

Switzerland Federal Biodiversity Contributions (Agri-Environment PES)

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Quality score: 60/100

Evidence strength: Quasi-experimental

Summary

Switzerland's statutory biodiversity payments compensate ~47,000 farms for maintaining over 184,000 ha of Biodiversity Promotion Areas — wildflower meadows, orchards, wetlands and hedgerows — at CHF 300–2,300/ha/yr under the Federal Direct Payments Ordinance (DZV) since 1993.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	1/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	3/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	2/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

[Swiss Federal Office for Agriculture \(FOAG / OFAG / BLW\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

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[OECD – Switzerland Agricultural Policy Monitoring and Evaluation 2023](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

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