

Land Capability for Agriculture in Scotland

Land capable of supporting Arable Agriculture

- Class 1 land is capable of producing a very wide range of crops and there are no or only very minor physical limitations affecting agricultural use.
- Class 2 land is capable of producing a wide range of crops, there are minor physical limitations affecting agricultural use and the land is highly productive.
- Class 3.1 land is capable of producing a moderate range of crops with high yields of cereals and grass; potatoes and other vegetables are also grown.

Land capable of supporting Mixed Agriculture

- Class 3.2 land is capable of producing a moderate range of crops with an increasing trend towards grass within the rotation.
- Class 4.1 land is capable of producing a narrow range of crops; enterprises are based primarily on grassland with short arable breaks.
- Class 4.2 land is primarily suited to grassland with some limited potential for other crops (barley, oats and forage crops).
- Unclassified land.
- Built-up area.

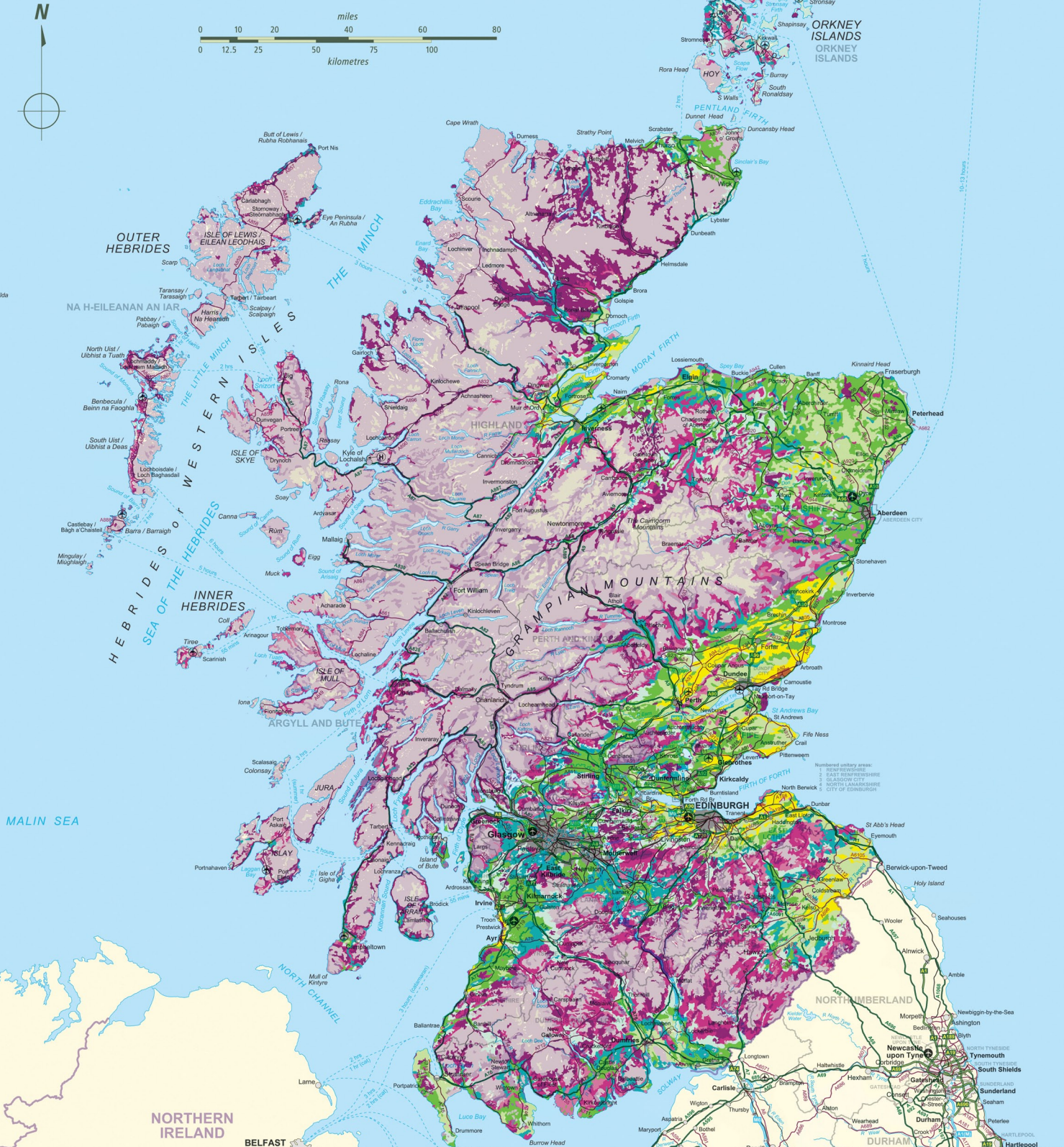
Land capable of supporting Improved Grassland

- Class 5.1 land is capable of use as improved grassland; establishment of the sward and its maintenance present few difficulties.
- Class 5.2 land is capable of use as improved grassland; sward establishment presents no difficulties but physical limitations can cause maintenance problems.
- Class 5.3 land is capable of use as improved grassland and although the sward can be established, deterioration can be rapid due to a range of factors.

Land capable of supporting only Rough Grazing

- Class 6.1 land is capable of only rough grazing due to intractable physical limitations; the semi-natural vegetation provides grazing of high value.
- Class 6.2 land is capable of only rough grazing due to intractable physical limitations; the semi-natural vegetation provides grazing of moderate value.
- Class 6.3 land is capable of only rough grazing due to intractable physical limitations; the semi-natural vegetation provides grazing of low value.
- Class 7 land is of very limited agricultural value and use is restricted to very poor rough grazing.

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 1. BEN NEVIS
 2. GREAT NORTHWOODS
 3. GLASGOW CITY
 4. NORTH LAMARSHIRE
 5. CITY OF EDINBURGH