



SM.a - Soil Management plan

A soil management plan must be completed and recorded under standard SM.a. More information on how to complete a soil management plan can be found in the document ‘Protecting our Water Soil and Air – A code of practice for farmers growers and land managers’.

The plan should be field by field, and aid the identification and management of soil related issues.

Field Identification (Field number or name etc.)	Field characteristics Risk of runoff and erosion and physical factors such as (soil, slope, soil permeability) runoff and erosion, presence of buried or other historical features and land use. Proximity to watercourse etc.	Management Issue Soil deposition, risk of compaction etc.	Management proposals Increase soil organic matter, establish grass buffer strip, avoid high risk crops on high risk land etc.	Note any soil issues that arise during the year for annual review Runoff overwhelmed buffer strip, erosion down rows when irrigating etc.



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