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ORGANIC FARMING SCHEME INFORMATION DAY FOR HORTICULTURAL GROWERS

1-Day Free Information Session &
Workshops
with DAFM, OGI, Teagasc, ACA &
Leading Small Growers

Thursday February 29th
10.00am - 4.00pm
County Arms Hotel,
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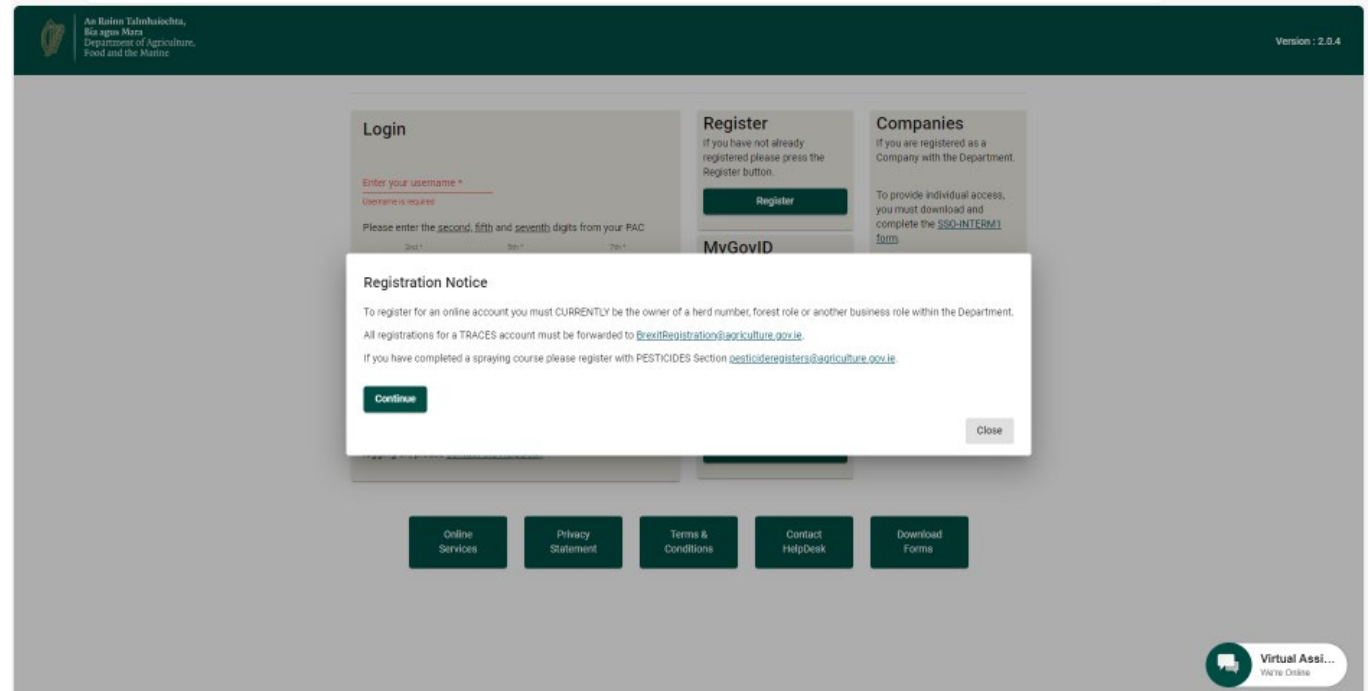
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BISS & Area Based Schemes Online Application

Ciara Conlon
February 2024

Accessing DAFM Online Services

- Register on www.agfood.ie
- Must have a herd number to apply for BISS.
- Queries to agfood@agriculture.gov.ie



Farmer Dashboard

- View Provisional Status for GAEC 8, Eco Space for Nature and Stocking Density (28-week retention now added)
- Correspondence
- News Reel
- Entitlements position
- **Start 2024BISS Application**

Welcome back,

Application for BISS 2024

Submit your application for BISS and related area-based schemes here.

