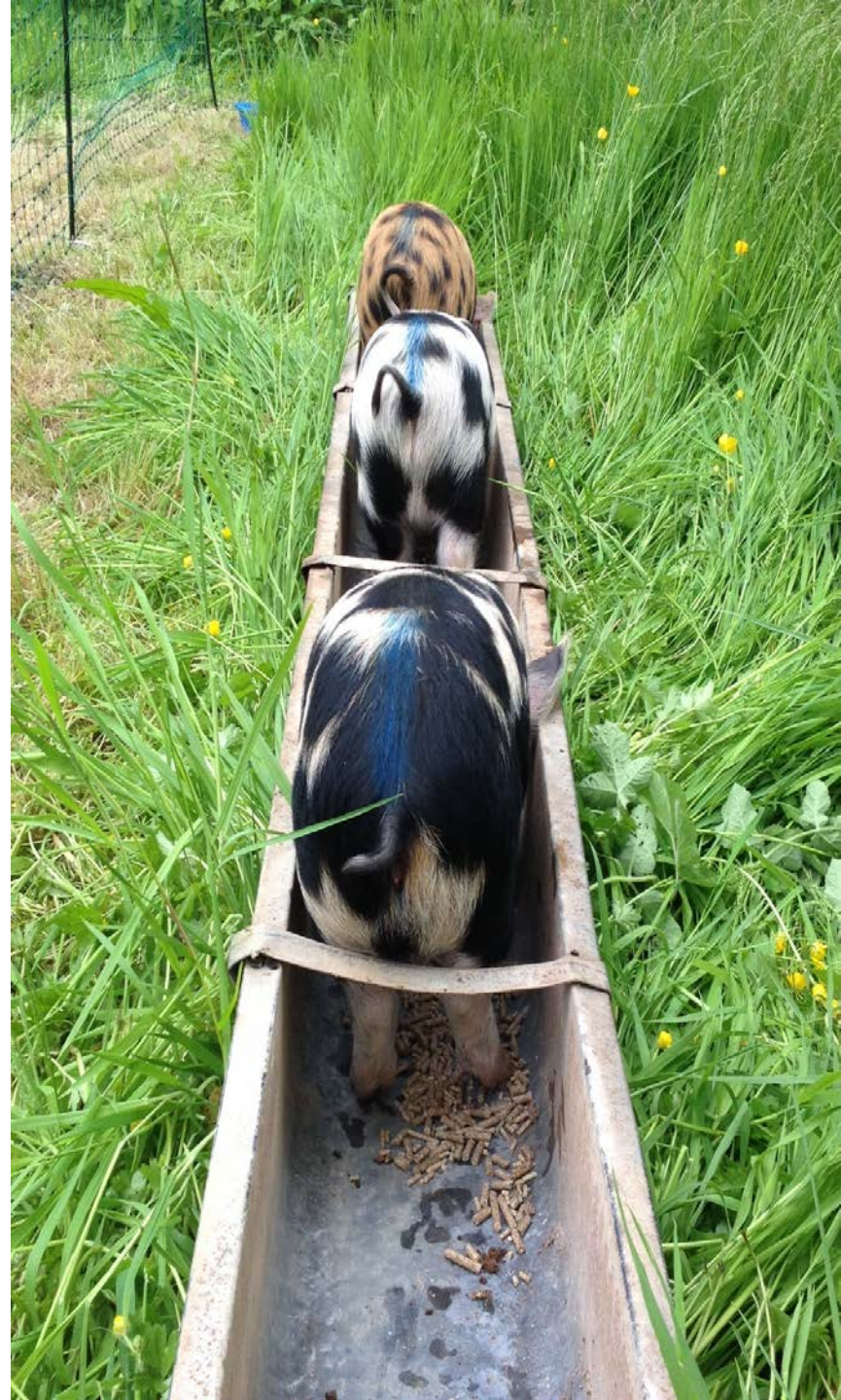
Options exclusive to organic land

Option code	Option title	Proposed payment - £/ha (unless otherwise specified)
OP1	<i>Overwintered stubble</i>	116
OP2	<i>Wild bird seed mixture</i>	640
OP3	<i>Supplementary feeding for farmland birds</i>	247
OP4	<i>Multi-species ley</i>	115
OP5	<i>Undersown cereal</i>	86

What is happening with existing OELS agreements?

