



NEW STANDARDS - AUTUMN 2021

Red Tractor Dairy scheme standards already cover the care of youngstock on the farm regardless of gender.

As part of the GB Dairy Calf Strategy, Red Tractor Dairy consulted in summer 2020 on proposed standards to ensure the industry deliver on this commitment to rear all calves with care and to eliminate the euthanasia of calves by 2023.

The new standard is focused on a written breeding and management policy. It provides clear audit points that all members will need to demonstrate compliance with.

Standard	How you will be measured
You must have a written breeding and management policy in place and implemented so there is no routine euthanasia of calves	Policy must cover breeding and management decision processes to include: Breeding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semen usage/breeding management decisions • Tools used to determine replacement rates etc (<i>can be N/A if true flying herd</i>) Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of rearing facilities to cover the number of youngstock (<i>You must provide calving pattern provision for 100% of expected births over a 10-day period.</i>)* • Identified market for breed of calf produced • Provision/plan for TB breakdown
	Evidence that the breeding and management policy is implemented on-farm

* the expectation is the space can be allocated not that it is always set up i.e., known number of pens/hutch spaces for determined number. None is the standard that calves must be retained for a set period.

Calculation – herd size / calving period days x 10 = space provision that must be available

$$440 / 42 \times 10 = \text{space allocation for 105 calves}$$

$$440 / 365 \times 10 = \text{space allocation for 13 calves}$$

$$180 / 128 \times 10 = \text{space allocation for 15 calves}$$

Sources of help:

- Red Tractor template - breeding and management plan
- Industry tools –
 - AHDB
 - [Breed4Better](#)
 - [Semen Use Calculator](#)
 - [Heifer Rearing Calculator](#)
 - CAFRE
 - [Dairy Management](#)
 - SRUC
 - [Animal & Vet Services](#)
- Calf Housing guidance (space)
 - [NADIS](#)
 - [AHDB](#)
- TB guidance
 - [TB Hub](#)
 - [Scottish Government](#)
 - [DAERA](#)
 - [TB Advisory Service](#)

Calf mortality is already measured in the annual vet review. This requirement has been amended in respect of periods (amalgamating born dead and deaths in first 24 hours). The data will also be collected at the time of assessment.

Standard	How you will be measured
Annual collation of calf births/deaths must be maintained	Annual figures to be entered into yearly vet review. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of cows calved • Number of calves born dead and die <24 hrs old • Number of calves die >1 and <42 days old • Number of calves sold off farm <42 days old (including those under TB orders)
	Trends to be observed and actions arising noted in health plan.