



Technical Executive – Dairy, Beef and Lamb
12 months Fixed Term Contract
Job Description

The Company

Assured Food Standards (AFS) manages and promotes the world-leading Red Tractor food chain assurance scheme. It is a fundamental part of the entire food chain, from farmers to shoppers via retail and the food service industry. It reassures shoppers that the £14bn worth of food and drink carrying the Red Tractor logo is traceable, safe and farmed with care. With a bold ambition of becoming the “Flagship of British Food & Farming” based on world class standards, independent assurance and robust compliance, Red Tractor is a progressive and critical body within the food & drink industry.

This role is temporary, for a fixed term 12 months, to support the Dairy Technical Manager while the Beef and Lamb Technical Manager is on maternity leave.

Reporting to: Technical Manager (Dairy)

The Opportunity

Red Tractor have an exciting opportunity within the Technical Team for an enthusiastic and progressive Technical Executive who has knowledge of the livestock sector and wishes to gain experience with an organisation that operates the largest farm assurance scheme in the UK and works with all key stakeholders in the farm and food supply chain to ensure the standards are fit for purpose and respected by the industry.

Key responsibilities include:

- Support the development of Red Tractor dairy, beef and lamb farm standards, providing technical expertise and recommended direction for standards development
- Prepare papers for and participate in Technical Working Groups in which changes to standards are discussed and agreed
- Support the roll-out of the latest version of the Red Tractor farm standards (in Nov 2021), providing guidance to farmers and assessors on new requirements
- Manage the Dairy First Purchaser scheme members and ensuring the scheme rules are being met
- Helping to identify ways of ensuring robust compliance with the standards and work with the Certification Bodies to enhance assessor performance
- Contribute to the delivery of the wider RT Technical Strategy as a key member of the Technical team
- Provide technical expertise to the Communications and Marketing teams to support activities
- Representing Red Tractor externally – presenting at and attending industry and stakeholder meetings

Knowledge and Skills

- Degree (preferably Agriculture related but not essential)
- Background in agriculture / food production / livestock production gained through education or family connections and relevant work experience
- Ability to confidently and credibly present both internally and externally
- Ability to manage multiple projects at the same time
- Computer literate
- Knowledge and experience of farm assurance schemes and their role in the supply chain
- Self-motivated, articulate and well organised

Working Hours and Benefits

This position will work a total of 37.5 hours per week. The normal core hours are 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday. It may, however, be necessary on occasion to work outside these hours to meet the demands of the business.

Location and Travel

Based in the London office with on average 1-2 days a week in the office and the remainder spent attending meetings elsewhere or working from home. Some travel throughout the UK may be required; travel expenses will be covered by Red Tractor (except travel to the London office). *Due to the Coronavirus pandemic the RT Staff are currently based from home with meetings on-line but will return to the London office at a later date in 2021 depending on the wider situation.*

Further information

Closing date for applications 15th January 2021. Position available immediately.

Please send an up to date CV and covering letter for the attention of Philippa Wiltshire to application@redtractor.org.uk