



COMBINABLE CROPS & SUGAR BEET

VERSION 5

GETTING READY FOR 1 NOVEMBER

We've reviewed our Farm Standards and these changes will apply from 1 November 2021. Our Technical Advisory Committee of farmers and industry experts, and Sector Board, approved these updates following a public consultation. The aim is to help you meet evolving supply chain demands and new legal requirements.

Here is a checklist to help you prepare, plus some helpful background information.

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STAFF

Health and Safety is a key industry issue. By law, you must have a Health and Safety policy in writing if you have more than five employees.

PL.5

The new standard requires all farms with workers to have a written Health and Safety policy. All Red Tractor farms should have a simple, clear approach to managing Health and Safety which can be independently verified. Given farm fatality figures, this is an important area of focus.

VERMIN CONTROL

Vermin control is vital for both quality and food safety. Our focus is now clearly on effective vermin control. For example, Our focus is now on vermin control and food safety. For example, by more explicitly stating that toxic bait must not be used in the grain store while grain is also present.

VC.1/
VC.2

These standards align with the CRRU (Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use) Code of Practice to protect wildlife from exposure. This means our members can continue to buy rodenticide without completing further training courses.

RISK ASSESSMENT

This is a new section which is largely made up of current requirements.

RA.1

With the standards now in one place, it will be easier to see what the requirements of the risk assessment are.

ENVIRONMENT

EC.9

We've made one small change around the application of manures and fertilisers. From 1 November, any biosolids used must be assured under the Biosolid Assurance Scheme (BAS). The scheme covers all aspects of biosolid treatment, processing and application.

[Find out more about the scheme.](#)

CROP STORAGE

ST.2/
ST.3

The AHDB Safe Storage Guide is the industry standard. As such, members should follow it for crop storage and monitoring guidance.

ST.9

We've removed the requirement to leave livestock buildings for five weeks between cleaning and then using them to store grain. This is because taint from cleaning products.

ST.19

We've also added more detail on preventing stored grain being contaminated with treated seed. Products should be securely segregated through a rigid physical barrier or by being kept apart by at least three meters.

TRANSPORT

Traceability is one of our core values.

OT.1

Grain trailer ID must be clearly identifiable and visible. This only applies to off-farm delivery.

CHECKLIST

This checklist shows at a glance what you need to do differently. It only covers the changes within each standard.

Record templates will be available before 1 November on:
www.redtractorassurance.org.uk

RA.1	Do you have a Risk Assessment in place, covering all the requirements of the standard? Have you taken into consideration that shooting must not occur over stored grain	Yes	No	N/A
DP.2	Do key personnel have access to your emergency plan?	Yes	No	N/A
PL.5	Do you have a Health and Safety policy in place? Can you demonstrate that you have effectively communicated it to your workers?	Yes	No	N/A
TI.6	If you provide any third-party storage on-site do you keep delivery and out-loading records for both assured and non-assured product?	Yes	No	N/A
VC.1	Do you search for and dispose of dead/trapped vermin when you check bait points?	Yes	No	N/A
VC.2	Are your bait stations clearly identified? Do you make sure toxic baits are not used in the grain store while grain is in situ?	Yes	No	N/A
EC.1	Are all AN fertilisers stored in accordance with the HSE document titled 'Storing and Handling Ammonium Nitrate'?	Yes	No	N/A
EC.1.1	In PPP stores do you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • display the correct warning signs? • display emergency phone numbers? • have a first aid kit available? • have a fire extinguisher available? 	Yes	No	N/A
EC.3	Are your granular nitrogen fertiliser storage locations recorded using what3words or a six figure Easting and Northing reference?	Yes	No	N/A
EC.4	Does the way you mix and handle PPPs meet the requirement of the standard?	Yes	No	N/A
EC.6	Have you noted that Lantra Awards Level 2 Pesticides qualification has been included as an equivalent qualification to NPTC? (Note: those who apply insecticides to grain stores can hold BASIS Prompt, BPCA CPD scheme or NRoSO)	Yes	No	N/A
EC.9	Are the biosolids you use assured under the Biosolids Assurance Scheme?	Yes	No	N/A
EC.9.5	Do you keep records to demonstrate manufactured fertiliser is responsibly sourced e.g. from a FIAS approved supplier?	Yes	No	N/A

EC.11	If you transport your own waste, are you registered as a low tier waste carrier?	Yes	No	N/A
IG.3	If irrigating, do you produce a Water Management Plan?	Yes	No	N/A
ST.2	Do you follow the AHDB Grain Storage Guide?	Yes	No	N/A
ST.3	Is your stored crop monitoring timeline informed by your storage strategy?	Yes	No	N/A
ST.5	Do you monitor insect traps in accordance with your storage strategy?	Yes	No	N/A
ST.8	If old crop is carried over to a new storage year, do you ensure you clean the store without affecting it?	Yes	No	N/A
ST.9	Are you aware that you do not now need to wait five weeks to store crops in a building previously used for livestock, if it is cleaned in accordance with the standards?	Yes	No	N/A
ST.12	Do you carry out regular checks of glass and hard plastics if they are not covered?	Yes	No	N/A
ST.14	Do you keep records to demonstrate that crops have been moved out of temporary stores before 31 Oct?	Yes	No	N/A
ST.15	Do you ensure that stored oilseeds do not come into contact with bitumen?	Yes	No	N/A
ST.19	Do you have adequate segregation between treated seed and stored grain?	Yes	No	N/A
OT.1	Have you noted that trailer IDs must be identifiable on the trailer and easily visible?	Yes	No	N/A