[Start application](#)

Correspondence [View](#)

Quick Links

Previous Direct Payments [Open application](#)
BPS/Greening/SPS

Provisional Status

GAEC 8 Attained ✓ **18.29 %**
(Good Agricultural & Environmental Condition) Your current allocation min. required 4.00 %

Eco Space for Nature Attained ✓ **18.29 %**
Your current allocation min. required 7.00 %

Stocking Density Attained ✓ **2.306 LU/ha**
Your current stocking rate (2023) min. required rate 0.10 LU / ha

Attained ✓ Current Annual Stocking Rate
Attained ✓ 28 weeks retention 2.565 LU / ha

News

If you have made a change to your herd number, you may need to complete a transfer of entitlements. The closing date for the receipt of completed online applications to transfer entitlements for the 2024 scheme year is **15 May 2024**. Transfer of Entitlement applications must be made online. To do this, applicants will need to register first at www.agfood.ie or, contact AgFood Online Services Helpdesk at **057 86 74422** or email, agfood@agriculture.ie

The online facility for making a Transfer of Entitlements application will open

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Entitlements Position


[View entitlements](#)

Starting a BISS application & the BISS application stepper

My Application Farmer Name | Herd Number

1 Active Farmer Status 2 Scheme Selection 3 Land Details 4 GAEC 7 5 GAEC 8 6 Eco-Scheme 7 Review & Submit


Active Farmer Status



Active Farmer
May be subject to administrative checks


Active Farmer

Active Farmer Status



Active Farmer
May be subject to administrative checks

Active Farmer Status




Not Active!

The farming practice I intend to undertake is:

Grassland
 Tillage

Active Farmer Status




Not Active!

Grassland
You are currently Not Active, please select an option (as appropriate):

- Making Hay/Silage/Haylage
- Topping
- Other Grazing livestock e.g. Equines
- Plan to purchase livestock in 2024 (payment may be delayed)
- Landscape Feature Maintenance
- Forestry Eligible
- Other

I declare as not active

Active Farmer Status



Not Active!

Tillage
You are currently Not Active, please select an option (as appropriate):

- Share Farming
- Receipts for seeds, fertiliser, pesticides etc.
- Landscape Feature Maintenance
- Other

I declare as not active

Active Farmer contd.

Not Active

 I confirm that I am not actively farming the land declared and therefore I am not eligible to apply for aid under any scheme

- Cannot apply for any Schemes
- No payments can issue
- On screen warning throughout the application

Scheme Selection

View all schemes selected using toggle button to opt in/out

Schemes highlighted in green background are applied for.

Schemes highlighted in white background are applied for.
9 schemes in total.

View details of each scheme
Brief T&C for each scheme.

The screenshot displays the 'Scheme Selection' interface for BISS (Basic Income Support for Sustainability). The header is dark green with 'BISS' and 'Basic Income Support for Sustainability' in white. Below the header, the title 'Scheme Selection' is centered, followed by the instruction 'Please select the schemes you wish to apply for'. There are nine scheme cards arranged in two columns. Each card features a toggle switch, the scheme name, a checkmark, and a 'View details' link. The cards are: 1. BISS (green background, toggle on), 2. CRISS (green background, toggle on), 3. ANC (white background, toggle off), 4. Eco (green background, toggle on), 5. Organics (green background, toggle on), 6. SIM (white background, toggle off), 7. Protein Aid Scheme (white background, toggle off), 8. CISYF (white background, toggle off), and 9. ACRES (green background, toggle on).

Scheme Name	Status	Background
BISS	Selected	Green
CRISS	Selected	Green
ANC	Not Selected	White
Eco	Selected	Green
Organics	Selected	Green
SIM	Not Selected	White
Protein Aid Scheme	Not Selected	White
CISYF	Not Selected	White
ACRES	Selected	Green

AMS

Popup triggered on navigation from Scheme Selection to Land Details.

Must read and click I understand

Area Monitoring System 2024

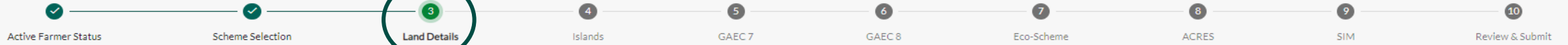


All area based schemes are subject to the Area Monitoring System (AMS) from 2024.

Applicants will be notified of any potential non compliances with scheme eligibility conditions for the land parcels declared. Where any such potential non compliances are found, a notification will issue on the BISS online system.

