

When is the maintenance carried out?

The main Summer Cutting programme commences in August and continues through to December each year.

If access onto cropped land is required, The Works Supervisor will endeavour to contact the occupier.

If the crop is due to be harvested imminently the programme will be adjusted to accommodate this where practicable.

If the crop is not due to be harvested imminently then the standard compensation rates will be agreed with the occupier.

If you are the occupier, claims for crop loss can be made by contacting the office, within twelve months of the loss, as per the information provided in this leaflet.

Your claim is paid by the end of the following month it is claimed subject to the occupier matching the records on the drainage rate records.

Winter cleansing usually commences in December through to the end of March.

Notice is sent in a letter in September/October prior to the works commencing in December of the same year.

Crop loss and land loss is collated from the drivers weekly report sheets, and claim forms are posted to the occupier, (the owner if relating to land loss), as per the drainage rate records.

The occupier then has twelve months from the form being sent to sign and return the claim form including their bank details.

Claims being paid by the end of the following month.

Claiming Crop Loss

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When does crop loss compensation apply?

The Board will only pay crop loss compensation to the ratepayer if a field is cropped at the time the work is carried out and the work causes damage to the crop or coverage of the crop with arising's from the works. There is a twelve month cut-off date for claiming compensation following any such crop damage. Following any crop damage, the Boards Officers seek to agree any crop loss payments with the relevant party involved.

Summer Drain Maintenance (Weed Cutting)

Where the Board travels through standing crops to undertake weed cutting operations, compensation will be paid for crop loss at the rate of 25p per linear metre for all cereal crops and 44p per linear metre for oil seed rape. Root crops will be subject to private negotiation. Compensation will not be payable for access through grassland.

The Board has authorised the Operations Department to go through standing crops where deemed necessary in the interest of economy, efficiency and to minimise soil structure damage.

Cereals: 1000m x 25p per metre = £250.00
Oil Seed Rape: 1000m x 44p per metre = £440.00

Other Maintenance Works (Desilting/Bushing)

Where notice of entry (August/September notice) has been served before a field has been cultivated, drilled, or planted, compensation will be calculated at the rate of £1,310 per hectare whatever crop is in the field.

Where notice of entry has not been served and a field has been cultivated, drilled, planted or sprayed, compensation will be calculated at the rate of £1,495 per hectare for cereals and harvested grass and £1,720 per hectare for oil seed rape.