

Frequently Asked Questions

Multi-update option for cropping records

Gatekeeper now has a 'multi-update' option to the cropping planner, to enable users to bulk update fields with new cropping details.

The multi-update option is designed to allow a quicker and easier way to change the cropping details for fields. It is the second step of the new cropping year process – the first is to move across the fields you wish to have in the new year, and make sure that their structure (e.g., split fields etc) is correct.

Using Multi Update

Multi update allows you to assign crop and variety to multiple cropping records at the same time. During the process you can also specify the target yield and crop residue policy for nutrient management purposes. To use multi update, from the main Gatekeeper screen:

1. Open the fields module
2. Select 'Setup Fields'
3. In the cropping summary grid, click once in the column for the cropping year to be set up.
4. Select 'Multi Update'

Cropping Summary

No field filters

Field	Part Field Ref	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Field 01	Whole field (01)	Beans Dried Spring 5.00	Potatoes Maincrop 5.00	Wheat Winter 5.00	Oilseed Rape 5.00	Barley Winter 5.00	Potatoes Maincrop 5.00
Field 02	Whole field (01)	Barley Winter 12.00	Oilseed Rape 12.00	Wheat Winter 12.00	Wheat Winter 12.00	Beans Dried Winter 12.00	Cover crop 12.00
Field 03	Whole field (01)	Barley Winter 7.50	Oilseed Rape 7.50	Wheat Winter 7.50	Wheat Winter 7.50	Beans Dried Winter 7.50	Cover crop 7.50
Field 04	Whole field (01)	Beans Dried Spring 6.25	Barley Spring 6.25	Barley Spring 6.25	Grass 6.25	Grass 6.25	Wheat Winter 6.25
Field 05	Whole field (01)	Wheat Winter 14.00	Wheat Winter 14.00	Oilseed Rape 14.00	Barley Winter 14.00	Potatoes Maincrop 14.00	Wheat Winter 14.00
Field 06	Whole field (01)	Wheat Winter 8.75	Beans Dried Spring 8.75	Barley Winter 8.75	Barley Winter 8.75	Oilseed Rape 8.75	Barley Winter 8.75
Field 07	Whole field (01)	Wheat Winter 18.00	Beans Dried Spring 18.00	Potatoes Maincrop 18.00	Wheat Winter 18.00	Oilseed Rape 18.00	Barley Winter 18.00
Field 08	Whole field (01)	Oilseed Rape 14.60	Wheat Winter 14.60	Potatoes Maincrop 14.60	Barley Winter 14.60	Barley Winter 14.60	Wheat Winter 14.60
Field 09	Whole field (01)	2 Beans Dried Spring 14.60					
	A	Potatoes Maincrop 20.00	Wheat Winter 20.00	Wheat Winter 20.00	Oilseed Rape 20.00		Beans Dried Winter 20.00
	B					Barley Winter 10.00	
Field 10	Whole field (01)	Potatoes Maincrop 15.00	Wheat Winter 15.00	Wheat Winter 15.00	Oilseed Rape 15.00	Barley Winter 15.00	Barley Winter 15.00
Field 11	Whole field (01)	Beans Dried Spring 19.00	Potatoes Maincrop 19.00	Wheat Winter 19.00	Barley Winter 19.00	Wheat Winter 19.00	Barley Winter 19.00
Field 12	Whole field (01)	Beans Dried Spring 22.00	Potatoes Maincrop 22.00	Wheat Winter 22.00	Barley Winter 22.00	Wheat Winter 22.00	Barley Winter 22.00

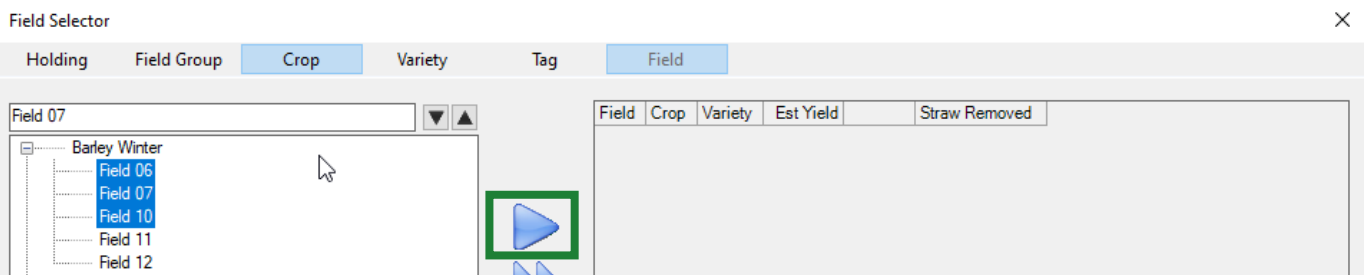
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5. If you do not have any fields in the new year, you will be presented with an information message that all fields will be copied over. Click 'Yes' to accept, or 'No' to exit multi update and setup fields before proceeding.

6. The 'Field Selector' window will appear. Select the first group of fields which will have the same crop and variety (and, if required, target yield and crop residue policy).

All standard field selection options are available at this point. The list can be filtered by holding, field group, crop, variety, or tag, and the 'Field Search' functionality is available. Remember that fields are copied over exactly as they were in the previous cropping year, so at this point the 'Crop' and 'Variety' filters are working on a copy of the previous year's crop for that field.

