



Organic Viability Plan

The purpose of this form is to allow you to provide an overall picture of what your proposed organic unit will look like once it has been converted, and to demonstrate that it will be technically viable in terms of rotation and stock numbers and health. **This is an overview, you must still complete a Conversion Plan which must be approved by your chosen Control Body and submitted on request.** The Viability Plan must be comprehensively completed and should inform the detail in your Conversion Plan. It is expected that to complete a considered Viability Plan you will require advice and/or training in the organic management of the farm enterprises you wish to convert.

Agreement reference number

1. Farm details

1.1 Applicant(s) details

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)

Forename(s)

Surname(s)

Business name

Main correspondence
address

Postcode

Telephone number

Existing Organic Certification Details (if applicable)

1.2 Farm/business holding details

County Parish Holding (CPH) number(s)

Single Business Identifier (SBI)

Business Name

Farm/business address

Postcode

2. Organic standards

Do you have access to a copy of the organic standards of an approved organic certification body? Yes

No

3. Proposed conversion timetable

3.1 Overview: timetable for conversion of land and livestock

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| 1) Will the proposed organic unit be converted all-at-once or in a phased conversion? | All at once | Phased |
| 2) What is the proposed start date for the (first phase of) conversion? | | |
| 3) What is the proposed date for the (first phase of) land to reach full organic status? | | |
| 4) When do you plan to harvest your first full organic status crop? | | |
| 5) Do you plan to undertake simultaneous conversion of land and livestock? | | |

3.2 Details of any non organic enterprises located on farm that are not to be converted

4. Land area to be converted

4.1 Areas

Total area of proposed organic unit				Hectares	
If phased conversion is proposed, area to be converted in:					
a) Phase 1	Ha.	b) Phase 2	Ha.	c) Phase 3	Ha.
Total area already organic or in conversion				Hectares	
Total area of land which will not be converted to organic				Hectares	
All other land (for example, woodland)				Hectares	
Roads, Yards and Buildings				Hectares	
Total Area of Holding				Hectares	

4.2 Proposed organic unit: Breakdown of land types

Area of (ploughable) land to be put in organic rotation	Hectares
Area of improved permanent grassland	Hectares
Area of unimproved grassland/rough grazing	Hectares
Area of permanent cropping/top fruit	Hectares
Total area of agricultural land in proposed organic unit	Hectares

5. Proposed main organic crop rotation

(on land to be put into organic rotation)

5.1 Is your farm entirely grassland? If 'yes' go to question 5.3 Yes No

5.2 Specify length of rotation and enter proposed cropping sequence

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
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Please use the following legend in completing your rotation:

G/C Grass/clover ley

C/L Cereal/legume forage crops (e.g. cereals/peas)

R Root crop (e.g. potatoes, carrots, turnips)

P Pulse crop (e.g. peas or beans for combining)

OV Other vegetable crop

C Cereal

5.3 Proposed annual cropping

Given the proposed rotation above, the overall area of land to be put into organic rotation, what is your proposed annual area of each crop type (approximate)?

Crop Type	Crop	Area (hectares)
Arable cash crops	for example, cereal	

Crop	Area (hectares)
Annual forage crop	
Temporary grass/clover ley	
Permanent grass	
Unimproved/rough grazing	
Total area of proposed organic unit	

6. Stock on proposed organic unit

6.1 Stock numbers

Stock	Under current conventional management	Proposed under organic management
Number of breeding females: Suckler cows		
Number of breeding females: Dairy cows		
Number of breeding females: Ewes		
Number of breeding females: Sows		
Number of breeding females: Does		
Number of breeding females: Nannies		
Number of breeding females: Poultry		
Calves sold as stores		
Calves sold as finished		
Calves kept as breeding replacement		
Lambs sold as stores		
Lambs sold as finished		
Lambs kept as breeding replacement		

6.1 Livestock Breeds on the Proposed Organic Unit

Stock	Breeds
Cattle	
Sheep	
Pigs	
Deer	
Goats	
Poultry	

7. Animal health plan

Do you currently operate a written Animal Health Plan (AHP)? Yes No

If not, you should be aware that you will be required to prepare a written organic Animal Health Plan, as part of the Conversion Plan which you submit to your Certification Body, showing in detail how you propose to promote and maintain animal health on your farm. It is desirable to seek veterinary advice in the preparation of your AHP, although this is not compulsory.

8. Proposed marketing strategy

Please indicate your proposed main and secondary market outlets by volume. Main Secondary

Sale of primary product (for example, grain, cattle) to wholesale / processing sector

Sale of primary product direct to consumers (for example, through farmers market and so on)

On-farm processing (for example on-farm butchery) and sale of product direct to consumers

Other main outlet

Outline in the box below your proposed marketing strategy, including a list of any potential market outlets you have contacted or advisers you have consulted.

9. Training/advice

Have you received training and or advice in consideration of entering conversion to Organic farming practices? Yes No

Please provide details of training and/or advice including name of adviser/advice body.

Applicant signature

Print name

Date