

national dairy farm assured scheme

Information for Dairy Farmers 1

Why the Dairy Industry Needs an Assurance Scheme

Introduction

Dairy farmers are one of the most important components in the production of milk and dairy products. The farm is an integral part of the dairy products food chain and the provision of assurances to our customers, ultimately the consumer, is paramount.

The Development of Quality Assurance

- Quality Assurance evolved from the concept known as HACCP (*Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point*).

HACCP - What is it?

- Looking ahead. Being proactive rather than reactive.
- The planning of a course of action for potential hazardous events in production processes.

"Consumer confidence"
"Food Safety" "Due Diligence" "Quality"
"Traceability" "Litigation"
"Animal Welfare" "Marketing of Milk"
"Consistent Standards"

What Purpose Do Dairy Quality Assurance Systems Serve?

Like everyone involved in food production, dairy farmers must be able to demonstrate that precautions have been taken to ensure that a hygienically clean and safe product is presented to the consumer. Such demonstrations, legally referred to as "due diligence", ensures that dairy farmers are compliant with the Food Safety Act (1990). As well as assuring food safety, quality assurance systems also seek to ensure that animal welfare and environmental concerns are not infringed upon.



Can you demonstrate "due diligence" on your own dairy farm?

- Plant Servicing Records.
 - Feed Traceability.
 - Documented Herd Health Plan.
 - Documented Procedures for Specific Tasks.
 - Contingency Procedures for the Welfare of Livestock.
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What Does the NDFAS Seek to Provide?

- Compliance with Legislation.
 - High Standards of Animal Welfare.
 - Enhanced Traceability.
 - Hygienic Milk Production.
 - Competency of all Dairy Staff.
 - Contingency Measures.
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The NDFAS provides:

- A Co-ordinated Approach to Dairy Farm Assurance.
 - Consistency of Production for Milk Purchasers and Producers.
 - Recognition of Other Assurance Schemes.
 - Reassurance for the Consumer.
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Are lactating cows inspected at least twice a day by competent persons?



The Benefits of Achieving Accreditation under the NDFAS

NDFAS has been created with a view to achieving the following:

1. Assuring the safety and quality of the end product - a strong selling / marketing point.
2. Surpassing the production standards of most other E.U. nations. Another marketing factor.
3. Demonstrating effective food management in the event of litigation.

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