

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 365 days a year. No-one likes a non-conformance at assessment time, so here are some of the common findings and how to avoid having them raised.



Remember to make use of our templates and checklists which are available online to help with continual compliance. This symbol demonstrates that there is a Red Tractor template available.

<p>Are the structures in the dairy parlour in good order? Address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Damaged doors - Incomplete and pitted floors - Rusty fixtures and fittings - Damaged feed troughs 	<p>Has your parlour, milk cooling system and tanks been maintained and routinely serviced? Ensure you keep records detailing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual service schedule and reports - Spares and repairs, invoices for any work undertaken between annual services.
<p>Is the housing looking tired and run down? Have a look around for potential injurious items. Look out for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sharp edges; - Electrical installations that hang low; - Broken gates/ pens. 	<p>Is the dairy cleanliness and hygiene maintained well? Take a look at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tank inlets and outlets for build-up of milk residue - Exterior of tanks for dust and possible contaminants that may enter the tank - Anything kept in the dairy that should not be there - Walls and ceilings; keep them free from build-up of residues
<p>Ensure the parlour and surrounding areas are kept clean from dirt build up. Common issues are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cobwebs and dust on higher level pipes - Dried on dirt on rump rails - Troughs with a build-up of mold and dirt 	<p>Has the vet reviewed, discussed and signed your annual herd health and performance review? Often Overlooked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completed on an annual basis - Medicine use must be reviewed – ensure you use an updated template. Must be signed by the vet. 
<p>Are you keeping your health and performance records up to date? Ensure at least the following information is collected and reviewed on a regular basis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lameness - Mastitis - Culling rates: voluntary and involuntary - Calf Mortality. 	<p>Do you have an annual collation of antibiotics used on the farm? Record them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collated on an annual basis between 2 fixed dates - Record by product name and total amount (bottle, mls or tubes) - Provide to vet to complete the annual herd health and performance review. 
<p>Are you controlling birds, rodents and insects (vermin)? Ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You have a site survey, regardless of the method of control. - The doors in the dairy are kept closed and when closed don't have gaps allowing access for vermin. - Feed storage areas are kept clean - Drains are covered and access points closed off. 	<p>Are you keeping complete Plant Protection Product application records (spray records)? Ensure you have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommendation sheets from agronomist - Completed spray sheets, sprayer operator completes with date, time, weather conditions etc. - Sprayer NSTS number and NRoSo number of any contractors used. 