I understand

Land Details



Land Details

Complete the land details for each parcel/plot if indicated below

+ Add parcel

+ Add plot

Quick Filter

View All

	Townland	Parcel No./Plot Ref.	Ref Area Ha	Eligible Ha	Claimed Area	Ownership Status	Parcel Use	ANC	Actions
✓	Annagh Island	H1530200001*	7.92	7.92	7.92	Owned	Permanent Pasture	✓	
✓	Athea Upper	M2290100006	0.86	0.86	0.86	Owned	Permanent Pasture	✓	
✓	Athea Upper	M2290100029	1.36	1.36	1.36	Owned	Permanent Pasture	✓	
✓	Athea Upper	M2290100030	0.41	0.41	0.41	Owned	Permanent Pasture	✓	
✓	Athea Upper	M2290100037	1.51	1.51	1.51	Owned	Permanent Pasture	✓	
✓	Athea Upper	M2290100046*	0.00	0.00	0.00	Owned	Building	✓	
✓	Athea Upper	M2290100052	3.25	3.36	3.36	Owned	Permanent Pasture	✓	
✓	Athea Upper	M2290100109	3.57	3.63	3.63	Owned	Permanent Pasture	✓	
✓	Athea Upper	M2290100126*	9.45	9.85	9.85	Owned	Permanent Pasture	✓	
✓	Athea Upper	M2290100159*	13.33	13.50	13.50	Owned	Permanent Pasture	✓	

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Land Details contd.

Quick Filters

Quick Filter **View All** Action Required Subdivision Commonage Organic

Active Farmer Status Scheme Selection Land Details

Land Details
Complete the land details for each parcel/plot if indicated below

+ Add parcel + Add plot

Quick Filter **View All** Commonage

Townland	Parcel No./Plot Ref.	Commonage Fraction	Eligible Ha	Claimed Area	Ownership Status	Parcel Use	Agricultural Activity	ANC	Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cahermeeleboe	D1020600003	1.51	1.48	Owned	Permanent Pasture		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cahermeeleboe	D1020600023	3.93	3.88	Owned	Permanent Pasture		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cahermeeleboe	D1020600024	1.29	1.29	Owned	Alfalfa		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cahermeeleboe	D1020600034	0.44	0.44	Owned	Permanent Pasture		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cahermeeleboe	D1020600035	2.32	2.32	Owned	Permanent Pasture		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cahermeeleboe	D1020600036	6.38	6.37	Owned	Permanent Pasture		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cahermeeleboe	D1020600055	8.30	8.12	Owned	Alfalfa		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Urhin	D1021700017	2.47	2.27	Owned	Permanent Pasture		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Urhin	D1021700052	0.58	0.57	Owned	Permanent Pasture		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Urhin	D1021700053	0.00	0.00	Owned	Farmyard		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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Land Details Side Drawer

To edit parcel details the side drawer on land details allows updates to the parcel which include:

- claimed area
- ownership status
- parcel use – see across option to select Mixed Cropping – Horticulture.

Edit Parcel [Close]

Townland: Ballykenny [Previous] [Next]

Parcel No./Plot Ref: E1010300039

Digitised area (ha): 2.97

Ref Area (ha): 2.97

Eligible Hectare (ha): 2.97

Request change to eligible hectare

Claimed Area (ha):

Ownership Status

- Miscanthus Sinensis
- Mixed Cropping
- Mixed Cropping (Horticulture)
- Mushrooms
- Mustard
- Native Tree Area

Agricultural Activity



BISS
Basic Income Support for Sustainability

Land Details
Complete the land details for each parcel/plot if indicated below

Edit Parcel [Close]

Townland: Carrahane Lower
Parcel No./Plot Ref: H1380800030

Eligible Hectare (ha): 2.68
 Request change to eligible hectare

Claimed Area (ha): 1.10

Ownership Status: Owned

Parcel use: [Dropdown]

