

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!



Remember to make use of our templates and checklists which are available online to help you remain compliant. Seeing this symbol means there is a template available.

<p>1. Keep your health and performance records detailed and always up to date.</p> <p><i>Ensure the following info is collected and reviewed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lameness; - Mastitis; - Culling rates; - Calf mortality. 	<p>2. Has the vet reviewed your herd health and performance records?</p> <p><i>Often overlooked:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medicine use must be reviewed (use an up to date template); - Must be signed by the vet. 
<p>3. Are the structures in your dairy and parlour suitable?</p> <p><i>Have a tidy up of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Damaged doors; - Incomplete floors; - Rusty fixtures and fittings; - Damaged feed troughs. 	<p>4. Make sure staff wash down the parlour and surrounding areas thoroughly and keep the dairy and milk storage area clean and tidy.</p> <p><i>Often overlooked:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cobwebs, dust and dirty walls; - Dung on rails in parlour; - Troughs free from mould and dirt. <p style="text-align: center;">WHY NOT MAKE THIS A ROUTINE TASK FOR STAFF?</p>
<p>5. If your cow housing is looking a bit tired and run down, have a think about how you can improve it.</p> <p><i>Look out for:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sharp edges; - Electrical installations that hang low; - Broken gates/ pens. 	<p>6. Have you kept your milk cooling systems and storage tanks maintained?</p> <p><i>Often overlooked:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep evidence of this in the form of service sheets, maintenance plans or receipts.
<p>7. Keep complete PPP application records.</p> <p><i>Often overlooked:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Records don't include all the detail; - When a contractor is used, records aren't left on the farm.  <p>Keep for a minimum of 3 years.</p>	<p>8. Is your manure management plan complete?</p>  <p><i>Ensure:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A map shows where and when manure can be spread. - Your total spreadable area is greater than your total area required.