

M #	EIP Measure	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1 NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT													
M4	Nitrogen Surplus Retain all records year-round	Retain fertiliser dockets, milk sales & livestock records									Submit N Surplus before anniversary of EIP approval letter		Year-end: collate fertiliser register, milk sales & livestock data
M4	NMP Soil Sampling Dec–Feb window	Soil Sampling Window (Dec–Feb)	Soil Sampling Window (Dec–Feb)										Soil Sampling Window opens (Dec–Feb)
M43	Slurry Testing Before first spreading	📅 Before 1st spreading — Complete slurry test before first application of season	📅 Before 1st spreading — Complete slurry test before first application of season	📅 Before 1st spreading — Complete slurry test before first application of season									
2 CROPPING MEASURES													
M5	Multi -Species Sward Sow Apr–Aug (~10°C seedbed)				Sow Multi-Species Sward (~10°C seedbed ideal)	📅 31 May DEADLINE — Grass established (if non -inversion tillage)			Last opportunity to sow this season				
M6A	Catch Crop (Other) Non-winter cropping	After 1 Jan: light grazing or incorporation permitted							Sow by mid-Aug (latest: 1 Sep)	📅 1 Sep DEADLINE— Must be sown; submit declaration + map	1 Oct: Annual Declaration + map → verify@watereip.ie		
M6B	Catch Crop (Winter Crop) Winter cropping only								📅 1 Aug DEADLINE— Catch Crop MUST be sown by 1 August	1 Sep: Annual Declaration + map → verify@watereip.ie; Must remain in place until 30 Sep			
M16	Tillage Riparian Buffer Zone grass mix establishment					📅 31 May DEADLINE grass mix established in year 1 (non-inversion tillage)			Top/trim — remove & dispose of all cuttings	Top/trim — remove & dispose of all cuttings			
3 WATER QUALITY MEASURES													
M21	Critical Source Areas (CSA) Restriction & Declaration	No slurry / fertiliser on CSAs until 15 Mar	No slurry / fertiliser on CSAs until 15 Mar	15 Mar: Restrictions LIFT ☐ — Slurry & fertiliser permitted again			15 Jun: Annual Declaration due — Submit for payment → verify@watereip.ie			15 Sep: Restrictions BEGIN — No slurry/fertiliser until 15 Mar			
M14 M15 M17	Grassland Riparian Buffer Zones Establishment & fencing	Buffers can be created anytime of the year	tree planting window (Nov–March)	tree planting window (Nov–March)					Top/trim buffer zone — remove & dispose of cuttings			Tree planting window (Nov–March)	
M18 M19 M20 M24	Ponds, Earthen Bunds, Swales & Sediment Traps Jun–Oct ideal window						IDEAL WINDOW — construct & establish (Jun–Oct)						
M25 M26	Culverts & Watercourse Crossings ⚠️ Contact IFI before works							IDEAL WINDOW — ⚠️ Contact & agree design with IFI before works begin					
M38	Vegetated Bunded Drains / Farm Drains Jul–Sep ideal window							Ideal window — minimises soil damage & wildlife disturbance					
4 PLANTING & VEGETATION													
M13	Hedgerow Planting Native species only · Oct–Mar season	Planting season continues (native species only)		Season ends 31 Mar — No cutting from 1 Mar	No cutting restriction (1 Mar–31 Aug)				31 Aug: Restriction LIFTS ☐			Planting season opens (Oct–Mar)	
M28	Willow Filter Bed Build Jan–Apr · Coppice from 1 Feb	Build & plant window open (Jan–Apr)			Final window for planting								
5 ANYTIME MEASURES — Implementable at any time within your EIP period (subject to design approval & ground conditions for fencing)													
M7 M8 M9 M10 M11 M12	Measures for pesticide and sheep dip use and management	Design, approve & implement year-round											
M23 M27 M29 M30 M31 M32 M33–37 M40 M42	Buffer Mgmt, Fencing, Gateways, Livestock Underpass, Drinking Points, Instream Works Fencing: subject to trafficable ground conditions	Year-round (fencing subject to trafficable ground conditions)											