

For arable/fallow:

1. **'Modernisation'** (fertilisers, herbicides, big machines, undersowing, non-native varieties, deeper ploughing etc.)
2. **Simplification** (fewer crofters, larger parcels, apportionment, etc.)
3. **Availability of seed & machinery**
4. **Administrative/legal questions** (right to control geese, technical issues with e.g. agri-environment rules)



For rest of machair system:

5. **Loss of viability: decline in livestock**
6. **Continued social decline: ageing crofters, fewer young entrants**
7. **Inappropriate modernisation & lack of perceived alternatives**
8. **Control of geese**

