

Resource Protection

Natural resources such as soil and water are some of the most important assets on your farm. It is vital that you protect and conserve them to secure a profitable and sustainable future for your landholding. FWAG can help you assess the risks and plan for sustainable resource use with confidence to ensure that you are always one step ahead of the legislation.



The benefits

FWAG's Resource Management advice is tailored to your farm, taking into account your unique circumstances and requirements. Your local FWAG Adviser can help you manage the natural resources to reduce pollution risk and increase efficient use of inputs.

FWAG can help you...

- Meet legislative requirements – Cross Compliance, Water Framework Directive, Catchment Sensitive Farming, Nitrate Vulnerable Zones, Waste Regulations etc.
- Prepare Soil, Manure and Nutrient Management Plans to help you reach your points target for the Entry Level Scheme. A LEAF Audit will help you to gain points for ELS.
- Keep one step ahead of the regulations through providing practical guidance on best practice that protects your natural resources.

- Help farmers understand the requirements of Catchment Sensitive Farming through one-to-one advice and farm-based events.

What you receive

- A farm visit from a professional FWAG Adviser to discuss your requirements and ensure that the advice given best suits your needs.
- A follow-up, user-friendly FWAG **Landmanager**[®] Plan that will set down the issues and explain possible, practical solutions.
- Links to on-going support and further help.



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FWAG's Resource Protection Advice:

FWAG's Resource Management advice covers a range of subjects: Water, Soil, Air, Nutrients, Manures, Waste, Pesticides and Energy.

FWAG Resource Management Plan

An individually tailored plan highlighting the main resource management issues on your farm.

Your plan will:

- Record the key environmental risks on your farm.
- Suggest actions you can take to eliminate or minimise these risks.
- List sources of further help where required to deal with specific problems.

Soil Management Plans

You know that soil is the key to sustainable and profitable production from your land. Soil losses due to erosion can lead to irreversible damage to one of your most important resources but it can also lead to devastating effects on wildlife habitats such as streams by causing siltation and consequent effects on fish spawning grounds. Also, nutrients and pesticides attached to soil particles can adversely alter the ecology of rivers, lakes and ponds. FWAG can help you to identify risk areas on your farm and provide guidance so that you can take action to prevent soil damage and erosion.

A FWAG Soil Management Plan will:

- Identify the main soil management issues on your farm.
- Provide a detailed field risk assessment and management plan to meet agri-environmental scheme requirements.
- Offer guidance on positive action to reduce soil loss and maintain production and fertility.

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Manure Management Plans and Nutrient Budgets

Nutrients are an essential but expensive input. Efficient use is not only important for the farm business but also the environment. FWAG can help you to improve the efficiency of your nutrient usage and at the same time, protect the environment.

FWAG can prepare the following specifically for your on-farm situation:

- Nutrient Budget to calculate and monitor nutrient use across the whole farm.
- Manure Management Plan to help you plan your manure use, assess whether you have adequate storage, provide guidance on responsible spreading – when, where and how and to ensure that you get the most benefit from a precious resource.

Waste Minimisation Plans

New legislation will limit farmers' options to dispose of waste materials on farm. Farm waste problems can be managed through good planning – reducing on-farm waste and re-using or re-cycling materials wherever possible.

A FWAG Waste Management Plan will enable you to:

- Identify the key waste issues on your farm.
- Minimise waste and identify disposal pathways.
- Access further specialist advice to provide guidance to waste problems on your farm.



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