

### 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	Marks	Criteria	Criteria (examples)	Criteria (examples)	Criteria
60 Marks	40 Marks	Horticulture only Non-dairy with hort portion of holding $\geq$ 1h	100% converted	70 ha	Mixed Farm
		Cereal only Non-dairy with cereal portion of holding $\geq$ 3ha	50% converted	50 ha	
		Livestock Dairy Beef Sheep Poultry	20% converted	20 ha	
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- 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