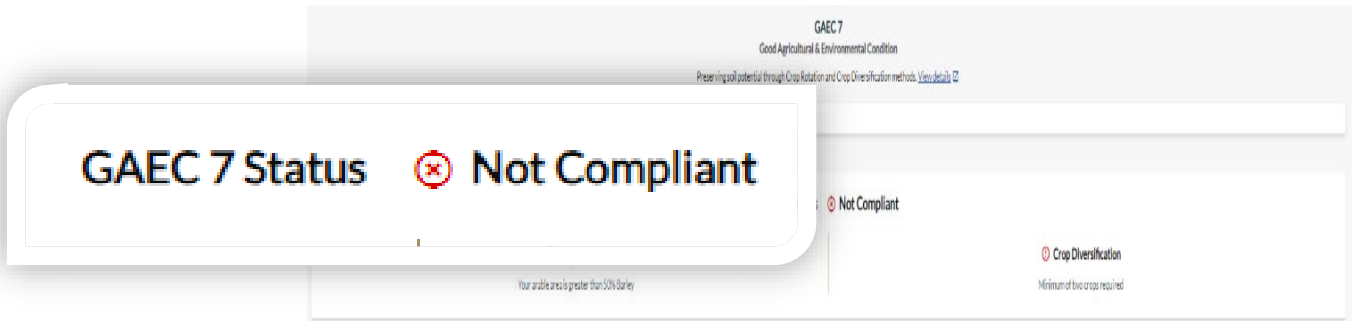
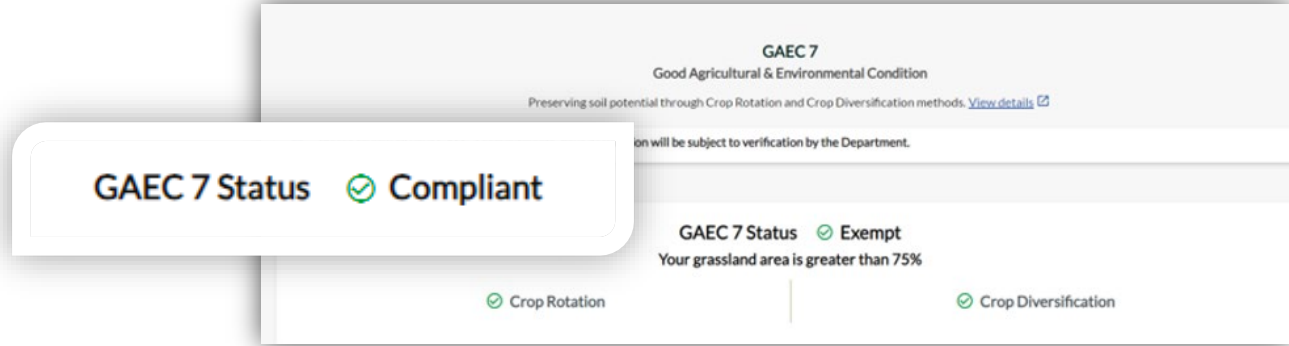
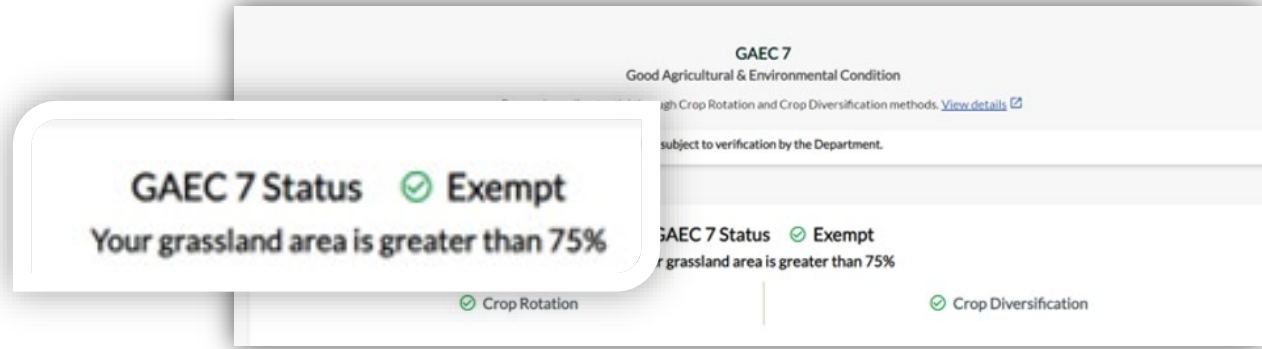
Agricultural activity

- Grazing Livestock
- Grazing Livestock & Cutting Hay/Silage/Haylage
- Cutting Hay/Silage/Haylage
- Other (e.g. Maintenance Activities)
- No Agricultural Activity

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GAEC 7

- New for 2024 – all herds will see the screen
- Depending on holding herd can be
 - Exempt
 - Compliant
 - Not Compliant



GAEC 7 contd.

Crop Rotation

GAEC 7

Good Agricultural & Environmental Condition

Preserving soil potential through Crop Rotation and Crop Diversification methods. [View details](#)

Please review all your GAEC 7 commitments. Your declaration will be subject to verification by the Department.

