



CAP Reform Countdown | Greening Crop diversification

What counts as a 'crop' for the crop diversification rules?

Under the rules a 'crop' can be any of the following, if they are present during the cropping period (1 May to 30 June) in the Basic Payment Scheme year (the calendar year):

- a culture of any of the different genera defined in the botanical classification of crops (see below for examples)
- a culture of any of the species in the case of Brassicaceae, Solanaceae, and Cucurbitaceae (see below for examples)
- land lying fallow (fallow land, see page 13 of the August CAP leaflet which can be found on GOV.UK at www.gov.uk/cap-reform)
- grasses or other herbaceous forage (temporary grassland, see page 13 of the August leaflet)

Information on crops under 'a' and 'b' can be found below. The definitions of fallow land and temporary grassland were explained in the 'Definitions' section on page 12 of the August leaflet - they do count as crops under the crop diversification rules. For fallow land to qualify under the EFA rules, there is a different period when it needs to be present during the calendar year – see page 31 of the August leaflet for more information. More information on mixed crops is on page 27 of the same leaflet.

Permanent crops do not count as a crop for crop diversification. A list of permanent crops is shown on page 15 of the August leaflet.

Examples of crops in 'a'

Some of the crops most commonly grown in England that would count under 'a' are listed below. This is the most up to date list, but it is not an exhaustive list and more examples will be added to it as they are raised and agreed.

Crop name	Genus	Includes
Barley	<i>Hordeum</i>	Feed barley, Malting barley, Two row barley, Six row barley
Basil	<i>Ocimum</i>	all Basils
Beet	<i>Beta</i>	Beetroot, Chard, Field beet, Fodder beet, Mangolds, Redbeet, Sugar beet
Borage	<i>Borago</i>	Borage
Buckwheat	<i>Fagopyrum</i>	Buckwheat
Canary seed	<i>Phalaris</i>	Canary seed
Carrot	<i>Daucus</i>	Carrot
Celery	<i>Apium</i>	Celeriac, Celery
Chickpea	<i>Cicer</i>	Chickpea

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Chicory	<i>Chichorium</i>	Chicory, Endive, Italian chicory, Radicchio
Coriander	<i>Coriandrum</i>	Coriander
Corn Gromwell	<i>Buglossoides</i> (also known as <i>Lithospermum</i>)	Corn Gromwell
Daffodil	<i>Narcissus</i>	All daffodils
Dill	<i>Anethum</i>	Dill
Evening primrose	<i>Oenothera</i>	Evening primrose
Fennel	<i>Foeniculum</i>	Fennel
Fenugreek	<i>Trigonella</i>	Fenugreek
Field Beans	<i>Vicia</i>	Broad beans, Field beans, Tic beans
Green Beans	<i>Phaseolus</i>	French beans, Green beans, Haricot beans, Runner beans
Hemp	<i>Cannabis</i>	Hemp
Lentils	<i>Lens</i>	Lentils
Lettuce	<i>Lactuca</i>	Butterhead lettuce, Cos lettuce, Iceberg lettuce, Lettuce, Romaine lettuce
Linseed	<i>Linum</i>	Flax, Linseed
Lupins	<i>Lupinus</i>	Lupins
Maize	<i>Zea</i>	Corn, Maize, Sweetcorn
Millet	<i>Echinochloa</i>	Millet
Oats	<i>Avena</i>	Feed oats, Naked oats, Porridge oats, Quaking oats
Onions	<i>Allium</i>	Chives, Garlic, Onions, Leeks, Scallions, Shallot, Spring onions
Oregano	<i>Origanum</i>	Oregano, Marjoram
Parsley	<i>Petroselinum</i>	All Parsleys
Parsnips	<i>Pastinaca</i>	Parsnips
Peas	<i>Pisum</i>	Feed pea, Mange tout, Marrow fat pea, Snap pea, Snow pea, Vining pea
Poppy	<i>Papaver</i>	Poppy
Quinoa	<i>Chenopodium</i>	Quinoa
Rye	<i>Secale</i>	Rye, Winter rye (for cover)
Sage	<i>Salvia</i>	Clary sage, Sages
Soya	<i>Glycine</i>	Soya bean, Soybean
Spinach	<i>Spinacia</i>	Spinach
Strawberry	<i>Fragaria</i>	Strawberry
Sunflower	<i>Helianthus</i>	Sunflower
Sweet potato	<i>Ipomoea</i>	Sweet potato

