

### 2021 OFS Ranking and Selection Criteria-Annex 4

Eligible Licensed Organic Operators who applied for OFS in 2018 were unsuccessful and continued to farm organically in 2019 and 2020	Young Farmer (Aged <41 as defined in the OFS Terms & Conditions)	Sectoral Balance Enterprise As per AHCS or as per BPS application form Max 100 Marks		Total Conversion Vs Partial Conversion (% of eligible organic area of holding) as per BPS application 0.1 mark per 1% of land converted Max 10 marks		Organic Area 1 mark per eligible ha Max 50 marks		Mixed farm (Operators with arable and forage on BPS) Max marks 30	
		Marks	Criteria	Marks	Criteria (examples)	Marks	Criteria (examples)	Marks	Criteria
60 Marks	40 Marks	100	Horticulture only	10	100% converted	50	70 ha	30	
		50	Non-dairy with hort portion of holding $\geq$ 1h	5	50% converted	50			
		100	Cereal only	2	20% converted	20			
		50	Non-dairy with cereal portion of holding $\geq$ 3ha						
		100	Livestock						
		10	Dairy						
		10	Beef						
		50	Sheep						
			Poultry						

- Requirement of minimum organic farm area of 3 hectares, except for horticultural (including fruit) producers where the minimum organic farm area is 1 hectare.
- Registration with one of the Organic Control Bodies, possession of a valid organic licence and registration with DAFM.

#### Clarifications:

- Under **Young Farmer**, the applicant, or the age of the youngest herd owner or partner is used. No marks can be awarded to companies as they are not a natural person.
- Under **Sectoral Balance Enterprise**, "Horticulture only" encompasses holdings where the predominant enterprise is horticulture i.e. a greater % of the holding is devoted to horticulture than to any other organic enterprise on the holding.
- Under **Sectoral Balance Enterprise**, "Cereal only" encompasses holdings where the predominant enterprise is cereal i.e. a greater % of the holding is devoted to cereal than to any other organic enterprise on the holding.
- Under **Sectoral Balance Enterprise** an applicant will only get marks for one category.
- Under **Sectoral Balance Enterprise**, if an applicant is awarded marks for either Horticulture, Cereals or Dairy as the predominant organic enterprise, then they must maintain this enterprise and the baseline area under this enterprise for the full duration of the Organic Farming Scheme contract
- Under **Total Conversion vs Partial Conversion**, based on the marks allocated of "0.1 marks per 1% of land converted" - this means that 100% of a holding converted will qualify for 10 marks irrespective of hectareage, 50% of a holding converted will qualify for 5 marks irrespective of hectareage, less than 20% of a holding converted will result in less than 2 marks under this category.
- Eligible organic area is classified as owned or leased organic land

- Under **Mixed Farm**, there must be a minimum of 3 hectares under organic cereals and/or 1 hectare under organic horticulture together with other enterprise to qualify for marks in this category