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## Farm to Tap - metaldehyde reduction scheme for September 2019

### Scheme agreement:

The scheme offers a reward to farmers based on sub-catchment water testing results in reducing levels of metaldehyde.

Detailed below is a forecast of my current cropping plans, and I will provide further confirmation later, once crops have been confirmed and drilled.

Which Severn Trent catchment is your land in? \_\_\_\_\_ Catchment

Breakdown of planned forecast area	На
Winter wheat (hectares) within the specific priority catchment	
Winter oilseed rape (hectares) within the specific priority catchment.	
Total (winter wheat & OSR only)	

Total farm holding/area: \_\_\_\_\_Ha

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:
Signed:	_
Farm Name/Business:	



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## Your correspondence details:

Primary contact name:	
Main correspondence address	
Postcode	
Contact telephone no:	

If your farm address(es) is/are different to your correspondence address, please provide us with the relevant details – this is applicable where your farming enterprise is different to that of your correspondence address. Or, if you have multiple farm locations and field locations. Thank you.

Farm site address	
Postcode	

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### **Terms and conditions:**

Scheme entry and eligibility – metaldehyde switching and reduction campaign

### <u>The Scheme</u>

- 1. Farm to Tap ("the Scheme") is part of Severn Trent'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 can register their interest online at 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 <u>www.stwater.co.uk/farmtotap</u>
  - 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 2019

### Payments and registration

- 4. Registration for this scheme closes on **15<sup>th</sup> September 2019**. Enrolment to the scheme may be extended at the discretion of the Catchment Management Team at STW.
- 5. 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. £5/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) for metaldehyde
  - b. £2.50/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 for metaldehyde
- 6. 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. Your payment will be calculated based on the total area of eligible crops farmed within the catchment for that calendar year.

If the water quality is consistently below the drinking water standard throughout the period  $1^{st}$  September to  $31^{st}$  December you will be eligible for a £100 bonus.



- 7. You will be paid in March 2020 upon receipt of a signed Severn Trent invoice, which will be sent to you once we receive the required information below:
  - d. Agronomy records to validate products used (or not used) on the land signed up to the scheme and crop type
  - e. Maps of the fields/areas signed up to the scheme
- 8. Participants must provide any information requested under clause 7 above as soon as possible and in any event, by no later than 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 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. Invoices must be returned to STW by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020** to enable STW to process the payment by **31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**.

#### Your obligations under the Scheme

- 10. <u>All participants agree to undertake practices that will significantly reduce the use of</u> metaldehyde on their land, either directly owned land, or land that is managed by them.
- 11. If your land falls into multiple catchments, and the water quality results meet the criteria set out in point 3, your payment may be based on multiple payment rates in line with the results achieved in each catchment.
- 12. 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.
- 13. 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.
- 14. 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

- 15. If you decide to leave the scheme, please notify your agricultural advisors as soon as possible, or email <u>farming4water@severntrent.co.uk.</u> If you leave the scheme you will not receive any payments or rewards under the Scheme.
- 16. 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 emailing farming 4water@severntrent.co.uk within 28 days of the issue of the decision.



#### Your personal data and environmental information:

17. 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. Any data used for our own audit purposes is totally anonymous.

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

18. 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.