

Apply for agri-environmental nature conservation measures and compensation for hardship

Your farm can apply for support within agri-environmental measures. If you farm grassland and are disadvantaged by nature conservation regulations, you can apply for compensation for difficulties.

Competent Department

- [Die Senatorin für Bau, Mobilität und Stadtentwicklung](#)
- [Die Senatorin für Umwelt, Klima und Wissenschaft](#)

Basic information

Agri-environmental measures (AUM)

Through the promotion of targeted agri-environmental measures

- are intended to provide additional incentives for the conservation of the cultivated landscape and natural resources (including soils).
- The aim is to reduce harmful impacts on the water balance and protect drinking water resources. In particular, the impairment of groundwater by nitrate or plant treatment and pesticides is to be counteracted.
- The aim is to protect and improve the environment, genetic diversity and biodiversity.

Compensation for hardship

Compensation for hardship is granted for grassland if agricultural land use is significantly more difficult due to nature conservation legislation. Grassland is defined as an area permanently overgrown with grasses and herbs that is used for conservation at least once a year by mowing or grazing.

Compensation is granted for one calendar year at a time. Its amount is to be calculated according to the points value table (see "Form/Online Service"). If the use is made more difficult to the same extent due to another legal or contractual obligation, no hardship allowance is granted.

Requirements

Agri-environmental measures

Applications can be submitted by all agricultural enterprises whose agricultural land to be supported is located in Bremen.

Compensation for hardship

The hardship compensation applies to areas of 0.5 ha or more per farmer and, in the case of areas of legally protected biotopes, to areas of 0.25 ha or more per farmer. It does not apply to areas for which compensation is to be granted in accordance with Section 68 (1) to (3) BNatschG.

Procedure

Agri-environmental measures

The application must be submitted to the Lower Saxony Chamber of Agriculture. Applicants enter into voluntary commitments under the program for at least 5 years. In order to receive funding, a minimum funding amount of € 250 per funding measure must be exceeded (further information under "Forms/Online Service").

Compensation for difficulties

The application for hardship compensation must be received by the Lower Saxony Chamber of Agriculture within three months of the measures causing the hardship coming into force or being announced. For subsequent years, the application must be received by May 15 of the calendar year for which the hardship compensation is applied for.

Legal bases

- [Richtlinie Erschwernisausgleich Natur Landschaft](#)

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

Application to the Lower Saxony Chamber of Agriculture by 15 May of the calendar year