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ACRES CP NPIs Specifications

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Introduction

- NPI Min/Max, payment rates
- NPI Conditions
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 - Min / Max
 - Where can be drawn
 - GLAM requirements

ACRES NPI Action	Units	Minimum to be delivered	Maximum units payable per NPI-Annual Works Plan	Payment Rate	Maximum Payment per NPI-Annual Works Plan	Maximum Units Payable per 5-year ACRES Contract
NPI Habitat/Wildlife Support						
NPI Barn Owl/Kestrel Nest Box	Box	1	6	€294.40	€1,766.40	6
NPI Bat Boxes	Box	3	15	€56.43	€846.45	15
NPI Bracken Strimming	Hectare	0.01	2	€835.44	€1,670.88	
NPI Bracken Mechanical	Hectare	0.01	6	€242.76	€1,456.56	
NPI Conservation of Cultural Heritage Sites on Arable Land	Unit	1	10	€299.91	€2,999.10	10
NPI Conservation of Cultural Heritage Sites on Grassland	Unit	1	10	€133.71	€1,337.10	10
NPI Field Margin 3m	Metre	10	500	€5.45	€2,725.00	500
NPI Hedge Rejuvenation	Metre	10	200	€18.88	€3,776.00	
NPI Planting New Hedgerows	Metre	10	300	€23.10	€6,930.00	
NPI Planting Traditional Orchard 10 trees	Orchard	1	2	€1,302.61	€2,605.22	2
NPI Planting Trees	Tree	3	120	€31.17	€3,740.40	
NPI Repair of Traditional Stone Wall 2 sides	Metre	10	1000	€3.03	€3,030.00	
NPI Repair of Traditional Stone Wall 1 side	Metre	10	500	€1.59	€795.00	
NPI Riparian Margin Tree planting	Tree	10	120	€13.93	€1,671.60	
NPI Riparian Margin	Metre	10	1000	€5.50	€5,500.00	
NPI Riparian Margin (Sheep fencing)	Metre	10	1000	€9.48	€9,480.00	
NPI Rodenticide Free Rodent Control	Unit	1	6	€272.06	€1,632.36	6

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NPI Infrastructure						
NPI Culverts	Unit	1	10	€476.22	€4,762.20	
NPI Fencing Barbed Wire	Metre	10m	1000	€2.60	€2,600.00	
NPI Fencing Permanent Electric	Metre	10m	1500	€1.52	€2,280.00	
NPI Fencing Sheep Wire	Metre	10m	1000	€3.44	€3,440.00	
NPI Installation of Gates	Unit	1	10	€185.61	€1,856.10	
NPI Installation of Heritage Gates	Unit	1	10	€496.61	€4,966.10	
NPI Mobile Cattle Feed Troughs	Unit	1	6	€59.22	€355.32	
NPI Mobile Feed Storage Bins	Unit	1	4	€175.20	€700.80	
NPI Pasture Pumps	Unit	1	10	€289.04	€2,890.40	
NPI Rainwater Catchers	Unit	1	2	€716.84	€1,433.68	
NPI Solar Electric Fencer Unit	Unit	1	6	€257.50	€1,545.00	6
NPI Solar Pumps	Unit	1	2	€1,852.50	€3,705.00	2
NPI Water Storage Tanks	Unit	1	4	€798.66	€3,194.64	4
NPI Water Troughs	Unit	1	10	€290.66	€2,906.60	

NPI Conditions



- All NPIs must be newly created actions.
- Can be purchased after NPI-AWP is submitted
- Previous investments grant aided through TAMS or other Agri-Enviro/Capital investment scheme are not eligible for an ACRES NPI action
- ACRES NPI vs OFS refer to Appendix 4 in spec
- Installation or construction of an NPI cannot commence until written approval has been issued to the applicant i.e., NPI-AWP Approval Letter
- Once action is delivered must be maintained for 5yr ACRES contract

