



Berryfields Farm Statement

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Red Tractor takes food and farm assurance very seriously. We have an unparalleled history of consistently raising standards and influencing UK legislation around food safety, animal welfare, environmental protection, and traceability. Such that today most industry commentators acknowledge that Britain has some of the highest standards and toughest agricultural legislation in the world. In many cases Red Tractor standards go above these and competing markets.

And while any case of poor animal welfare is completely unacceptable, the instances are extremely rare. The overwhelming majority of our 50,000 farmer members adhere to all the high standards we set, day in and day out.

Red Tractor has a robust inspection regime which requires all animal farms to have regular vet visits, and we also investigate any intelligence that is gathered by government agencies, key stakeholders, public, employees etc. So, in many cases, our farms are visited and inspected more times than any other assurance scheme in the Britain. In the last 12 months alone, through our own inspection regime, we have expelled more than 300 farms for failing to meet our standards.

When footage was brought to our attention regarding Berryfields Farm, we immediately conducted an extensive investigation, including working with stakeholder partners including a veterinary professional to ensure that we had a comprehensive account of their farming practices. As a result, their certification was suspended. In order for their Red Tractor certification to be reinstated after the suspension, the farm in question was required to address all issues raised by us and our stakeholders, and prove that the necessary steps had been taken to be fully compliant to our standards.

Whilst Berryfields Farm has retained its membership to the Red Tractor Scheme, it is subject to ongoing conditions, which include unannounced inspections. All conditions need to be met. Should they fail to do so, they will face sanctions, which could include their expulsion from the scheme and the appropriate government authorities taking action.

The Red Tractor Team