

Stocking calendar for Mid Tier UP2 management of rough grazing for birds

Agreement holder:			
Agreement reference:			
Agreement start date:			
Field number(s):		NOTE: A calendar can be applied to individual parcels, or to a group of fields where they are grazed together in one unit or in rotation. List all the fields forming part of the grazing unit.	
Total area:	ha		
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Where fields are grazed together as one unit or grazed in rotation min/max stocking densities will apply across the grazing unit as a whole. The maximum stocking rate may be exceeded in an individual parcel at any one time, as long as the average stocking density for the grazing unit as a whole is less than or equal to the specified maximum. A minimum rate of 0 has been set over the area for all periods to provide flexibility to graziers, but grazing will be necessary during the growing season and later in the year to meet the sward requirements of P6670 -see notes.

Date range		Permitted stock type	Stocking density (LU/ha)		Notes
From	Until		Min	Max	
01-Mar	31-May	Any, but older cattle preferred	0	0.8	Little or no grazing early in this period while birds are prospecting for nest sites is beneficial. Minimal livestock should be grazed to create/maintain the target sward structure, if ground and weather conditions permit. Numbers limited to reduce trampling impact on eggs and nests
01-Jun	31-Jul	Any, but older cattle preferred	0	1	Grazing can be increased to take account of grass growth, but still limited to protect late nests.
01-Aug	31-Oct	Any, but cattle (any age) preferred	0	2	THE FIELDS SHOULD BE GRAZED DURING THIS PERIOD TO MEET THE SWARD REQUIREMENTS OF P6670, in particular to graze down rank vegetation
01-Nov	30-Nov	Any, but cattle (any age) preferred	0	2	Cattle can continue to graze or be reduced in number / removed, as appropriate for ground conditions and sward structure.
01-Dec	28-Feb	Sheep any age or type	0	0.8	Winter grazing with sheep is permitted if ground and weather conditions allow it, providing the target sward structure is achieved in the spring.

Stock types in Livestock Units (LUs)*

Cattle over 2 years	1
Cattle 6 months to 2 years	0.6
Ram; lowland ewe and lamb	0.12
Store lamb; hogg; teg; hill ewe and lamb	0.08
Horse	1
Pony	0.8
Goat	0.12

* These figures are for medium-sized breeds and may need adjusting to take account of small or large breeds.