




TOP TIPS TO AVOID NON-CONFORMANCES

Red Tractor Dairy

We understand that you, as Red Tractor producers, are passionate about the food you grow and work hard to ensure it is produced to Red Tractor standards. No-one likes a non-conformance, so this flyer sets out some top tips on how to avoid them!


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 1 Has at least one person who is responsible for administering medicines undertaken training and holds a certificate of competence/attendance from training undertaken since October 2016?

2. Is there an appropriate annual strategy in place to manage Johne's disease?
Ensure: Johne's management plan declaration is signed and completed by an Accredited Johne's Veterinary Advisor.


3. Have you checked that all housing is constructed and maintained to provide a safe and secure environment for livestock? Check for any sharp edges, projections or damage which may develop that could be hazardous to livestock and that all gates and doors will prevent straying or escaping


 4 Is the equipment in the parlour/automatic milking units kept clean?
Often overlooked: This also applies to ducts, jars, clusters, and pipework which must be clean internally and externally.
Ensure: Detailed plant cleaning protocol is fully complete, implemented is available and on display

5 Are all milk cooling systems and storage tanks being maintained to ensure effective cooling and washing?
Ensure: maintenance and calibration of relevant gauges and leakage testing have taken place and keep evidence of annual formal services, or maintenance. Also ensure all faults identified during the service are rectified

 6. Has the Livestock Health Plan been signed, written and updated in conjunction with the vet been implemented?
Ensure: That the plan is farm specific and refers to those responsible for livestock

7. Are structures within the dairy and milk storage area sound, maintained and suitable?
Ensure: walls, floors, ceilings, beams windows and lights are appropriate and in line with the guidance provided in the Red Tractor manual

 8. Do medicine records provide an annual collation of total antibiotic used for the unit?
Ensure: records are kept of this including products collated by product name either by vet from prescription data or completed by farmer from medicine records

 9. Is the milking machine being tested at least annually, identified faults rectified and records being kept?
Ensure: copies of the test report are available to assessor, evidence that any faults have been rectified and

10. Have you completed the annual livestock health and performance review with a nominated vet?
Ensure: the review is signed and dated by the nominated vet/vet from nominated practice and all relevant information is included. Also include recommendations for alternative strategies, reduction and updates as required