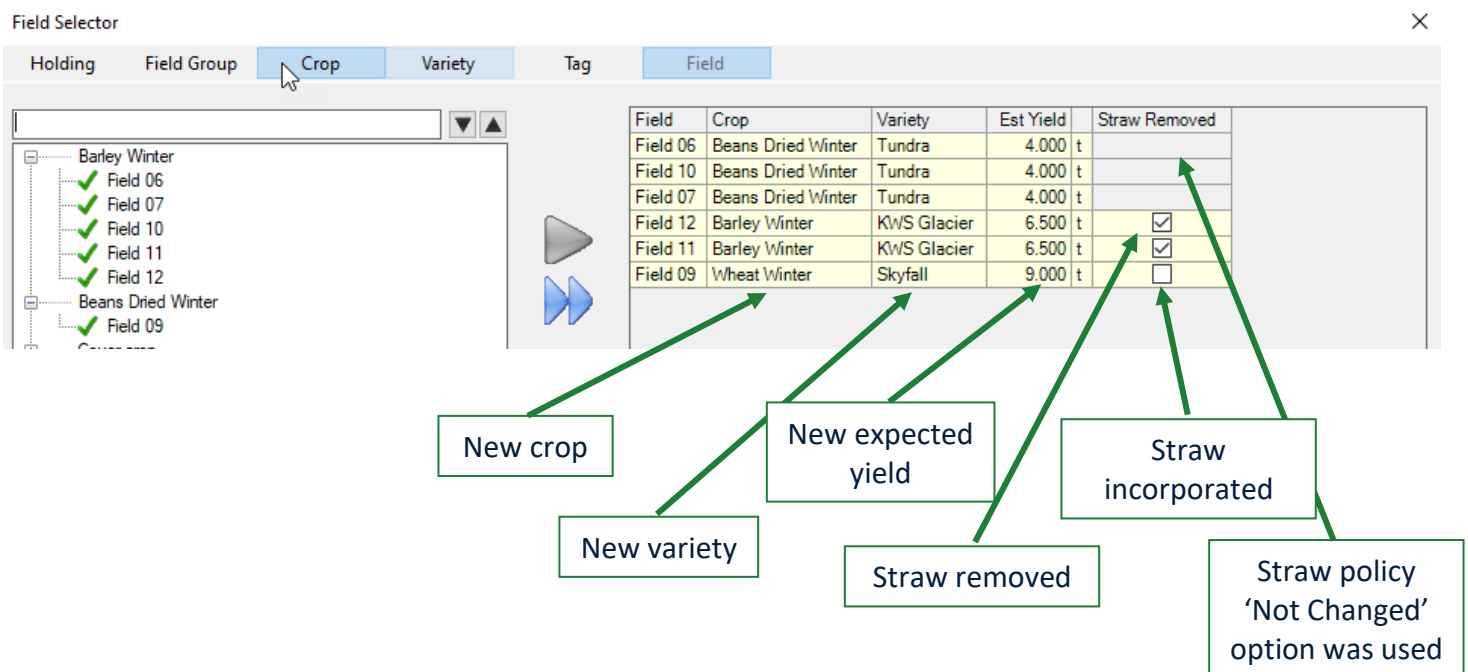
7. Click the single right facing blue arrow



8. The 'Field Crop Update' window will appear:

- Tick the box to activate 'Crop' dropdown list, and select crop required
- If variety is known, repeat for variety
- Optional:* to add a target yield, tick the box to activate, and enter the yield figure
- Optional:* to change the crop residue policy, select 'Removed post harvest' or 'Not removed post harvest'. If no selection is made, the default 'Not changed' will apply.
- Click 'OK'

9. You will be returned to the 'Field Selector' window: repeat as required. The new cropping details will build up on screen:



If you are using the crop and variety filters on the field list, be aware that clicking 'Save' part way through this process will cause any cropping updates to be saved. The new crops will be allocated to the selected fields, so they will now appear under the newly allocated crops in a filtered field list.

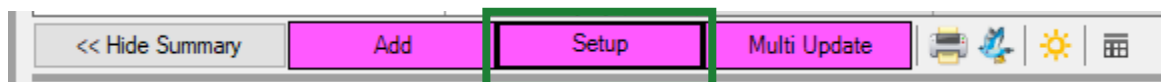
How should I use Multi Update?

Multi update gives users new flexibility for allocating cropping to many fields at the same time, but at first the process may seem like a big change for anybody who is used to the old method.

The key thing to bear in mind is that unless your fields will be set up identically in the new cropping year, you need to copy fields into the new year, and make any changes to the cropping record using the existing methods, before using multi update.

The table below looks at some common scenarios, and the best way to use multi update for users in similar situations. For this table, 'field structure' means which fields are present and how they are split in the current year.

Scenario		Outcome
My field structure will be exactly the same in the new year and...	I just want to change the cropping on each field	Go straight to multi update.
My field structure will not be exactly the same in the new year because...	I will have different splits	Use 'Setup' to setup fields in the new cropping year. Change splits as required, then use multi update to update cropping.
My field structure will be exactly the same in the new year but...	I will not be using crop sequences in the new year	Go straight to multi update. Crop sequences are not copied into the next year by multi update.
My field structure will not be exactly the same in the new year because...	There are fields that I do not want to copy into the next year	Use 'Setup' to setup fields in the new cropping year. This may include using the 'Copy ALL Fields' option and then deleting cropping records which are not required. Use multi update to update cropping once cropping records have been added.
My field structure will not be exactly the same in the new year because...	I want to copy the structure from a previous year (not the current year)	Use 'Setup' to copy fields from the previous year, then use multi update to change cropping.



Tip: users with a large number of cropping records may wish to consider using multi update to assign all arable cropping records with 'Unallocated' as a first step. This will make it easier to see which cropping records have been updated as you work through adding new cropping.