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MEMBER MATTERS

News, updates and advice from your Red Tractor Assurance team

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WELCOME TO RED TRACTOR'S OCTOBER MEMBER UPDATE

Dear Members

On Saturday 12 November, we'll be taking to the streets of London as part of the Lord Mayor's Show. We are proud to once again be part of this celebration of British Food and Farming. The show, one of the oldest and most colourful civic pageants in the world, will feature Red Tractor, the NFU and many other members of the farming community.



The message we will be taking to the hundreds of thousands of spectators lining the streets, and the millions who watch the procession live on the BBC, is to look for the Red Tractor and support British farming.

A Massey Ferguson tractor will pull the float through the streets of the capital.

With the theme '70 years of farming', the NFU float will showcase the history of farming, and how it has changed and adapted over the years.

Please do keep a look out and spread the word!

Best wishes,
Rebecca Miller
Head of
Communications



NEWS IN BRIEF

UK FOOD ASSURANCE CELEBRATED IN VIENNA

The UK system of regulation and assurance scheme was recognised at a meeting hosted by the United Nations this month for an international audience. They lauded the way that voluntary third-party assurance schemes like Red Tractor, partner with the Food Standards Agency, to reduce the number of government enforcement inspections on assured farms. This approach has been credited as being an exemplary method of improving national controls of food safety.



This is an important international endorsement of the value that programmes like Red Tractor, can bring to the food system.

DELIVERING THE FUTURE OF FARMING



AHDB's **Delivering the future of farming** event takes place on 10 November 2022. You can join them on sector-specific sessions to hear how they can benefit your business.

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MID-CYCLE CHANGES IN PIGS AND POULTRY STANDARDS

The farming industry has faced significant challenges over the last year - driven by global events and other factors. This includes avian influenza, rising input costs and labour availability. To accommodate the impact this has had on food and farming we had to make some necessary changes for some of our members to meet the challenges in an ever-changing world.

With the impact of the avian influenza outbreak being felt across the country, the poultry industry - businesses, farmers, industry bodies and government have agreed that there should be a review of biosecurity practices.

CLICK HERE for CHICKEN standards.
CLICK HERE for TURKEY standards.
CLICK HERE for DUCK standards.

The main changes to the pigs standards are a result of several external influences, such as the changes to the legal requirements around the trichinella controls for the export of pigmeat to the EU as a result of Brexit.

CLICK HERE for PIG standards.

If you have any questions about the changes please check out our helpful guides. Alternatively get in touch.

 **CLICK HERE** for a guide to changes in CHICKEN standards

 **CLICK HERE** for a guide to changes in PIG standards



Farewell to Red Tractor Board Member Angela Rhodes

Next month we say goodbye to our dairy sector chair Angela Rhodes, when her second term of office ends.

In paying tribute to Angela in her capacity as an Assured Food Standards board director and sector chair, Red Tractor CEO Jim Moseley said:

"During Angela's tenure as sector board chair she has been instrumental in addressing key



issues in the dairy sector, such as driving down the use of antibiotics, bringing an end to tethered housing systems and helping the industry to meet their

commitment to eliminate the euthanasia of calves by 2023. With her strong leadership she has steered the sector through the introduction of our risk-based

approach to assessments, which goes a long way to not only protect the reputation of individual farms, but the entire dairy sector"

"I know everyone who is involved with Red Tractor will join me in wishing her all the best for the future."

Tim Lock will take up the position of dairy sector chair next month.

CLICK HERE to read more about Tim.

Handy pointers to avoid common non-conformances at assessment

As a Red Tractor farm member, we know that you are passionate about the food you produce and work hard to make sure that it meets Red Tractor standards. No-one likes getting a non-conformance, so

CLICK HERE for some helpful advice on how to avoid them.

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REPORTING ON SHEEP AND GOAT MOVEMENT IS NOW DIGITAL

Earlier this year, the reporting of sheep and goat movements went online. The move by the Livestock Information Service (LIS) means that sheep and goat traceability data can now be captured far

quicker than the traditional paper route, which is important in the fight to help mitigate threats of disease. For more information and background on the move from ARAMS to LIS [CLICK HERE](#)



LIVESTOCK
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MEDICINE + HUB

Did you know that using the Medicine Hub can help show compliance with Red Tractor Standards?

The Medicine Hub encompasses all the required elements for our medicine use standards. Completing all the sections on the platform allows you to provide a report to the assessor that demonstrates your compliance with the requirements to record this.

So what is the Medicine Hub?

With industry-wide support, AHDB has developed the **Medicine Hub**, a safe, secure and independent online facility intended to provide the evidence needed to demonstrate responsible use of antibiotics in ruminants. As more farmers use this tool, the greater its capability to measure and monitor antibiotic usage at national level. This will help the industry to prove its responsible use of antibiotic credentials to the public, the supply chain and to competitors and customers around the world.

To register for the Medicine Hub [CLICK HERE](#)

INDUSTRY NEWS

The UK has faced its largest ever outbreak of bird flu over the past year, with the government expecting that the number of



cases will continue to rise over the coming months, as migratory birds return to the UK. The UK's Chief Vet, Dr Christine Middlemiss, continues to urge farmers and bird keepers to do as much as possible to boost biosecurity, as regional housing measures and prevention zones are put in place for poultry and captive birds. She said:

"We are seeing a growing number of bird flu cases on commercial farms and in backyard birds across the country driven by high levels of disease within wild birds. Unfortunately, we expect the number of cases to continue to rise over the coming months as migratory birds return to the UK, bringing with them further risk of disease that can spread into our kept flocks"

For the latest government update on the outbreak please [CLICK HERE](#)

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