

## 2022 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
<b>Rate of pay - £4.40 per kg</b>	<b>Rate of pay - £4.10 per kg</b>	<b>Rate of pay - £3.50 per kg</b>	<b>Rate of pay - £0.00</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All acorn casings are clean – i.e. not caked in mud.</li> <li>• There is no mud or woodland debris in the sack.</li> <li>• Acorn viability has been checked (the float or sink test has been completed)</li> <li>• Most acorns are large in size.</li> <li>• There is no evidence of insect damage or nibbling</li> <li>• Sacks have been filled to <math>\frac{3}{4}</math> full.</li> <li>• Sacks have a completed label in the bag, and a tied label on the closed bag.</li> <li>• A sample of leaves / acorn cups has been included in a food bag in the acorn sack.</li> <li>• The oak species has been correctly identified.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acorn casings are generally clean.</li> <li>• A small amount of debris in the sacks.</li> <li>• Acorn viability doesn't appear to have been checked</li> <li>• Mixed sized acorns.</li> <li>• A small number of acorns have evidence of having been nibbled.</li> <li>• Some acorns have begun to chit (sprout).</li> <li>• Sacks have been filled to <math>\frac{3}{4}</math> full.</li> <li>• Sacks have a completed label in the bag, and a tied label on the closed bag.</li> <li>• A sample of leaves / acorn cups have been included in a food bag within the acorn sack.</li> <li>• The oak species has been correctly identified.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A large number of acorns are caked in mud and soil.</li> <li>• Large amounts of debris in the sacks.</li> <li>• Mixed sized acorns.</li> <li>• Lots of evidence of insect damage and nibbling.</li> <li>• Acorn viability doesn't appear to have been checked.</li> <li>• A large amount of acorns have begun to chit (sprout).</li> <li>• Sacks have been overfilled.</li> <li>• The collector has not used the breathable sacks provided by NRW.</li> <li>• Incorrect identification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sacks are missing a sample of leaves/cups.</li> <li>• Acorns are unidentifiable.</li> <li>• Sacks are missing identification labels.</li> </ul>