

## Farm to Tap - metaldehyde reduction scheme

### Scheme agreement:

The scheme offers:

A reward to farmers based on sub-catchment water testing results in reducing levels of metaldehyde

I confirm that I have read the terms and conditions and understand what participation in this scheme is. This scheme is managed and run by Severn Trent Water Limited ("STW") and I will participate in accordance with the terms and conditions set out below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Name/Business: \_\_\_\_\_

### Terms and conditions:

Scheme entry and eligibility – metaldehyde switching and reduction campaign

#### The Scheme

1. Farm to Tap ("the Scheme") is part of STW's wider Catchment Management Programme Farming 4 Water. The Scheme's focus is working in partnerships with farmers, land managers and other organisations to reduce diffuse pollution in raw water courses, particularly metaldehyde, which is found in some slug pellets.
2. The Scheme is free to join and voluntary. Participants must register their interest online at [stwater.co.uk/farm2tap](http://stwater.co.uk/farm2tap) or with their agricultural advisor
3. This Scheme is subject to eligibility and participants must meet the following criteria:
  - a. Farm or land must be within a STW priority catchment area. These can be found at [www.stwater.co.uk/farmtotap](http://www.stwater.co.uk/farmtotap)
  - b. The land managed or owned has the relevant topography that is deemed to be a "high risk red field", based on soil type, slope and proximity to a water course.
  - c. The land manager or owner is planning to drill and grow the relevant crops which are winter oil seed rape and winter wheat within this campaign period
  - d. The participant has not, during the period of drilling to the date the scheme closes, used any metaldehyde pesticide treatment on the crops, Or, has taken the

necessary steps to reduce their Metaldehyde usage during the period of 1<sup>st</sup> September through to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018

#### Payments and registration

4. All participants who are eligible and sign up to the Scheme before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 will receive an early bird bonus payment of £25 towards their costs, regardless of water quality results.
5. All participants who refer a neighbour to the Scheme will receive a 'refer a friend' bonus payment of £10, provided that the neighbour is in the correct catchment and meets the Scheme eligibility criteria.
6. Successful participants in the Scheme will receive help with costs to cover any expense in changing cultural control practices or switching from a metaldehyde based slug pellet to an alternative, such as ferric phosphate, which is calculated as follows:
  - a. £8/Ha if the water quality in your sub-catchment is below 0.05 parts per billion (ppb), this is half the drinking water standard (0.1 ppb) of metaldehyde
  - b. £4/Ha if the water quality in your sub-catchment is below the drinking water standard of 0.1 ppb but above 0.05 ppb
  - c. £0/ha if the water quality in your sub-catchment is greater than the drinking water standard of 0.1 ppb of metaldehyde

These payments are calculated based on the average of the water quality results from your local sub-catchment which will be tested fortnightly from September to December.

7. Participants must provide to their agricultural advisor, evidence of methods used and records, such as:
  - a. Agronomy records to validate products used on the land signed up to the scheme
  - b. Maps of the fields/areas signed up to the scheme

Supporting information for cultural methods applied and a reduction in metaldehyde in the format of a survey at the end of the scheme

8. Participants must provide any information requested under clause 6 above as soon as possible and in any event, by no later than 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 to enable STW to assess and calculate any payments due under the Scheme. Failure to provide information when requested may mean that you are ineligible to receive payment under the Scheme.
9. Successful participants in the Scheme will receive one payment which will be made by the end of March 2019. This payment will include any early bird bonus, any 'refer a friend' bonus and all payments calculated under clause 6 above.
10. Registration for this scheme closes on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Enrolment to the scheme may be extended at the discretion of the Catchment Management Team at STW.

#### Your obligations under the Scheme

11. All participants agree to undertake practices that will significantly reduce the use of metaldehyde on their land, either directly owned land, or land that is managed by them.
12. If your land falls into multiple catchments, and the water quality results meet the criteria set out in point 6, your payment may be based on multiple payment rates in line with the results achieved in each catchment.
13. If your land falls into multiple catchments, any payment due will be calculated based on the land area in each catchment and based on results.
14. With the exception of the £25 early bird bonus, and any “refer a friend” payments; any further payments are subject to water quality testing results, and they are independent of any measures that you have implemented across your crops as part of this scheme.
15. By participating in this scheme you also agree to complete our post-scheme survey. This survey asks for information on how you managed slug populations and the measures you adopted as part of the scheme.

#### Termination and disputes

16. If you decide to leave the scheme, please notify your agricultural advisors as soon as possible, or email [farming4water@severntrent.co.uk](mailto:farming4water@severntrent.co.uk). If you leave the scheme you will not receive any payments or rewards under the Scheme, including early bird bonus and/or refer a friend bonus.
17. Satisfaction of the criteria for payment under clause 6 above is determined by [the STW Catchment Management Team. If you are not happy with the decision of the Catchment Management Team, you may query this by contacting the Catchment Management Team, by email at [farming4water@severntrent.co.uk](mailto:farming4water@severntrent.co.uk)] within 28 days of the issue of the decision.

#### Your personal data and environmental information:

18. By participating in the Scheme, you agree to provide Severn Trent Water with the necessary personal and farm business data in order to comply with the Scheme’s requirements and to meet our audit parameters.

For further details please, read the Privacy Policy on our website - <https://www.stwater.co.uk/help-and-contact/legal/privacy/>

19. In the event that we receive a request for information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (“EIR”), we may be required to disclose information that you have provided to us to third parties, to the extent that it is environmental information as defined under the EIR.