Barn Owl Nest Box



To provide safe and secure artificial nesting sites for Barn Owls

- Similar to ACRES General action
- Minimum is one box
- Max 6 boxes per NPI-AWP & over the 5yr ACRES contract
- Available on CP & Non-CP parcels
- Available on any scorecard



Bat / Swallow / Swift



- Minimum of 3 Boxes
- Each point on GLAM represents 3
- Max units payable per NPI-AWP &

5yr ACRES Contract:

- Bat = 15
- Swallow = 12
- Swift = 9
- CP & Non-CP
- All scorecards



Conservation of Cultural Heritage Sites



To enhance and maintain visible archaeological monuments as landscape features

- Similar to ACRES General
- Only sites identified on NMS on GLAM
- Must be visible
- Max 10 units payable per NPI-AWP & 5yr ACRES contract

Arable

- CP & Non-CP
- Establish 10m grass margin

Grassland

- CP & Non-CP
- All scorecards assigned or submitted



Field Margin



Aim to create wildlife corridor, protect water quality from run off

- Available on Non-CP grassland parcels only
- Create a minimum 3m grass margin by erecting a fence from a field boundary
- Min continuous length 10m
- 500m max length payable per NPI-AWP & 5yr ACRES Contract
- Maintained for remainder



Planting New Hedgerow & Hedge Rejuvenation

Support biodiversity, improve the structure of hedgerows and enhance visual appearance of the landscape

- CP & Non-CP
- All scorecards except:
Scrub/Woodland, LIPG, Wader
- PNH not available on Peatland
- Min 10m



Traditional Orchard



Support biodiversity, ensure survival of traditional fruit tree varieties

- Create orchard min 0.05ha
- 1 point on GLAM represents 1 Orchard (10 trees)
- Max 2 units payable per NPI-AWP & 5yr ACRES Contract
- CP & Non-CP
- Available Scorecards; Grassland, Rough Grazing

Tree Planting



Trees can sequester carbon, support biodiversity, help reduce soil erosion, provide shelter etc

- CP & Non-CP Parcels
- Available on the following scorecards; Grassland, Rough Grazing, Peatland, Scrub/Woodland
- Min no. of trees = 3
- **Each point on GLAM represents 3 trees**
- Max 120 units per NPI-AWP

Two planting options:

- Rows
4m spacing, 12m between rows
- Groups
4m spacing in desired areas around farm

Repair of Traditional Stone Wall 1 & 2 Sides



To maintain and enhance the network of free standing dry-stone walls

- Similar to ACRES General
- Targeted for stonewalls in need of Repair not for fully intact walls
- CP & Non-CP
- All scorecards assigned or submitted
- 2 options on GLAM
- Boundary walls select RTSW 1 Side
- Internal walls Select RTSW 2 Side





Riparian Margin & RM Sheep Fencing

- Two standalone NPIs on GLAM
 - Select Riparian Margin for post & wire fencing
 - Select RM Sheep Fencing if sheep fencing is required
 - Only created along small streams, drains, rivers, lakes, ponds
- Create a minimum 3m RM with permanent fence
- CP & Non-CP, all scorecards except Breeding Wader



Riparian Margin Tree Planting

Can only be selected once RM /RM Sheep have been selected first

Will not be eligible if not drawn within RM /RM Sheep

Each point on GLAM represents 10 Trees

Grassland and Rough Grazing scorecards only

Small Woodland



Sequester carbon, support biodiversity, provide shelter and enhance visual appearance of farm landscape

- Two options;
 - 160 Trees area of 0.05ha
 - 300 Trees area of 0.09ha
- On GLAM one point represents one woodland
- Max 2 units payable per NPI-AWP & 5yr ACRES Contract
- CP & Non-CP
- Available Scorecards; Grassland, Rough Grazing, Scrub/Woodland

Other NPI Actions



Rodenticide Free Rodent Control

Alternative method / encourage other NPIs

- CP & Non-CP parcels
- All scorecards assigned / submitted
- Min is 1 unit
- Max 6 units payable per NPI-AWP & 5yr ACRES Contract



