



PROPOSED NEW STANDARDS - OCTOBER 2021 CONSULTATION JUNE 2020

- Please click [here](#) to submit your consultation feedback
- **Deadline: 12pm on 27th July 2020**

Red Tractor Dairy scheme standards already cover the care of youngstock on the farm regardless of gender.

New standards are proposed to ensure Red Tractor Dairy scheme members deliver on our commitment to rear all calves with care and to eliminate the euthanasia of calves by 2023. The new standards provide clear audit points.

The first new standard is focused on reducing the number of calves without a market being born.

Standard	How you will be measured
<p>You must have a written breeding and management policy in place and implemented so there is no routine euthanasia of calves</p>	<p>Policy must cover breeding and management decision processes to include:</p> <p>Breeding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semen usage/breeding management decisions • Tools used to determine replacement rates etc (<i>can be N/A if true flying herd</i>) <p>Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of rearing facilities to cover the number of youngstock (<i>see appendix how calculation should be undertaken. You must provide calving pattern provision for 100% of expected births over a 10-day period</i>) • Identified market for breed of calf produced • Provision/plan for TB breakdown <p>Evidence that the breeding and management policy is implemented on-farm</p> <p>Standard derogation is possible – MUST be requested before any management action undertaken</p>

Notes:

- Red Tractor will provide a template for the breeding and management plan
- Tools are available to undertake replacement rates and sexed semen needs, Red Tractor will signpost to these services.
- Red Tractor will signpost to TB Advisory service or equivalent bodies

Calf mortality is already measured in the annual vet review. Improving the data collected on the assessment visit will deliver a better representation of the national picture.

The second new standard seeks to give Red Tractor the evidence which demonstrates the commitment of its members in reducing the number of calves born without a market through responsible breeding strategies.

Standard	How you will be measured
Annual collation of calf births/deaths must be maintained	Annual figures to be entered into yearly vet review. Trends to be observed and actions arising noted. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of cows calved• Number of calves born dead• Number of calves die <24 hrs old• Number of calves die >1 and <42 days old• Number of calves sold off farm <42 days old