

# BEET GROWERS INITIATIVE

## FAQ

**I haven't got a contract for 2008-09, I've only got a contract dated January 2007 what will I do?**

Form headed – 2007 Sugar Beet Contract Confirmation issued in January 2007 is the one growers need to submit, 2008 contracts confirmations are not required.

**Is it possible to claim for leased/transferred tonnage?**

If you had delivery rights transferred to you in 2007/2008 and also have these rights in 2008/2009 then YES you can submit an application.

**I had delivery rights in 2007/2008 but I have transferred them for 2008/2009, can I still submit an application?**

No. Even though the regulations state that you must have had delivery right in 2007/2008 in order to apply, the delivery rights you are surrendering are for 2008/2009. Therefore, if you have transferred these you have nothing left to surrender.

**If British Sugars' application is successful, which growers will receive compensation?**

Which growers will receive payments and how much tonnage each grower will have to surrender cannot be clarified until any plan put forward by British Sugar is accepted.

**I need help filling in part B of the application, could you help me?**

It's entirely the applicants decision how much to relinquish. Box A is the delivery rights for 2007/2008 and should match the contracted tonnage on your letter of confirmation - 2007. Box B is the delivery rights you have for 2008/2009 and should match you contracted offer document sent by British Sugar. Box C is the tonnage of delivery rights to be ceased for 2008/2009 and, the remaining tonnage is entered in box D.

**In point 4.2 of the Notice to Growers the payments are set out in tonnes per quota surrendered. We (the growers) contracts are set out in beet tonnes, how do we work out how much we can potentially get per tonne of beet?**

RPA have been given a figure by British Sugar of:  
1 tonne of white sugar equivalent (WSE) = 6.2288 tonnes of beet

**What if I plan to start planting in February 2008 and I am only notified if the Growers' applications are successful 15 March 2008?**

Should British Sugar fail to submit an application or it is rejected you will be notified by 15 February 2008, at the latest, that your application has been successful. This being the case you will be notified by 15 March 2008 of the amount of aid that is to be paid.

**Is the scheme for 2008/2009 only?**

The Beet Growers Initiative Scheme is currently aimed at 2008/2009 only. We don't currently anticipate that the Commission will extend the scheme beyond 2008/2009.

**Can I continue to grow contracted tonnage as normal for 2009/2010?**

There is nothing to stop you returning to the sector if you can negotiate a new contract with British Sugar for 2009/2010. However any rights you surrender for 2008/2009 are surrendered on a permanent basis.

**Once I have submitted my BGI1 application and it has been accepted am I committed to the scheme?**

As stated in the Notice to Growers (paragraph 6.1.3) "once submitted your application may not be withdrawn". This, however, is subject to 6.2.4 of the same notice.

**Do 'Delivery Rights' (which is stated on the application form) and Entitlements (which is on the contract) mean the same thing?**

I believe these two words have the same meaning.

**In (Part B of the application form – Delivery Rights, Question B), do I enter my starting figure as shown on my Offer to Grow from British Sugar or the net figure after they have made the 10% temporary cut?**

The tonnage on your Offer to Grow from British Sugar for 2008 should be the reduced figure after the 10% has been deducted. It is this final figure with the 10% cut that you enter.