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Farm code

### **Rural Support Scheme 2026 Application**

The 2026 RSS will be open for applications from 12th January to 11th September 2026 – applications may be made at any time within this period, but may not be accepted if made after the closing date.

The application process for the Rural Support Scheme (RSS) in 2026 requires the completion and return of an Agricultural Return which includes:

1. Information about the rural enterprise required to calculate credits along with the RSS Declaration and Consent Form.
2. Evidence (copy of certificates, invoices if applicable) for all accreditation standards and other items as requested;
3. A completed land and worker declaration on the template spreadsheet provided

Please note that once we have received your application and agreed the credits awarded under the RSS for 2026, we will be able confirm the total budget available to your business for the Tier 4 project grant for the year. You will be notified of your Project CAP for 2026 in due course.

Please remit the signed RSS declaration and consent and your Agricultural Return via email to: [ruraleconomy@gov.je](mailto:ruraleconomy@gov.je) (Electronic submissions preferred - a hard-copy through the post is not necessary).

**Please refer to the guidance notes for reward credits for 2026.**

## Agricultural Return for the Rural Support Scheme

Sign, scan and return to Rural Economy via email: [ruraleconomy@gov.je](mailto:ruraleconomy@gov.je)

### RSS Declaration and Consent

#### Important Information

Before signing this form please read the declaration notes and consent information carefully. The notes set out your agreement and understanding of the conditions required under the RSS. The consent information explains how your information will be used and provides a brief description of your rights under the Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2018. For further information on how the Government of Jersey handles personal data please visit [www.gov.je/privacy](http://www.gov.je/privacy)

#### Declaration Notes re Agricultural Return for the Rural Support Scheme

This confirms on behalf of the business that I:

- 1) Agree to provide 2025 signed accounts if grants or subsidies received from the Government of Jersey exceed £75,000.  
Agree to provide a Financial Declaration Form if grants or subsidies received from the Government of Jersey are less than £74,999.
- 2) Understand that this information may be used in whole or part for the purpose of producing aggregated information that may be used or subsequently published by the Government of Jersey. .
- 3) Agree to provide signed audited accounts or a Financial Declaration Form for the payment received in 2026 should I not claim RSS in 2027.
- 4) Agree to include the receipt of all government grants as income in the annual accounts of the business it was intended to support.
- 5) Understand and accept that the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) may audit any Government funded individual or organisation where the grant received is greater than £5,000.
- 6) Understand and accept that the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) may audit any Government funded individual or organisation where the grant is less than £5,000 but represents at least 50% of the total amount/income received during that year.
- 7) Agree to Officers from the relevant departments accessing information held about my business by assurance providers including but not limited to LEAF, Red Tractor, Acoura, NSF, SAI Global, SALSA, KIWA, BHS, BRC Global.
- 8) Understand I may also be required to demonstrate that I have robust corporate governance arrangements in place that ensure the future viability of my business.
- 9) Understand that failure to submit all documents in accordance with the deadlines given will result in my application not being processed.
- 10) Understand that, if in receipt of an agricultural loan in arrears, any payments due to me may be withheld to offset arrears.

