

SFI 2026 quick guide

New rules, new caps and new windows.
Here's how to plan your SFI scheme with confidence.



At a glance



71 actions
in the SFI scheme



£100,000
payment cap



2 application
windows



25% area limit
on selected actions

The three key SFI changes



£100k
payment cap

What it means
Your agreement is capped at £100,000 per year

What to do
Focus on return per hectare, not total area



One agreement
per farm

What it means
You can only submit one SFI scheme agreement per farm business

What to do
Plan your full approach before you apply



Year 1
area lock

What it means
You set your total area for rotational actions in year one

What to do
Get your plan right early to avoid limiting future income

The 25% area limit

What's new
Additional actions such as overwinter stubble are now included in the 25% limit

What it means
You can only apply certain actions to up to 25% of your total farmed area

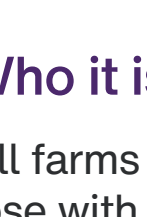


What to watch
Going over the limit can put your claim at risk

See your percentages in real time with our field allocation tools so you stay within limits

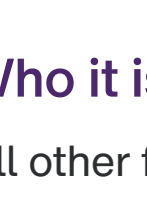
SFI application windows





Who it is for
Small farms (<50ha) and those with no existing ELM agreements

What to do
Prepare your data and plan early



Who it is for
All other farms

What to do
Finalise your plan and submit within the window

How payments are changing

Action	Status	£
UPL1: Moderate livestock grazing on moorland	↑	£35/ha (increased from £20/ha)
UPL2: Low livestock grazing on moorland	↑	£89/ha (increased from £53/ha)
UPL3: Limited livestock grazing on moorland	↑	£111/ha (increased from £66/ha)
UPL8: Shepherding livestock on moorland	↑	£74/ha (increased from £43/ha)
UPL10: Shepherding livestock on moorland	↑	£102/ha (increased from £48/ha)
CSAM3: Herbal leys	↓	£382/ha to £224/ha
CAHL2: Winter bird food	↓	£853/ha to £648/ha
CNUM3: Legume fallow	↓	£593/ha to £532/ha



Changes in payment rates mean it is more important to track costs and returns for each action

Your SFI planning checklist



Before you apply

- ✓ Allocate your fields accurately
- ✓ Choose base and supplemental actions
- ✓ Check your 25% area limits
- ✓ Review expected returns per hectare
- ✓ Prepare records in advance

How TELUS Crop Management helps with SFI



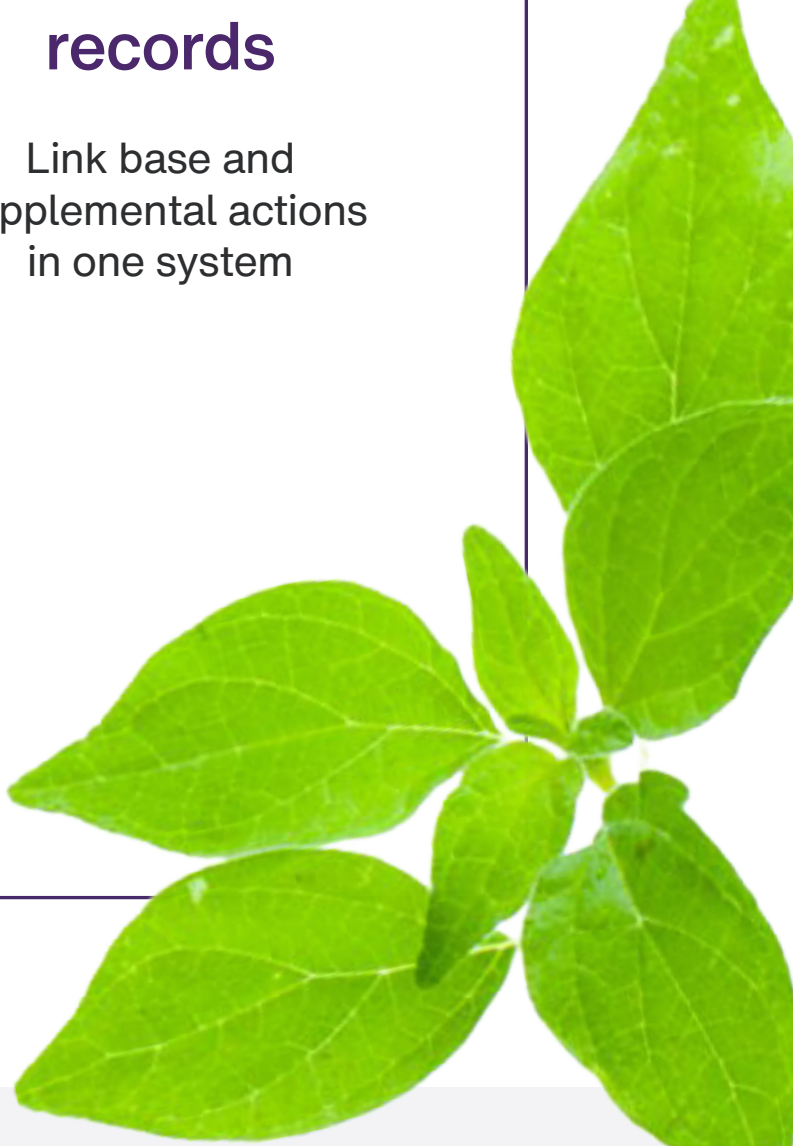
Field allocation
See exactly how much land is allocated to each SFI action

Audit-ready data
Keep clear, inspection-ready records without extra admin

Planning tools
Set your year one areas with confidence

Financial visibility
Track costs and returns to support better decisions

Automatic records
Link base and supplemental actions in one system



Plan your SFI scheme with confidence

See how TELUS Crop Management helps you stay compliant and in control.

Get the full view of your farm

