

Introduction

NB this event is for the Somerset Catchment Market. All bids will be treated as “Options to Supply”, at the price you bid. You will be informed if your Option to Supply will be taken up before 31 July, as set out in the Settlement Rules. To make bids for projects that will confirm prices and contracts in mid-March, please bid via the Wessex Water platform.

The platform operates by you specifying the fields, parts of fields or lengths of field you wish to offer in each project type, and the price (also known as the bid) you would require for that project, specified as £/ Hectare (Arable Reversion and Cover Crops) or £/ metre (Fencing). Project Specifications can be found in the downloads section of the [Market Event webpage](#).

If you have added your SBI number in your account profile, your farm outline will be shown in **blue in the map window**. If you haven't done this, you can add your SBI by going to [My Profile](#).

The platform allows you to bid on any fields, but ultimately your bids will only be valid if they are:

- on soils with impeded or slightly impeded drainage (Arable Reversion and Cover Crops only)
- in the target area
- you can prove you have control of all the land in your bid for the duration of the project, and
- you can attest to having complied with any applicable water pollution control legislation affecting land in the bid (e.g. NVZ rules, Farming Rules for Water, SSAFO).

If you want to bid for the same project specification and area payment rate across a group of fields/ parts of fields, and these fields have followed a common previous cropping rotation, then you can enter a single bid for the whole group.

If you wish to request different prices or options for different fields, or if fields have followed different previous cropping rotations, then you must submit separate bids for each group.

Arable Reversion – basic offer

If you wish to enter higher prices for larger areas of the same fields, please use the ‘Arable Reversion - conditional offer’ Tab.

Project details

Please start by selecting your field by clicking on the map or using the 'Draw Tools' button to specify part of a field. Additional fields can also be selected.

As fields and areas are selected, the combined Number of Hectares is automatically calculated.

Once fields have been selected, please fill out the remaining options, compulsory fields are marked as*:

- Field Name or Identifier (to help you identify your bid)
- Previous Crop Type *
- Zero or Low/Medium-Input Reversion *
- Tick boxes if you would consider extending reversion to March 2026 or 2027
- Any comments about your application
- A photo of the location if you have one

Bidding and settlement

Please enter the **minimum price per hectare per annum** (this will be payable in Feb 2023, Feb 2024 and Feb 2025) that you would be happy to accept to implement an arable reversion project on an “Option to Supply” basis, according to your chosen specification. Once you are happy with your bid details, press the **Save** button. **When you are ready to submit your bid, go to the Summary Tab and press Submit.**

All bids will be taken forward to the Permanent Project market before July 2022. We will take up the Option to Supply the project at your bid price if there is sufficient demand for fixed-term credits in the catchment location. Where there is more supply than demand in a catchment, the best value projects (taking account of cost effectiveness and length of supply period, from all project types) will be selected first until demand is met.

We will inform you whether we will take up the option to supply at your bid price by no later than 31 July 2022.

Arable Reversion – conditional offer

This Tab should only be used for bids on fields where part of the field has already been entered in the ‘Arable Reversion – basic offer’ Tab.

Project details

Please start by selecting your field by clicking on the map or using the 'Draw Tools' button to specify part of a field. Additional fields can also be selected.

As fields and areas are selected, the Number of Hectares field automatically updates.

Once fields have been selected, please fill out the remaining options, compulsory fields are marked as*:

- Field Name or Identifier (to help you identify your bid)
- Previous Crop Type *
- Tick boxes if you would consider extending reversion to March 2026 or 2027
- Any comments about your application
- A photo of the location if you have one

Bidding and settlement

Please enter the **minimum price per hectare per annum** (this will be payable in Feb 2023, Feb 2024 and Feb 2025) that you would be happy to accept to implement an arable reversion project according to your chosen specification. Once you are happy with your bid details, press the **Save** button. **When you are ready to submit your bid, go to the Summary Tab and press Submit.**

All bids will be taken forward to the Permanent Project market before July 2022. We will take up the Option to Supply the project at your bid price if there is sufficient demand for fixed-term credits in the catchment location. Where there is more supply than demand in a catchment, the best value projects (taking account of cost effectiveness and length of supply period, from all project types) will be selected first until demand is met.

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Cover Crops

Project details

Please start by selecting your field by clicking on the map or using the 'Draw Tools' button to specify part of a field. Additional fields can also be selected.

As fields and areas are selected, the Number of Hectares field automatically updates.

Once fields have been selected, please fill out the remaining options, compulsory fields are marked as*:

- Field Name or Identifier (to help you identify your bid)
- Previous Crop Type*
- Planned date of harvest*
- Cover Crop Option*
- Any comments about your application
- A photo of the location if you have one

Bidding and settlement

Please enter the **minimum price per hectare** (payable in Feb 2023) that you would be happy to accept to establish a cover crop according to your chosen specification. Once you are happy with your bid details, press the **Save** button. **When you are ready to submit your bid, go to the Summary Tab and press Submit.**

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Watercourse Fencing

Project details

Please start by using the 'Draw Tools' button to outline the length of new fencing. As lines are drawn, the length of fencing is automatically calculated.

Once lines have been drawn, please fill out the remaining options, compulsory fields are marked as*:

- Field Name or Identifier (to help you identify your bid)
- Details of animals grazing the fields and the duration of grazing*
- Length and width of land taken out of production for the first time (must be at least 6m wide) by the fencing
- Any comments about your application
- A photo of the location if you have one

Bidding and settlement

Please enter the **minimum price per metre** (payable in Feb 2023) that you would be happy to accept to establish fencing along the lines you have identified using the draw tool. Once you are happy with your bid details, press the **Save** button. **When you are ready to submit your bid, go to the Summary Tab and press Submit.** Once Submitted, if your price is accepted, then you will be contractually committed to providing the project.

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