Thyme	<i>Thymus</i>	All thymes
Triticale	<i>Triticosecale</i>	Triticale
Tulip	<i>Tulipa</i>	All tulips
Wheat	<i>Triticum</i>	Biscuit wheat, Common or Bread wheat, Durum wheat, Einkorn, Feed wheat, Red wheat, Spelt
Yam	<i>Dioscorea</i>	Yam

The examples of pasture legumes below will also count as a crop under the crop diversification rules if they are grown on their own. However, if these are grown in mixtures with grass they will have to be counted as either temporary or permanent grassland.

Pasture legumes

Crop name	Genus	Includes
Bird's foot trefoil	<i>Lotus</i>	Bird's foot trefoil
Clover	<i>Trifolium</i>	clovers and some trefoils
Lucerne	<i>Medicago</i>	Lucerne (Alfalfa), Black medic
Sainfoin	<i>Onobrychis</i>	sainfoins
Sweet Clover	<i>Melilotus</i>	sweet clovers

Examples of crops in 'b'

Some of the crops most commonly grown in England that would count under 'b' are listed below. This is the most up to date list, but it is not an exhaustive list and more examples will be added to it as they are raised and agreed.

Brassicaceae

Crop name	Species	Includes
Cabbage	<i>Brassica oleracea</i>	Broccoli, Brussels sprouts, Cabbages, Calabrese, Cauliflower, Chinese kale, Kale, Kohlrabi, Red cabbage, Savoy cabbage, White cabbage,
Crambe	<i>Crambe maritima</i>	Crambe, Seakale
Horseradish	<i>Armoracia rusticana</i>	Horseradish (syn. <i>Cochlearia armoracia</i>)
Mustard	<i>Sinapsis alba</i>	

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(Sometimes Brassica sinapsis)	<i>White or Yellow mustard.</i>	
Mustard - brown	<i>Brassica juncea</i>	Brown mustard
Radish	<i>Raphanus sativus</i>	Radish
Rapeseed	<i>Brassica napus</i>	Industrial rape, Oilseed rape, Swede
Rocket	<i>Eruca sativa</i>	Rocket
Turnip	<i>Brassica rapa</i>	Bok choi, Chinese cabbage (Pak choi), Turnip, Turnip rape
Watercress	<i>Nasturtium officinale</i>	Watercress

Solanaceae species

Crop name	Genus	Includes
Aubergine	<i>Solanum melongena</i>	Aubergine, Eggplant
Chilli	<i>Capsicum baccatum</i>	Bishop's crown chilli, Lemon drop chilli, Peppadew chilli
Chilli - tree	<i>Capsicum pubescens</i>	Tree chilli
Pepper	<i>Capsicum annuum</i>	Bell pepper, Chilli pepper
Potato	<i>Solanum tuberosum</i>	Early potato, Maincrop potato, Seed potato
Tobacco	<i>Nicotiana tabacum</i>	Tobacco
Tomato	<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>	Tomato

Cucurbitaceae species

Crop name	Genus	Includes
Banana squash	<i>Cucurbita maxim</i>	Banana squash, Buttercup squash
Butternut squash	<i>Cucurbita moschata</i>	Butternut squash, Cheese pumpkin
Cucumber	<i>Cucumis sativus</i>	Cucumber
Japanese pie squash	<i>Cucurbita argyrosperma</i>	Japanese pie squash
Melon	<i>Cucumis melo</i>	Melons
Siam pumpkin	<i>Cucurbita ficifolia</i>	Siam pumpkin, Seven year melon

Squash	<i>Cucurbita pepo</i>	Pumpkins, Squashes, Marrows, Zucchini, Courgettes
Water melon	<i>Citrullus lanatus</i>	Water melon

If you have a crop which is not on this list, contact RPA on 0345 603 7777 or email csc@rpa.gsi.gov.uk.