

## 5.5 Premium levels

Table 2. Premium levels

Grant/Premium Category (GPC)	Farmer Premium (€/ha) (annual payment, 20 yrs)			Non-farmer Premium (€/ha) (annual payment 15yrs)
	Plantation area			
	< 6ha	>=6ha	>=12ha	
GPC 1 – Unenclosed	209.51	209.51	209.51	171.41
GPC 2 - Sitka spruce /lodgepole pine	336.48	349.18	361.88	
GPC 3 - 20% Diverse mix	391.08	403.78	416.47	
GPC 4 – Diverse	416.47	429.17	441.87	
GPC 5 - Broadleaf (except oak & beech)	441.87	454.57	467.26	184.11
GPC 6 – Oak	473.61	486.31	499.01	
GPC 7 – Beech	473.61	486.31	499.01	

Premium payments are made annually. The applicant is supplied with a Form 4 annually. The applicant fills in this form and returns it to the Forest Service and payment is made shortly afterwards. (See Chapter 2, Application Process).

Afforestation payments, premiums and the sale of the timber crop are exempt from income tax.

## 5.6 Examples of Plantation Payment Calculations

The following examples of proposed plantations demonstrate how the plantation and plot rules will apply to the paying of grants and premiums. The examples shown are based on the criteria that every plantation must comply with each of the two plantation rules and each plot within a plantation must conform to a Grant/Premium Category (GPC).

Example 1

Plot No.	GPC	Area	Total Grant	Farmer Premium
1	GPC 2	4.2 ha	€11,466 (4.2 x 2,730)	€1,520 (4.2 x 362)
2	GPC 4	6.8 ha	€21,583 (6.8 x 3,174)	€3,006 (6.8 x 442)
3	GPC 4	4.0 ha	€12,696 (4.0 x 3,174)	€1,768 (4.0 x 442)
4	GPC 6	5.5 ha	€34,920 (5.5 x 6,349)	€2,745 (5.5 x 499)
			€80,665	€9,039

Plot 1. Sitka spruce

Plot 2. Douglas Fir

Plot 3. Hybrid larch

Plot 4. Oak / EL

← Site suitable for broadleaves