GAEC 7 Status ✔ Compliant

✔ Crop Rotation

Compliant

✔ Crop Diversification

Compliant

✔ Crop rotation and catch crops

Catch crops must be sown by the 15 September annually and must remain in place until at least the 1 December annually. Please select the Catch Crop below.

Townland	Parcel No./Plot Ref.	Ref Area Ha	Eligible Ha	Claimed Area	Parcel Use 2023	Parcel Use 2024	Catch crop	Actions
Rathmore West	I1771900024	13.89	13.89	13.89	Wheat - Winter	Wheat - Winter	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rathmore West	I1771900025	5.40	5.40	5.37		Barley - Spring	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Parcel Use 2023	Parcel Use 2024
Wheat - Winter	Wheat - Winter
	Barley - Spring

GAEC 7 contd.

Crop Rotation - Catch Crops

GAEC 7
Good Agricultural & Environmental Condition
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GAEC 7 Status ⊘ **Not Compliant**

⊙ **Crop Rotation**
Your arable area is greater than 50% Barley

⊘ **Crop Diversification**
Minimum of two crops required

⊙ **Crop rotation and catch crops**

Catch crops must be sown by the 15 September annually and must remain in place until at least the 1 December annually. Please select the Catch Crop below.

Field No.	Parcel No./Plot Ref.	Ref Area/ha	Eligible/ha	Claimed Area	Parcel Use 2023	Parcel Use 2024	Catch crop
2-01	KJ482400010	14.17	14.17	14.17	Permanent Pasture	Barley - Winter	<input type="checkbox"/>

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⊘ **Crop Diversification**

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Catch crop

Crop Diversification

The crop diversification panel will display the total agricultural area, the total grassland area, and the total tillage area on your holding.

A breakdown of the arable crops of the holding and the percentage of these crops relate to the total arable area declared on your application.

Crop Diversification		
	Total eligible (Ha)	Total Agricultural Area (%)
Total Agricultural Area	91.10	100.00%
Total Grassland Area	25.23	27.69%
Total Tillage Area	65.87	72.31%

Barley - Spring	40.00	60.73%
Wheat - Spring	24.33	36.94%
Oats - Winter	1.54	2.34%

GAEC 8

- Shows indicative estimates
- Updates when BISS Application is submitted
- Shows herd status as Eligible or Ineligible

Active Farmer Status Scheme Selection Land Details **GAEC 8** Eco-Scheme Review & Submit

GAEC8
(Good Agricultural Environmental Conditions 8)

Current Eligibility

Conditionality (Requirement 4.00%) Eligible

Current GAEC 8 contribution
30.01%

24.56 ha Total Obligation Area | 7.37 ha Total GAEC 8 Area

Parcel No.	Townland	Parcel Use	GAEC 8 Contribution	Obligation Area	GAEC 8 Area	Show on map
S1781600033	Shirrone	Permanent Pasture	Feature	4.53	0.88	View map
V1170700016	Cappakilleen	Permanent Pasture	Feature	10.25	3.72	View map
V1171400031	Islandwood	Permanent Pasture	Feature	9.78	2.77	View map

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Current Eligibility

Conditionality (Requirement 4.00%) Eligible

Current Eligibility

Conditionality (Requirement 4.00%) Not Eligible

Eco

My Application

Active Farmer Status Scheme Selection Land Details GAEC 7 GAEC 8 **Eco-Scheme** ACRES Review & Submit

Eco-Scheme
*Enhanced options of A

i 2 Agricultural Practices (AP) must be selected in order to proceed.
Please note: Applicants will have to meet obligations on all Eligible Hectare areas, including lands not yet digitised.

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Options Available

- AP1 - Space for Nature *
- AP2 - Extensive Livestock Production *
- AP3 - Limiting Chemical Nitrogen Usage
- AP4 - Planting of Native Trees and/or Hedgerows *
- AP5 - Use of a GPS Controlled Fertiliser Spreader/Sprayer
- AP6 - Soil Sampling and Appropriate Liming
- AP7 - Planting of a Break Crop
- AP8 - Sowing a Multi-Species Sward

All selected practices will be subject to validation checks by the Department.

Eco-Scheme opt out

0 Selected

ACRES

Progress bar showing steps: Active Farmer Status, Scheme Selection, Land Details, Island, GAEC 8, Eco, **ACRES**, SIM, Review & Submit.

