

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**