- 11) Agree to provide for inspection by Officers from relevant departments (within 24 hour notice) my implemented Water Pollution Contingency Plan, Soil Protection Plan, Pesticide Application Records, Crop Nutrient Management Plan, Waste Management Plan and Disposal Record, Farm Manure and Organic Waste Management Plan:
  - a) Waste Management Plan and Disposal Record: a current Waste Disposal Record showing the date, amount and disposal route of all wastes emanating from the farm. An undertaking to dispose of all farm waste materials in an approved way within the current year, pay any relevant disposal charge and keep appropriate records. Should I take on a tenancy of new land where waste has been left by a previous tenant then I will report this to you, to avoid my own liability for its disposal.
  - b) Farm Manure and Organic Waste Management Plan: if I keep livestock, import organic manures, sewage sludge or compost, or allow others to apply these to the land on which I claim then I need to have a current plan in place. This includes an assessment of storage capacity and available spreading land, a risk assessment of the fields to be applied to and of the pre-application field and weather conditions, as well as records of the date and amount of any applications of slurry, manure, compost, sewage/sludge (pellets) applied in fields claimed for. To have evidence of using suitably qualified advice prior to application of fertilisers.
  - c) Pesticide Application Records: keep records of the date and amount of any application of pesticides applied in fields claimed for. To have evidence of using suitably qualified advice prior to application of pesticides.
  - d) Water Pollution Contingency Plan: this is for the farm premises and will include the following elements;
    - i. a map of watercourses on the farm and drainage systems
    - ii. fuel and oil facilities
    - iii. fertilizer usage and storage areas
    - iv. pesticide usage and storage areas
    - v. details of management procedures and equipment in place to minimize the risk of pollution
- 12) Understand and will abide by the conditions set out in all sections of this RSS document.
- 13) Understand that the submission of false or misleading information will lead to penalties being imposed against me and may require full/or part repayment of any RSS payment, and that suspected fraudulent activity will be reported to the police.
- 14) To abide by all relevant current Jersey legislation (including but not limited to the list of laws attached)
- 15) That a Children and Vulnerable Adults Safeguarding Policy must be implemented (see notes below re safeguarding)
- 16) To comply with Codes of Good Agricultural and Environmental Practice (GAEP)
  - a) GAEP for the Welfare of livestock (cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, poultry, and horses) are guidelines which set minimum standards for environment, public health, animal and plant health, and animal welfare. Contravention of GAEP or the Welfare Codes will result in your RSS being reduced. Copies of the Pesticide, Water and Animal Welfare Codes are available from Howard Davis Farm or on [www.gov.je](http://www.gov.je)
  - b) Please also refer to the DEFRA publication 'Protecting our Water, Soil and Air: A Code of Good Agricultural Practice for farmers, growers and land managers' (CoGAP), available at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)
- 17) To provide a list of fields occupied during the last calendar year with all crops grown for each field, together with a list of fields and crops intended for the current year, when I submit my RSS application as part of my Agricultural Return.
- 18) I declare that the Applicant Business is a going concern and is not in immediate danger of insolvency, winding up or ceasing to trade on a permanent basis,
- 19) I declare the Applicant Enterprise has filed all necessary tax and social security returns and paid all relevant taxes and social security contributions due to the Government up to date (allowing for deferrals where permitted by arrangement with Revenue Jersey which must have been adhered to for at least 3 months). I understand Revenue Jersey will verify this, and any outstanding taxes or contributions (outside of permitted arrangements) will need to be paid. The application will not be reviewed and approved without this verification;

## Safeguarding

I hereby acknowledge that vulnerable people have a right to be safe and that adults have a responsibility to protect them. I hereby acknowledge and confirm that where our business has children and or vulnerable adults working on, living on (whether or not directly employed) or visiting our business premises (land and buildings), I have a direct responsibility in respect to the safeguarding of those individuals and I will take appropriate actions to ensure those responsibilities are met.

I hereby acknowledge that where my organisation has any involvement with children and or vulnerable adults that I will implement appropriate safeguarding policies and procedures. I will ensure that my staff are appropriately vetted and trained in respect to safeguarding and that designated safeguarding lead(s) will be appointed.

Guidance on safeguarding (including procedures and the reporting of concerns) can be found by visiting [www.safeguarding.je](http://www.safeguarding.je) or by contacting the Safeguarding Partnership Board.

## Consent Information

I confirm and agree:

That this declaration is made with my authority. I am aware that it's an offence to submit false or misleading information on a declaration.

