



Bee friendly silage harvesting

Silage harvesting:

Leaving a 2-4 metre strip of forage uncut along the sides of fields provides flowers for bumblebees and other pollinators to forage in.

With each cut:

Harvest the previously uncut margin but leave another uncut strip on the other side of the field.



Leaving uncut areas that contain mature flowers provides valuable nectar and pollen for a wide range of insects including bees. Beneficial insects will predate pests such as aphids, pollinate crops such as clover or the apples in the orchard and provide a food source for birds and small mammals.