- OELS agreements will need to have reached the end of their full agreement term before an application to Countryside Stewardship can be made on any land that has been in OELS.
- OELS/HLS and Countryside Stewardship cannot exist on the same land parcel (though new land can potentially be entered into CS).

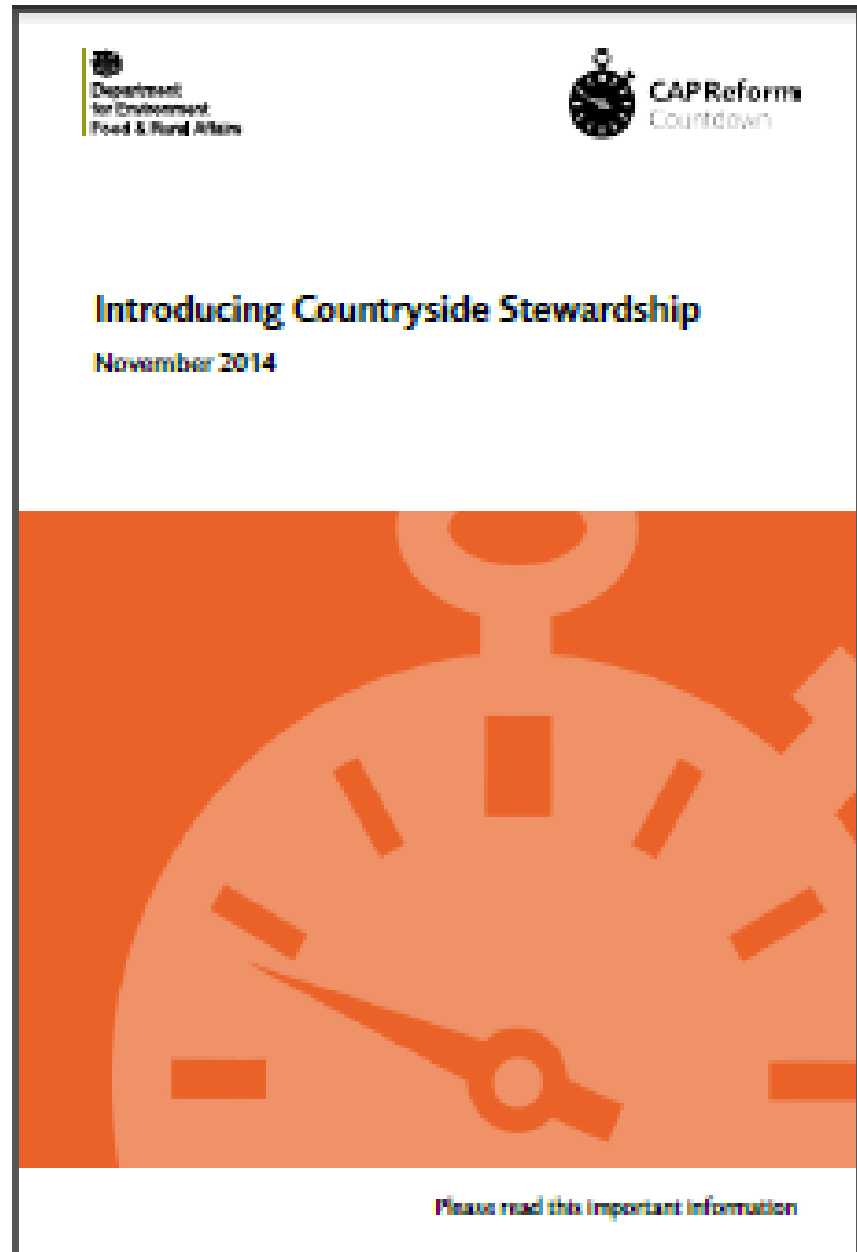
- There are to be no transfers from existing schemes into CS, the only exception to this is where there is a clear environmental benefit by transferring. There is no transition support for OELS agreements that expire this year and the start of new agreements under CS.
- Applications for CS will start on the 1st of July 2015 (via gov.uk) for 1st of January 2016 start date. (We expect a maximum of 264 agreements to fall into this category)



What other information is available and how do I apply?

- Guidance – this will predominantly be accessed on line, with events and some external advice and support.
- Application process – the application window will open from 1st of July 2015, applications will be made online using the CAP Information Service, see The Guide to Countryside Stewardship for more information on the scheme.

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Thank you, any questions?