That the information supplied in this form, together with any other accompanying information, is to be used for the purpose(s) of collecting my annual returns in accordance with the Agricultural Returns (Jersey) Law 1947, Agricultural Returns (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 1958, and the Agriculture (Guaranteed Prices and Financial Assistance) (Jersey) Law 1965 as administered by Department for the Economy ("Economy").

My Agricultural Return information will be used to calculate RSS payments, monitor the agriculture industry, facilitate ongoing administration of the Rural Economic Framework and grouped statistics will be used to provide annual agricultural statistic reports, which will be published on [www.gov.je](http://www.gov.je). That the information collected by Economy may be shared with IE and Jersey Business / Farm Jersey.

That Economy Officers may contact LEAF to discuss the details of my LEAF accreditation process.

My personal information will not be processed further unless permitted under a condition of the Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2018, or to comply with a legal requirement.

I understand that under Jersey's Data Protection Law I have the right to withdraw my consent to the further processing of my information. However, I understand that this may affect my grant payment as well as be in breach of other laws. (Should you wish to exercise this right please contact us at [ruraleconomy@gov.je](mailto:ruraleconomy@gov.je)).

Signed on behalf of

Signed

Full Name

Date

## **Agricultural Return 2025**

In accordance with the Agricultural Returns Laws (as listed in Section H of this form), you are required to complete an annual agricultural return in respect of any agricultural land occupied by you or under your management.

### **Guidance notes re completion of Agricultural Return**

- 1.The Agricultural Return (the 'Return') should be completed by any business applying for funding under the Rural Support Scheme.
- 2.Data from the Return, which includes a Return spreadsheet template for land and workers, will be used for the calculation of credits within the Rural Support Scheme.
- 3.The Return should include the area of all crops and primary land use for 2025 with reference to each field used, as well as the livestock kept on the land in 2025.
- 4.The number of vergées of each crop should be stated as accurately as possible - the official Digimap system as used by GoJ will be used to verify land areas.
5. Any reference to Horses on the form includes all horses grazing or occupying the land you have declared on the Return, including any private arrangements that you have with individual horse owners unless they complete a Return in their own right.

**Section A - Landowner / Occupier Details**

PLEASE UPDATE BELOW IF DETAILS SUPPLIED ARE INCORRECT


**Section B - Accreditation**

Choose ONE of the following:

LEAF Marque Demo Farm	
LEAF Marque Ceritified	
LEAF Marque SFR	
LEAF Marque Member	

And/or ONE of the following:

Organic Certified	
Organic In Conversion	
Organic Member	

Choose ANY of the following:

Red Tractor	
SALSA	
KIWA	
Global GAP	
BHS	
BCR Global	

**Section C - Integrated Farm Management**

Please indicate where you have the following intergated farm management plans and acknowledge adherrance to the contents of such plans. (Tick those which apply)

Soil Management Plan	
Water Management Plan	
Nutrient Management Plan	
Waste Management Plan	
Animal Health Plan	
Conservation and Landscape Plan	

Energy Audit and Plan	
Carbon Nett Zero Plan	
Carbon Nett Zero Data Collection	
Woodland Management Plan	
Dairy Welfare Vet Scheme	
Health and Safety Plan	

## Section D - Land and Facilities

All land occupiers must supply a list of fields farmed and the crops and primary land use for each of those fields for 2025 – plus planned crops for 2026 on the Agricultural Return [template] spreadsheet provided.

Please list all farm workers employed directly by the enterprise (for whom social security and ITIS returns are made in 2025) on the Agricultural Return Spreadsheet. Include number of weeks worked by each worker during the year including owners if working for the business.

**Young Persons:** Please provide details of young persons (under age 40 at 31st December 2025) who are either Directors of the business / shareholders with more than 10% equity in the business / sole traders on the spreadsheet.

Please complete and return the spreadsheet by email to [ruraleconomy@gov.je](mailto:ruraleconomy@gov.je).

