



# MEMBER MATTERS

News, updates and advice from your Red Tractor Assurance team

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## WELCOME TO RED TRACTOR'S SEPTEMBER MEMBER UPDATE

### Dear Members

As we move into autumn, I think we can all agree that 2022 has been more eventful than we could ever have imagined.



UK agriculture continues to undergo great change, at a pace not seen in over a generation. Rising input costs due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the falling value of the pound, the shape of the post-Brexit market and trade deals, Avian Influenza, supply chain issues and the phasing out of the basic payment scheme, are just a few of the factors I know many of you are dealing with.

We hope in recent months, you've found our regular Member Matters bulletin helpful in keeping you informed of the latest Red Tractor and industry developments, as well as providing you with handy advice ahead of your next assessment.

### Interim Changes to Standards

Last month we let you know about changes to the standards for some of our members coming into effect next month (from the 1 October 2022).

For the Pigs, Combinable Crops & Sugar Beet and Poultry sectors, there have been some small but important changes. **CLICK HERE** to read the briefing in full and **HERE** for helpful guides and tips.

There have been no changes to our Fresh Produce, Beef, Lamb or Dairy standards.

Don't forget, the Red Tractor team is always on hand to help and answer any queries – email [memberhelp@redtractor.org.uk](mailto:memberhelp@redtractor.org.uk) or call us on **020 7630 3320**.

Best wishes,  
**Rebecca Miller**  
Head of Communications

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### A NEW APPOINTMENT TO THE ASSURED FOOD STANDARDS BOARD



We would like to welcome Tim Lock to our AFS board in November as dairy sector chair. **CLICK HERE** to read the announcement in full.

#### IS LRQA (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS ACOURA) YOUR CERTIFICATION BODY?



If LRQA is your certification body, we have recently let you know that there is a change in their business strategy which means they will not be delivering Red Tractor farm scheme certification next year. If you are currently certified by LRQA, you will need to transfer your membership to another one of our certification bodies. **CLICK HERE** for more information about this process.

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## Red Tractor in Singapore

The Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB) was in Singapore earlier this month at a major international food and drink show meeting red meat and dairy buyers from around the world. Using the Red Tractor logo, AHDB promoted UK's high-quality beef, lamb, pork and cheeses to buyers in the lucrative Southeast Asia.



## REMINDER – TEMPORARY STORAGE

Remember that temporary storage must not be used after the 31 October. As temporary stores aren't sealed, they are not weather or vermin proof, so from this date grain must be either moved into a long-term store, or into a central store or be sold to

the end user. If your trader is struggling to uplift grain from temporary stores by this deadline, please contact your certification body who will guide you through the process of applying for a derogation.

## Post Assessment Survey

Thanks to all of you who have taken the time to complete the post assessment survey this year. Your feedback has helped us to improve and provide more support for our members preparing for assessments.

### SNAPSHOT OF YOUR FEEDBACK:

**97%** have felt prepared for their assessment

When members use the Red Tractor Portal, **more than 7/10** find it useful

With more than two thirds of assessments taking between 1-3 hours, almost **90%** think that the amount of time they take is reasonable.



## TOP TIP

**Red Tractor Portal**  
Load your documents throughout the year, to save a last-minute rush ahead of your assessment.  
**CLICK HERE** to find out more

## RED TRACTOR ON THE ROAD...



The Red Tractor team has been meeting with and listening to members and licensees at various events across the country this year. We will continue to update you on where we'll be next.

## INDUSTRY NEWS

### Farmers views on sustainability sought

The Nature Friendly Farming Network want to capture farmer views on sustainability and nature-friendly farming practices, as well as the impact of changing agriculture policies to inform their strategy to support farmers. The link to their survey is [here](#)

## FOR CROPS MEMBERS

We have issued a new Technical Briefing for crops scheme members. If you missed it check your inbox for emails from [rtfcomms@redtractor.org.uk](mailto:rtfcomms@redtractor.org.uk) or **CLICK HERE** to read the briefing in full.

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