

# Minimum soil cover (GAEC 4)

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The aim of this rule is to protect soil against erosion after harvest until the end of winter ('winter' is up to and including the last day of February).

**You must:**

1. retain the stubble of the previous crop or sow grass or sow another crop, unless:

- agronomic or weather conditions are such that cultivating land would be detrimental to the use of the land for agricultural production
- the land is being prepared for sowing the subsequent crop. Secondary cultivations and final seed beds must only be created very close to sowing

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