

FIELD MANAGEMENT GUIDANCE

Field No: same as the field numbers you used to count your waders in the weekly tables.

Field type: select category which most closely reflects the field's type April-July: arable (A), hay meadow (H), silage meadow (S), uniform, lush green sward, dominated by one or two species of grass and perhaps clover, very few other plants present (I), varying vegetation height and colour across the field, with at least a few different grasses and perhaps other (flowering) plants present (U), other (O) - if selecting other, please describe in Notes column

Livestock

Species: select from sheep, beef cattle, dairy cattle, pigs, or other (if selecting other, please describe in Notes column), ideally including breed(s)

Stock in 1: enter the date you first had stock in the field (choose 1st Jan if you had them in from the start of the year) and number of stock (pure numbers of Livestock Units (LU))

Stock out 1: enter the date you first took stock out of the field and number of stock (pure numbers of Livestock Units (LU))

Stock in 2: enter the date you re-stocked the field (leave blank or enter "N/A" if only stocked once) and number of stock (pure numbers of Livestock Units (LU))

Stock out 2: enter the date you took stock out of the field for a second time (leave blank or enter "N/A" if only stocked once) and number of stock (pure numbers of Livestock Units (LU))

NB – if you stocked and re-stocked fields more than twice, please just enter the relevant dates between 1 April and 31 July.

Grass cuts

Date 1st cut: the date at which you took your first hay or silage cut in that field (leave blank or enter "N/A" if permanent pasture, arable, or other)

Date 2nd cut: the date at which you took your second cut in that field (usually silage, leave blank or enter "N/A" if only one cut made)

Date 3rd cut: the date at which you took your third cut in that field (usually silage, leave blank or enter "N/A" if only one or two cuts made)

NB – rarely, fields can be shut-up and left to grow, but not cut, effectively as standing hay, known as "deferred grazing" – the livestock and meadow cuts should make this clear, but please include details of this in the Notes column.

Arable

Crop type: e.g., wheat, barley, potato, brassicas, etc., or "fallow"

Seeded date: enter the approximate date you seeded the crop (leave blank or enter "N/A" if left fallow)

Harvest date: enter the approximate date you harvested your crop (leave blank or enter "N/A" if left fallow)