

2021 Acorn Antics: Acorn Grading Criteria

Due to demand we are looking for Sessile Oak Acorns this year.

Excellent quality acorns	Very good quality acorns	Good quality acorns	Unusable acorns
Rate of pay - £4.40 per kg	Rate of pay - £4.10 per kg	Rate of pay - £3.50 per kg	Rate of pay - £0.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All acorn casings are clean – i.e. not caked in mud. • There is no mud or woodland debris in the sack. • Acorn viability has been checked (the float or sink test has been completed) • Most acorns are large in size. • There is no evidence of insect damage or nibbling • Sacks have been filled to $\frac{3}{4}$ full. • Sacks have a completed label in the bag, and a tied label on the closed bag. • A sample of leaves / acorn cups has been included in a food bag in the acorn sack. • The oak species has been correctly identified. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acorn casings are generally clean. • A small amount of debris in the sacks. • Acorn viability doesn't appear to have been checked • Mixed sized acorns. • A small number of acorns have evidence of having been nibbled. • Some acorns have begun to chit (sprout). • Sacks have been filled to $\frac{3}{4}$ full. • Sacks have a completed label in the bag, and a tied label on the closed bag. • A sample of leaves / acorn cups have been included in a food bag within the acorn sack. • The oak species has been correctly identified. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A large number of acorns are caked in mud and soil. • Large amounts of debris in the sacks. • Mixed sized acorns. • Lots of evidence of insect damage and nibbling. • Acorn viability doesn't appear to have been checked. • A large amount of acorns have begun to chit (sprout). • Sacks have been overfilled. • The collector has not used the breathable sacks provided by NRW. • Incorrect identification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sacks are missing a sample of leaves/cups. • Acorns are unidentifiable. • Sacks are missing identification labels.