



Dear valued member,

Thank you for being part of the Red Tractor pigs scheme.

These comprehensive standards underpin our industry's strength and credibility, securing its future as a world-leader in animal welfare, responsible medicines use and biosecurity.

They have been written, reviewed and approved by our Technical Advisory Committee, which is made up of farmer representatives, leading industry experts and supply chain stakeholders, and our Sector Board.

It is worth remembering that some standards have been introduced or revised to help our members adapt to changes in legislation or meet evolving supply chain demands.

We are pleased to have consensus when it comes to advancing our sector in many important areas, including taking action on tail biting, refining the use of antibiotics, humane euthanasia, responsible waste management and quality staff training.

These are necessary standards for our members as they will drive our sector forward, carefully balancing the evolving needs of consumers, farmers, processors and retailers.

In an ever-changing world, Red Tractor assurance is your definitive point of reference for peace of mind that your farm business meets key requirements to supply the food chain, without the need for additional checks and cost.

For example, building on the sector's already greatly improved reputation around antibiotic use, Red Tractor's medicine standards align with the new Responsible Use of Medicines in Agriculture (RUMA) Alliance target of addressing persistent high users. This helps to deliver against the pig sector's commitments to use antibiotics responsibly and minimise the development of antibiotic resistance.

What's more, most pig farms with an environmental permit can have their assessment at the same time as their Red Tractor assessment, saving on costs and reducing the audit burden.

With ever-increasing interest and scrutiny of how food is produced, compliance with these standards not only serves to protect the reputation of your own farm, but the entire sector in which you play a vital part.

Here's to a secure and sustainable future for British farming.

Best wishes,

Stewart Houston, Chairman, Red Tractor pigs sector board