

Metaldehyde Mitigation in Drinking Water

- Southern Water and South East Water payments to use ferric phosphate
- £1 per kg of ferric phosphate
- FREE slug pelleter calibration as part of ferric agreement
- FREE PA1 and PA4s training



**A clear solution
for farmers**

CATCHMENT SENSITIVE FARMING



BPS 2018 – Greening

Changes 2018 – NB still awaiting full details

EFA Plant Protection Products Ban

A complete ban of PPP use on:

- EFA Fallow Land - 1 January to 30 June six month period **only**
- EFA Catch Crops - 20 August until at least 14 October **8 weeks only**
- EFA Cover Crops - 1 October to 15 January **13 weeks only**
- EFA Nitrogen-fixing Crops - **entire** crop cycle including seed dressing

Key points

- PPP ban does not apply to hedges and buffer strips used as EFA, and only applies to land used as EFA
- You can use PPP outside the banned period, eg to destroy a cover crop
- For enhanced fallow cover eg wild bird seed mix and nectar flower mix, sow in autumn when you can use PPP to help establishment

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Extended EFA Hedges Definition

- Includes trees in a line, same EFA value 1m length = 10m² of area for EFA
- You must have management responsibility for both sides of the hedge and/or line of trees
- **So** – you can use windbreak rows eg poplar and alder in ex orchard land, as long as there are no gaps wider than 20 m

•Extended EFA Buffer Strip Definition

- Includes field margins (beyond strips adjacent or parallel with watercourse
- Minimum width of 1m remains, same EFA value of 1m length = 9m² of area
- for EFA
- **So** – you can use the cross compliance strip by EFA hedge as an EFA buffer strip, as long as the buffer strip is beyond the canopy of the hedge