ACRES

Your ACRES payment will be based on the information submitted under each of the actions below.

i Please review all your ACRES actions

- ✓ Area Actions
- ✓ Linear Actions
- ✓ Numerical Actions
- ✓ Whole Farm Action
- ✓ Commonage Actions
- ✓ Rotational Actions

ACRES Rescore

Any herds from ACRES Tranche 1 will see the ACRES Rescore question on their 2024 BISS Application, as shown in the image below. All Tranche 1 herds must select an answer, Yes or No, to the rescore question or they will not be able to proceed with their application.

The image shows a screenshot of a web application interface for the ACRES (Agri-Climate Resilience and Innovation Scheme) application. At the top, there is a progress bar with eight steps: Active Farmer Status, Scheme Selection, Land Details, GAEC 7, GAEC 8, Eco-Scheme, ACRES, and Review & Submit. The ACRES step is currently active and highlighted in green. Below the progress bar, the text reads: "Your ACRES payment will be based on the information submitted under each of the actions below". The main content area displays the question: "Rescore all parcels in ACRES this year?". There are two radio button options: "Yes, rescore" and "No, don't rescore". Below the options, it states: "ACRES scorecards must be submitted by the 31st of August".

SIM

Progress bar: Active Farmer Status (✓), Scheme Selection (✓), Land Details (✓), GAEC 8 (✓), Eco (✓), ACRES (✓), SIM (7), Review & Submit (8)

Straw Incorporation Measure (SIM) Scheme

Please select each parcel you wish to include in the SIM Scheme

i To qualify for this scheme you need to select a minimum requirement of 5 ha up to a max payable area of 40 ha

Townland	Parcel No./Plot Ref.	Parcel Use	Eligible Hectare (EH)	Claimed Area (ha)	Select For SIM
Pollagh	G31221161	Barley - Winter	8.49	6.79	<input type="checkbox"/> Select
Total claimed area for SIM				0.00	

Select For SIM

Select



To apply for SIM, you must declare a minimum of 5 ha of compatible crops. Go back to [Land Details](#) to change your crops or go to [Scheme Selection](#) to opt-out.

Review and Submit

My BISS Application Farmer Name | Herd Number

Progress: Active Farmer Status | Scheme Selection | Land Details | Island | GAEC 8 | Eco | ACRES | SIM | **9** Review & Submit

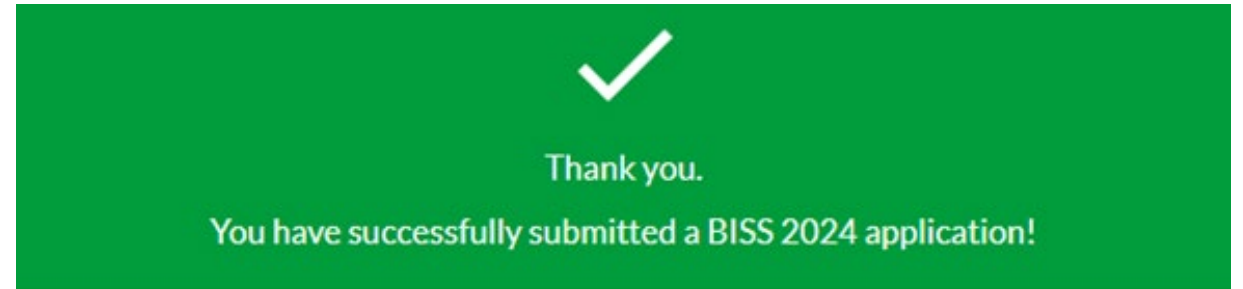
Review & Submit
Carefully review all sections below

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scheme Selection	▼
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicant Details	▼
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ANC Parcels	▼
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Areas and Entitlements	▼
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Plots	▼
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Upload Documentation	▼
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Add Application Notes	▼

I have read and accept the [BISS Terms & Conditions.](#)

Review and Submit contd.

A Confirmation will show informing you that your application has been successfully submitted. Maps and supporting documentation can be uploaded here.



Any map edits or supporting documentation for this application will be available in the [Correspondence](#) section.

If you have further maps or supporting documentation, you can add them here.



Download, view or print your BISS Application Summary



Key Dates 2024

- 15th May 2024 – Closing date for BISS and area related schemes
- 31st May 2024 - Late amendments (no penalty)
- 9th June 2024 – Late application deadline (with penalty)
- For queries please contact BISSOnline@agriculture.gov.ie