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# CROPS NEWSLETTER

## TECHNICAL UPDATE AND PRACTICAL ADVICE FROM YOUR RED TRACTOR ASSURANCE TEAM



## DIGITAL GRAIN PASSPORTS

During the difficult circumstances we are all working in, Red Tractor is simplifying some of the practical processes associated with farm assurance.

With certification bodies unable to get new assurance stickers to members as quickly as usual, we have launched a new online system allowing you to create, download and print a grain passport at home, populated with real time assurance details.

You can access this system now, securely, on the **Red Tractor Services System**. More than 1,000 downloads have already been made.

This removes the requirement for you to fix a sticker to the grain passport for presentation at intake.

The area of the passport where the stickers would normally be applied will

now be populated with the up-to-date assurance details used to create your document.

With this new development, grain buyers can be confident that your load is assured as the system validates all the assurance details at the point of download.

If you would like to use this new system and remove the need for stickers, you will first need to register for member access on the Red Tractor Services System.

Check that your site details are correct and pay attention to the inclusion of additional site details on your membership. If your details are not correct, let your certification body know immediately so that they can make any changes before you need to sell any grain.

## OVERCOMING THE MOISTURE METER CALIBRATION CHALLENGES THIS SEASON

Many moisture meter calibration clinics are not currently operating so you may be concerned how you will meet the requirement of the Red Tractor standard (ST.c) at your next assessment. You are required to provide the results of an annual calibration of your moisture meters and temperature probes.

### There are several ways this challenge can be overcome:

- Contact the manufacturer of your moisture meter and ask them for calibrate at home advice
- Contact your merchant who may be offering a calibration service in another way e.g. sending you a reference sample or accepting moisture meters for calibration by post
- Apply for a reference sample to be sent to you in order to calibrate your meter at home – some merchants are selling samples
- Send your meter to a company who will calibrate it for you

### Also remember:

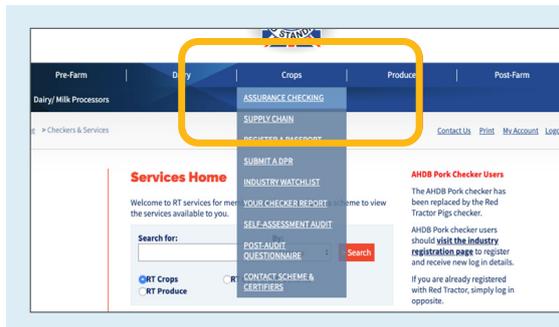
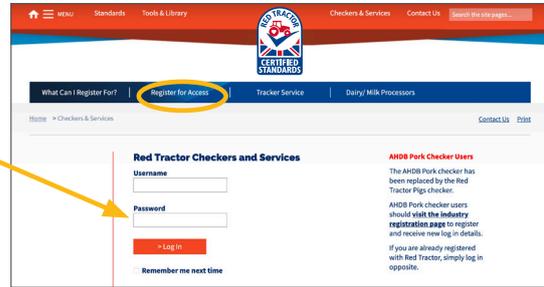
- Record and retain who provided the calibration, when, and any actions undertaken.

WHAT DOES A PDF GRAIN PASSPORT LOOK LIKE?

Combinable Crops Passport (version 01/11) Issued Jan 2011			
Business Name		Assurance Status	
Collection Address		 <b>BCKTUU</b> VALIDATED 01/04/2020 Expires: 31/10/2020 For: Crops and Sugar Beet, NUTS2 UKH1, RED Compliant	
Grain Movement Declaration (Completed by grower / storekeeper)		Crop Type <b>Wheat</b>	Variety (if applicable) <b>Skyfall</b>
		Harvest Year (if applicable) <b>2019</b>	Haulier Company Name
Vehicle Registration Number		Trailer / ID Number	Haulier Collection Ticket
			Store / Bin (if applicable) <b>The Dryer</b>
			Loading Date

# HOW TO CREATE A PRINT AT HOME PDF GRAIN PASSPORT

**1** Log in to the Red Tractor checker page using your **Red Tractor login** details.  
 – If you aren't registered just click on "register for access" and apply for member access.

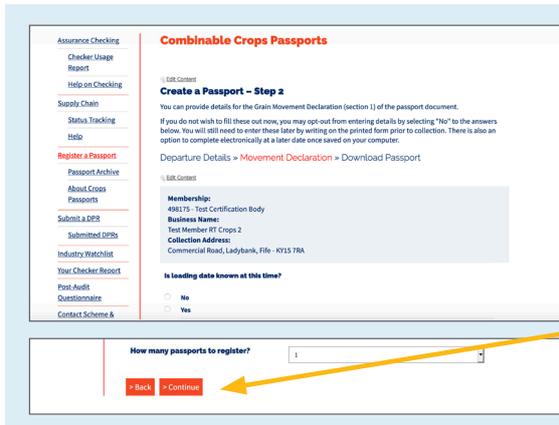
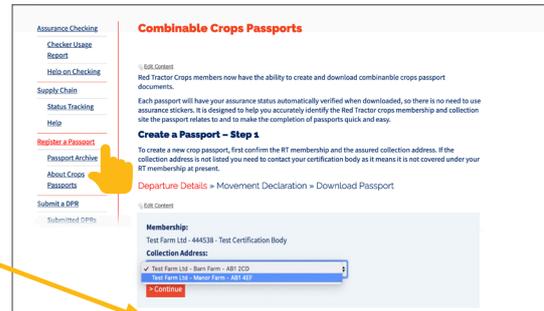


**2** Once you've logged in, make sure you are on the 'assurance checking' page for crops.

**3** On the left-hand side you will see a 'register a passport' button. Click it

**4** If you have more than one site, click on the drop-down menu to select the site the load is coming from and click 'continue'.

– If you only have one site there should only be one option.



**5** If you have information about the load, you can answer questions online. This will populate the passport.

– If you don't know the answers, just select the 'no' options and once it has been printed off, it can be hand-written.

Once you have finished answering the questions, click 'continue' at the bottom of the page.

**6** Once complete, the system will give you the option to download the passport, click on 'click here to download the passport'

Now save it and print it off.

**This is not an electronic passport, so you will need to print it off and send it with the load.**

