

**Fallow land** is all [arable land](#) either included in the crop rotation system or maintained in good agricultural and environmental condition (GAEC), whether worked or not, but which will not be harvested for the duration of a crop year. The essential characteristic of fallow land is that it is left to recover, normally for the whole of a crop year.

On land lying fallow there shall be no agricultural production. Land lying fallow for more than 5 years for the purpose of fulfilling the ecological focus area shall remain arable land.

Fallow land may be:

- bare land with no crops at all
- land with spontaneous natural growth which may be used as feed or ploughed in
- land sown exclusively for the production of green manure (green fallow)

## Includes

- arable land lying fallow for less than 5 years
- arable land lying fallow for 5 years or more if for the purpose of fulfilling the ecological focus area

## Excludes

- successive crops
- areas which were planted with permanent crops (e.g. vineyards), ploughed and left idle for one growing period waiting to be planted again with permanent crops (ARA)
- permanent grassland no longer used for production purposes and eligible for financial support (J3000)
- land taken out of production for more than 5 years which is maintained in good agricultural and environmental conditions (J3000)
- areas the farmer declares that are put out of production (not only for resting), immediately from the first year of declaration (NUAA)
- arable land taken out of production for more than 5 years that are not part of the land kept in good agricultural and environmental condition (NUAA)

## Related concepts

- [Agricultural area \(AA\)](#)
- [Arable land](#)
- [Kitchen gardens](#)
- [Permanent crops](#)
- [Permanent grassland](#)

## Statistical data

- [Agriculture, forestry and fishery statistics](#)