### Pesticide and Chemical Store

Number of stores

Address (if different from above)

### Slurry Storage

Number of stores

Total Capacity (litres)

## Section E - Livestock

Please advise the number of the following farm livestock that you own or keep. (Cattle numbers are provided by the RJA and HS - no need to complete here). (PIGS - total sows and 'finished' in 2025)

Pigs	
Sheep	
Goats	
Chickens	
Other Fowl	

Horses Owned	
Horses Livery	
Donkeys / Mules	
Other (please specify)	

## Section F - Tier 3

Eat Safe Jersey (Number Stars)	
Genuine Jersey Member [tick]	
Great Taste Awards (Product and number stars)	
Number farm open days in 2025	
Maintained Public Footpaths (m)	
Number Wildlife Ponds	
Waste Recycling (plastic/oil/ packaging Tonnes recycled)	

## Section G - Financial Return

A Financial Return (or copy of accounts or a tax return for the rural enterprise) for 2025 to be completed by a qualified accountant must be returned by 11th September 2026. If this is not available at the time of application use management accounts and please provide an estimate for 2025 trading to complete the following:

Income	Expenditure
Produce Sales (Export)	
Produce Sales (Local)	
Services and Rental	
Grants/Support	
Other Income	
Total Income	

### Relevant Laws re RSS

Agricultural (Loans) (Jersey) Regulations 1974  
 Agricultural (Loans and Guarantees) (Jersey) Law 1974  
 Agricultural Returns (Jersey) Law 1947  
 Animal Health (Jersey) Law 2016 and subordinate legislation  
 Animal Health (Foot and Mouth Disease) (Jersey) Order 2017  
 Animal Health (Surveillance) (Jersey) Order 2017  
 Animal Health (Waste Food) (Jersey) Order 2018  
 Animal Health (Animal By-Products) (Jersey) Order 2018  
 European Communities Legislation (Implementation) (Cattle Identification) (Jersey) Regulations 2002  
 Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 2004  
 Artificial Insemination of Domestic Animals (Bovine Semen) (Jersey) Order 2008  
 Blight Disease (Jersey) Order 1982  
 Certificates of Origin (Produce of the Soil) (Jersey) Law 1961  
 Community Provisions (Bovine Embryos) (Jersey) Regulations 2010  
 Conservation of Wildlife (Jersey) Law 2000  
 European Union legislation (Implementation) (Jersey) Law 2014  
 Diseases of Animals(Pigs,Goats and Sheep Registration, Identification and Movement)(Jersey) Order 2007  
 Drainage (Jersey) Law 2005  
 EU Legislation (Milk and Dairies) (Jersey) Order 2017  
 Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2018  
 European Communities Legislation (Bluetongue) (Jersey) Regulations 2008  
 Planning and Building (Jersey) Law 2002  
 Food and Environment Protection Act 1985 (Jersey) (Amendment) Order 1997  
 Medicines (Jersey) Law 1995  
 Community Provisions (Welfare of Animals During Transport) (Jersey) Regulations 2013  
 Food Safety (Jersey) Law 1966 Milk and Dairies (General Provisions) (Jersey) Order.1992  
 Pesticides (Jersey) Law 1991  
 EU Legislation (Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies) (Jersey) Regulations 2015  
 Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Food) (Jersey) Order 1991

Pesticides (General Provisions) (Jersey) Order 1991  
Plant Health (Jersey) Law 2003 (Appointed Day) Act 2005  
Plant Health (Jersey) Order 2005  
Protection of Agricultural Land (Jersey) Law 1964  
Slaughter of Animals (Jersey) Law 1962  
Stem and Bulb Eelworm (Jersey) Order 1971  
Veterinary Surgeons (Jersey) Law 1999  
Waste Management (Jersey) Law 2005  
Water Pollution (Jersey) Law, 2000 (inc. Water Code (Jersey) 2009)  
Weeds (Jersey) Law 1961  
Water Resources (Jersey) Law 2007  
Weights Measures (Jersey) Law 1967