

# Top Tips to Avoid Non-Conformances Red Tractor Free Range



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!



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<p><b>1.</b> Are you placing the correct number of birds to ensure that the agreed stocking density is maintained throughout the crop?</p> <p><b>Make sure:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Birds have adequate space as within the standards;</li> <li>- If mortality/ culls are lower than expected have a back-up plan in place.</li> </ul>	<p><b>2.</b> Is the equipment used for cleaning and disinfecting vehicles and other equipment entering your farm satisfactory?</p> <p><b>Often overlooked:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- C &amp; D must take place prior to vehicles entering the biosecure area;</li> <li>- Effective drains should be in place;</li> <li>- Effective pressure wash facilities must be provided;</li> <li>- Remind visitors to do this.</li> </ul>
<p><b>3.</b> Is there adequate access to clean and fresh drinking water?</p> <p><b>Make sure:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Water space allowance as outlined in standards are met;</li> <li>- Birds must be within 3m distance to water.</li> </ul>	<p><b>4.</b> If your buildings are looking a bit tired and run down, have a think about how you can improve them.</p> <p><b>Look out for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Surfaces that are difficult to clean &amp; be disinfected, can they be improved?</li> <li>- Electrical installations that hang low;</li> <li>- Roof insulation that could be improved.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5.</b> Maintain litter to keep it dry and friable.</p> <p><b>Ensure:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Staff bed-up regularly;</li> <li>- Manage wet capped litter.</li> </ul>	<p><b>6.</b> Keep the areas between and around sheds tidy.</p> <p><b>Often overlooked:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Manage weeds and vegetation around buildings.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7.</b> Keep <b>complete</b> details of all visitors on site.</p> <p><b>Often overlooked:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Date visiting;</li> <li>- Time of arrival;</li> <li>- Name and organisation;</li> <li>- Contact number.</li> </ul> 	<p><b>8.</b> Take time to keep buildings, toilets, offices and break rooms tidy.</p> <p><b>Ensure:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All areas are vermin proof;</li> <li>- Farm appearance is important at all times.</li> </ul>
<p><b>9.</b> Ensure you have a copy of a <b>signed</b> company avian influenza contingency plan on site.</p>	<p><b>10.</b> Keep a copy of antibiotic collation data on site at all times in your medicine records.</p>

