

Data Protection Notice

General Data Protection information applicable to all Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine customers is available here:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation-information/ef9f6-data-protection/>

Information specific to the personal data being collected:

The following data is specific information in relation to the personal data processed for the Fodder Support Scheme.

1. Specified purpose:

The personal data sought from you, the applicant, is required for the purpose of making an application under the Fodder Support Scheme. Failure to provide all the personal data required to facilitate the processing of the application, including data testing, under the scheme will result in the Department being unable to process the application.

The Department may also use data provided in submitting an application under the Fodder Support Scheme for the purposes of updating information on the relevant databases held by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in connection with this scheme.

In addition, the following divisions also process information obtained via the Fodder Support Scheme application process to facilitate the administration of the scheme and compliance with the terms and conditions of the scheme:

- Integrated Controls Division
- Finance Division
- IT Division

2. Legal basis:

The Fodder Support Scheme is implemented pursuant to the Temporary Crisis Framework for State Aid measures to support the economy following the aggression against Ukraine by Russia and is operated by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

The Department may, for the purpose of aiding administrative efficiencies, use existing customer data for other purposes. The use of the data in this way is considered compatible with its original purpose of collection.

3. Recipients:

Information provided as part of the Fodder Support Scheme application will be shared, with other divisions within the Department, for the purposes of processing applications in a timely and efficient manner.

When you submit a Fodder Support Scheme application some of your personal data may be made available to other Government Departments/Agencies/Local Authorities, but only where there is a valid legal basis to do so. Also, personal information may be released under the terms of the relevant Data Protection legislation in force and the Freedom of Information Act, 2014.

Information will be shared within the Department to facilitate the administration of the scheme, to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions and to allow for monitoring and evaluating of the scheme.

Personal data may be used for statistical, research and analysis purposes in some circumstances, but will only be done so in compliance with the Data Protection legislation in force. Data used for such purposes will be pseudonymised (masked) or anonymised, as appropriate, to protect to the security and confidentiality of the data. The use of the data in this way may facilitate the Department in informing policy decisions into the future, which would benefit the Irish farmer and the Agriculture Sector.

The Department is also currently obliged by law to provide information concerning applicants in response to requests received from the Office of the Revenue Commissioners, An Garda Síochana, and other bodies and this will take place in accordance with Data Protection legislation.

As part of this scheme, if you are approved into the scheme, you may be requested by the Department or relevant agents acting on its behalf, to supply data in relation to your participation to the Scheme, and facilitate on-farm inspections/assessments, where required for the purpose of assessment, verification, evaluation or research purposes as provided for under the terms and conditions of the scheme. Not to supply such information may invalidate/cancel your application.

4. Transferred outside the EU:

Information provided in support of an application under the Fodder Support Scheme is not currently transmitted outside of the EU.

5. Retention Period:

The data submitted in support of the application by the data subject under the Fodder Support Scheme will be retained by DAFM for 7 years plus the current scheme year in line with the purposes for which it was collected.

After this time, it will be marked for destruction and will be destroyed in line with internal guidelines or guidelines for destruction received from the National Archives Office or associated permissions received from them.

6. Data provision being statutory or contractual obligation:

The data provided for this purpose is being requested under the requirements of the Temporary Crisis Framework for State Aid measures to support the economy following the aggression against Ukraine by Russia and if the customer chooses not to provide this information their application for the Fodder Support Scheme cannot proceed.

7. Automated Decision Making, including profiling:

Personal data provided in the submission of an application under the Fodder Support Scheme will be processed automatically for the purpose of the efficient running of the scheme, and the timely payment of participants.

Automated decision making will also be used for the purposes of selecting participants for inspection.

Profiling may be used for the purpose of ranking applicants for inspections and informing policy decisions.

8. Information from Third Party:

The Department uses personal data supplied in order to issue system generated text messages in relation to the scheme to applicants. These text messages may relate to reminders, correspondence issued or payments.

9. Technical information on data collected:

Technical information on the cookies used on the Gov.ie website is available at the following link: <https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation-information/ef9f6-data-protection/>