

Pasture for Life

Schedule of Certification Fees

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At present the Pasture-Fed Livestock Association (PFLA) has an agreement with Organic Farmers & Growers (OF&G) for administrating and arranging Pasture for Life audits.

Although the core of OF&G's work is within the organic sector, they already undertake certification and administration work for non-organic but complementary schemes, and use Acoura as their inspection contractors on the ground.

Below is OF&G's schedule of fees as a guide, but it is recommended that producers contact them directly for the exact fee, which may vary according to which other assurance schemes (such as Red Tractor) are combined with the Pasture for Life inspection. Further clarifications are included on page 2.

Non-organic/non OF&G licensee	Annual inspections	Tri-annual inspections
Small Producer (up to 10ha)	£320	N/A
Single Enterprise	£375	£175
Double enterprise	£425	£199
Dairy only	£475	£225
Dairy + one other enterprise	£550	£276
Dairy, Beef and Sheep enterprises	£625	£302
Butchers/Abattoirs	£350	£350
OF&G licensee		
Single Enterprise	£250	£107
Double enterprise	£250	£133
Dairy only	£250	£158
Dairy + one other enterprise	£250	£210
Dairy, Beef and Sheep enterprises	£250	£236
Butchers/Abattoirs	£150	£150

OF&G can be contacted on 01939 291800 or info@organicfarmers.org.uk

OF&G's lead contact for Pasture for Life audits is Stephen Clarkson (steve@ofgorganic.org).

Notes to accompany Schedule of Pasture for Life Certification Fees:

General Notes:
PFLA Certified members can choose to commit to three years certification – and pay the lower fee each year – or depending on their market demands or their wish for a shorter commitment can choose to pay the annual inspection fee each year.
PFLA certified members will pay OF&G the fee related to the Scheme as determined, in accordance with OF&G’s credit terms as published by the OF&G Board – currently 28 days from date of invoice.
Producer cancellation charges – OF&G reserves the right to charge if inspections are cancelled after the date has been confirmed.
Specific points relating to tri-annual inspections:
These fees reflect a physical inspection once every three years with an annual desktop verification in the intervening two years. Outside of the annual certification all member support and certification queries will be handled directly by PFLA staff. New members will receive a physical inspection in the first year. They will subsequently receive a physical inspection every third year following their initial physical inspection with annual desktop verifications in the intervening two years. Desktop verifications will require certified members to complete a self-assessment questionnaire that will then be reviewed, and additional information and/or photographs, mineral bucket labels etc. may be requested. Desktop verifications can lead to non-compliances in the same way as physical inspections and failure to successfully complete a desktop verification will lead to suspension and/or termination of certified status in the same way as can occur with a physical inspection.
As physical inspections only take place once every three years the opportunity to offer discounts on joint Red Tractor inspections is less feasible. If a Red Tractor inspection can be facilitated with the tri-annual PFLA inspection there is an opportunity to reduce the overall cost. If a member wishes to take advantage of this then it will be dealt with on an individual basis.
In the event that a certified PFLA member withdraws from the scheme before the completion of a three year cycle (in which he/she has received a physical inspection but has not paid the fees for the entire three year cycle) then the PFLA will reimburse OF&G the sum outstanding (being fees for either one or two years, depending upon the circumstances). However, any PFLA Certified Members wishing to opt for a tri-annual audit will be required to sign and commit to paying the annual fee for the three years, unless by separate agreement with the PFLA and OF&G.