Wader Scrapes

Means for Waders to feed / support insects

- CP Parcels & Submitted scorecards only
- Available on; Grassland, R. Grazing, Coastal, Peatland, LIPG, Wader
- Min area 48m² / max area is 225m²
- Max depth of 50cm
- Max 5 units payable per NPI-AWP & 5yr ACRES Contract



Wild Bird Cover

To provide food source for farmland birds throughout the autumn and winter

WBC Plot

- CP Arable Parcels & Non-CP Parcels
- Min 0.25ha/Max 3ha per NPI-AWP
- Establish by 30th June
- Remain in situ until 1st Mar
- 2m uncultivated zone along field boundary



WBC Strip

- CP Parcels Only
- Not suitable on SRG with Med/High positive indicators
- Submitted Scorecards
- Grassland and Rough Grazing
- Establish 9m Strip
- 6m from watercourse
- Min 50m Strip
- Max 400m per NPI-AWP





Winter Stubble

To provide a winter food source for seed-eating birds that feed on spilled grains and the seeds of broad-leaved weeds

- CP parcels declared as Arable and on Non-CP parcels
- Only suitable following the harvesting of a cereal crop, oil-seed rape or linseed but not maize.
- Two options following harvest:
- Leave stubbles uncultivated to support seed eating birds
- Shallow cultivate the soil to encourage the emergence of green cover within 14 days following harvest and no later than 30 September
- For both options stubbles must remain in situ until 1 February



NPI Infrastructure



- Majority point actions drawn on GLAM
- All available on CP parcels only
- Submitted scorecards only
- Refer to Table 2 on NPI Spec for min / max units payable
- Max units payable per NPI-AWP & 5yr ACRES Contract:
- Solar Fencer = 6
- Solar Pump = 2
- Water Storage Tanks = 4
- Burren / Aran CP Only = *

Culverts	All Submitted Scorecards
Installation of Gates	
Mobile Feed Storage Bins	
Pasture Pumps	
Rainwater Catchers	
Solar Electric Fencer Units	
Solar Pumps	
Water Storage Tanks	
Water Troughs	All scorecards except LIPG, Corncrake, Wader
Installation of Heritage Gates*	
Mobile Cattle Feed Troughs*	Winterage only

NPI Fencing 3 options:

Barbed Wire / Permanent Electric / Sheep Wire

- CP Parcels only
- All Submitted scorecards
- Restricted to existing field boundaries
- Min length 10m
- Barbed & Sheep Wire 1000m max length per NPI-AWP
- Permanent Electric 1500m max length per NPI-AWP



GLAM Example: Pasture Pump



Select Feature

ID	Label	Layer
2329204	PaP2329204	NPI Pasture Pumps
54732669	C12127054	All Parcels

NPI Pasture Pumps

PaP2329204

Summary

Label:

Layer Name: VWLP_GLAM_DRAFT_FEATURE_TYPE_I

Layer Title : NPI Pasture Pumps

Unique ID : 2329204

History

Mapped Actions

Point Actions

Type	Label	Parcel Label	Feature ID	Claimed Quantity
NPI Pasture Pumps	PaP2329402	C12127054	2037940	1
NPI Pasture Pumps	PaP2329204	C12127054	2037742	1

GLAM Example: Installation of Gates



2112118

Select Feature

ID	Label	Layer
54732549	C12112119	All Parcels
1800678	BUA1510494	CP Scorecards - Submitted
2329404	Ga2329404	NPI Installation of Gates

NPI Installation of Gates

Ga2329404

Summary

Label:

Layer Name: VWLP GLAM DRAFT FEATURE_TYPE_I

Mapped Actions

Type	Label	Parcel Label	Feature ID	Claimed Quantity
NPI Pasture Pumps	PaP2329402	C12127054	2037940	1
NPI Pasture Pumps	PaP2329204	C12127054	2037742	1
NPI Installation of Gates	Ga2329403	C12112119	2037941	1
NPI Installation of Gates	Ga2329404	C12112119	2037942	1
NPI Installation of Gates	Ga2329405	C12112119	2037943	1

Thank you

