



MEMBER MATTERS

News, updates and advice from your Red Tractor Assurance team

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Dear Members,

Welcome to our third edition of our monthly Member Matters bulletin, we hope you've found the content useful.

The recent news that inflation continues to rise comes at a for difficult time for everyone and may have far reaching consequences for UK agricultural market. Whilst we are not able to influence the financial market, we have been listening to members and working hard behind the scenes with City and Guilds to help improve how Crops and Fresh Produce members can manage their National Register of Sprayer Operator (NRoSO) membership and points more effectively. Look out for our next technical briefing which will provide guidance for Crops and Fresh Produce members on accumulating NRoSO points and ensuring a seamless renewal. Reading it will earn you points! Also, did you also know that you can get BASIS

professional development points by simply having a Red Tractor assessment.

We are looking forward to the Cereals event at Duxford, Cambridgeshire 8-9 June. You can find the team on stand 257 to answer any questions you might have about your your assurance membership, the Red Tractor Portal and our digital grain passports. Plus, for the first time we will be on the NRoSO Knowledge Trail. Drop by the NRoSO stand to pick up and drop off your stamp card and come see us to complete our quiz and earn an additional point.

At midday on day 2, I'll be speaking at the New Era Theatre about how our digital tools can help reduce your Red Tractor assessment prep time.

I hope to see you in a couple of weeks!

Duncan Parkinson,
Combinable Crops & Sugar Beet
Technical Manager



WIN TICKETS TO THE CEREALS EVENTS

We are offering 10 lucky members a free pair of tickets for the cereals event. For a chance to win, please submit your details [here](#)

● Winners will be picked at random on **Tuesday 31 May.**



LOOKING FOR A NEW CROPS SECTOR CHAIR

Following the news that Guy Smith has stepped down from his role as Red Tractor's Crops & Sugar Beet Sector Chair and Board Director, the recruitment process for his replacement has started. The ideal candidate is a strong leader who can bring together diverse interests and engage with UK growers such

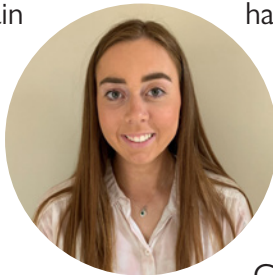
that they better understand the issues facing the crops and sugar beet sector and appreciate the benefits of an assured route to market. The deadline for applications is Friday 3 June 2022.

Click here for details on how to apply.



INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION

Red Tractor is once again participating in The Pig Industry Scholarship scheme, an industry collaboration aimed at encouraging talented new entrants to the industry.



hands-on experience for future leaders and to help promote the wide range of opportunities that are available in British agriculture.

Coming to the end of her 12-month student placement at Red Tractor Cara Moore commented, "Having the opportunity to work at Red Tractor for my industry placement

Coordinated by AHDB and Harper Adams University, the programme is an ideal opportunity for Red Tractor to provide some practical

year as part of my BSc (Hons) Animal Production Science course has been a massively beneficial learning experience. Although it's a pig industry scholarship, I have also benefited from having exposure to many of the sectors the Red Tractor scheme covers, including other livestock sectors as well as crops and fresh produce.

Click here to read a blog by Cara on her experiences

WEBSITE – WORKING FOR MEMBERS

We're delighted that many of you are using the Red Tractor Assurance website (redtractorassurance.org.uk). Recently refreshed to offer an improved user experience it has lots of useful information and advice to help you get ready for your next farm assessment and avoid non-conformances. The website provides tips and support to help members meet every standard every day.

Currently one of the most popular pages is the link to the health and safety policy template on the [HSE website](#).

How you're using the website

This year so far

 **6,519** documents downloaded

 **15,900** website users

 **95,400** page views

Top 3 pages visited:

- [Environmental Risk Assessment Form](#)
- [Beef and Lamb Health Plan template](#)
- [Antibiotic collation template](#)



INDUSTRY NEWS

This week the AIC has reported back on their investigation into whether there is an end market demand for a UK Gatekeeper Protocol. [Click here](#) to read their announcement.

RED TRACTOR ON THE ROAD...

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



See us at:

28 May **NBA Beef Expo**, Darlington Mart

8-9 June **Cereals**, Duxford Cambridgeshire

27 July **NSA Sheep Event**, Three Counties Showground, Malvern

ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK?



The Red Tractor farmers Facebook group helps members succeed, answering their questions and bringing them the latest news and updates from the team. Remember to include your farm address when joining. [Join the group](#)

Handy pointers to avoid common non-conformances at assessment

It's been a little over four months since Red Tractor's revised farm standards came into effect, and to date members have generally been bedding in very well. Here are some common non-conformances to be mindful of when preparing for your next farm assessment. [Read more](#)

ORDER FREE RED TRACTOR MERCHANDISE

Still have material using our old logo? Got an event or farm visit coming and want to promote your assured status? You can request free Red Tractor promotional material, including branded leaflets, pens, stickers, and bunting on our website.

For our members, we have new Red Tractor lapel badges. [Click here](#) and have your membership number ready to order some merchandise today.

TELL US

Very occasionally, standards can slip on farms between audits. It's important that we are made aware so we can ensure things are put right. If you have any concerns that Red Tractor standards aren't being met, there are a number of options- you can raise concerns with your **certification body** or directly with the Red Tractor Team, or use our anonymous, confidential **TELL US** online reporting service.

DON'T FORGET

The Red Tractor portal is your free, secure online filing cabinet, allowing you to upload documents and save time ahead of your next assessment. [Find out more](#)



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