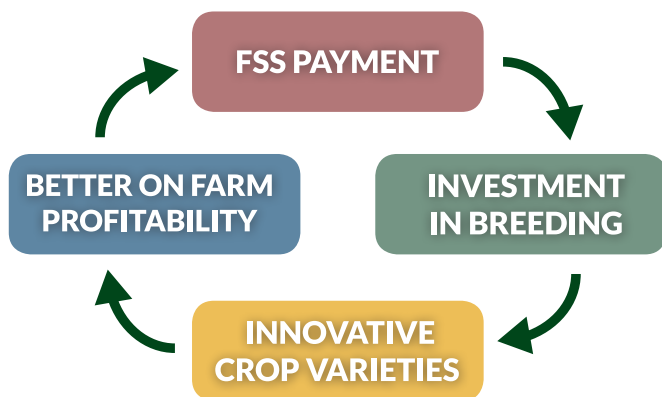


ARE YOU PLAYING FAIR?

Payments on Farm-Saved Seed (FSS) are an investment in your farming business and that of the next generation. Innovation in plant breeding is essential for profitable and sustainable UK agriculture, and delivers major benefits in terms of the yield, quality, agronomics and disease resistance of our key arable crops.

Loss of key crop protection tools and continuing uncertainty over Brexit's impact on trade, investment and support payments mean access to genetic innovation is now more important than ever.



Through the FAIR PLAY campaign, plant breeders and the farming unions are working together to safeguard future innovation in plant breeding by optimising the collection of FSS payments from each individual farmer. The campaign has made significant progress to ensure that farmers understand their legal obligations on FSS use and that **all farmers using FSS contribute fairly** to the benefits of breeding and new varieties.

As a result, the contribution of FSS payments to plant breeders' income has more than doubled, and now accounts for a third of the total income available to support UK breeding programmes. However, the amount that still remains undeclared is enough to sustain an entire UK-based cereal breeding programme for a year.

Like royalties on certified seed, payments on farm-saved seed support the continued investment in the development of improved varieties, bred for our climate and our market.



SUPPORT FAIR PLAY ON FARM-SAVED SEED

“ With ever increasing pressure to produce more, while reducing inputs, UK plant breeding is vital to deliver the varieties we need for our climate and our markets. NFUS supports ‘Fair Play’ in its aim to ensure that all growers contribute to that process through royalty payments on farm-saved seed ”

Ian Sands, Chairman,
NFU Scotland Combinable
Crops Committee



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TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Try a short quiz on aspects of the FSS rules – BSPB will make a donation to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI) for every complete entry received.

Enter your answers online at www.fairplay.org.uk/knowledge

Full terms and conditions are provided on the website.

1. Is it illegal to fail to declare the use of FSS?
2. Can I use FSS from my neighbour?
3. Do I need to pay for FSS in a cover crop mixture?
4. Can I farm-save a hybrid?



FARM-MADE SEED – KEY POINTS

Here is a reminder of the key points in law to ensure compliance with the rules on farm-made seed (FMS):

- ▶ It is a statutory requirement that all FMS use must be declared to BSPB
- ▶ There are five ways to declare – by post, e-mail, online, phone and fax
- ▶ Payment for use of eligible varieties must be made to BSPB. Two payment routes are available:
 - ▶ via your NAAC or BSPB-registered seed processor at a tonnage rate
 - ▶ direct to BSPB at a hectare rate
- ▶ Payment rates and lists of eligible varieties are published on the BSPB website
- ▶ FMS must be produced and saved within a farmer's own holding (i.e. land farmed as the same business)
- ▶ FMS rules apply whether seed has been processed or taken straight from the barn
- ▶ FMS payment is due at the point of sowing, and applies whether crops are taken to harvest or not (e.g. cover crops, failed crops)
- ▶ Farmers cannot sell, buy, barter or otherwise transfer FMS outside their own holding
- ▶ The use of FMS from hybrid varieties is not permitted.

HOW WE CAN HELP

Members of the BSPB team are on hand to help with any queries on seed use and the FMS collection process – call the FMS helpline on **01353 653209** or email fms@bspb.co.uk for advice.

The FAIR PLAY website at www.fairplay.org.uk also includes full information about the FMS system, including a section answering the questions most frequently asked by farmers and their advisers.

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