

# national dairy farm assured scheme

## Information for Dairy Farmers 3

### Your Questions Answered

#### Introduction

The development of this Scheme means that as a British dairy farmer you now have a mechanism of standardising your approach to farm assurance through your milk purchaser. The Scheme currently represents more than 80% of G.B. dairy farmers. All National Dairy Farm Assured milk is produced to a consistent set of standards.

### The Top Four Questions Which Dairy Farmers Ask?

#### **1. How is Scheme membership achieved?**

- The milk purchaser registers with the NDFAS.
- The dairy farmer supplier works towards compliance with the Scheme standards.

#### **2. How is compliance with the Scheme monitored at farm level?**

Compliance with the Scheme standards is monitored through a programme of routine farm assessment for all farms represented through member milk purchasers.

#### **3. What does the farm assessment involve?**

The Scheme standards (See Factsheet No. 2) are split into "must" and "should" categories. All questions within the "must" categories must receive a "yes" answer at the time of the farm assessment for the farm to be "Farm Assured".

Dairy farms will be assessed at regular intervals (see flow chart overleaf) by a trained and certificated assessor.

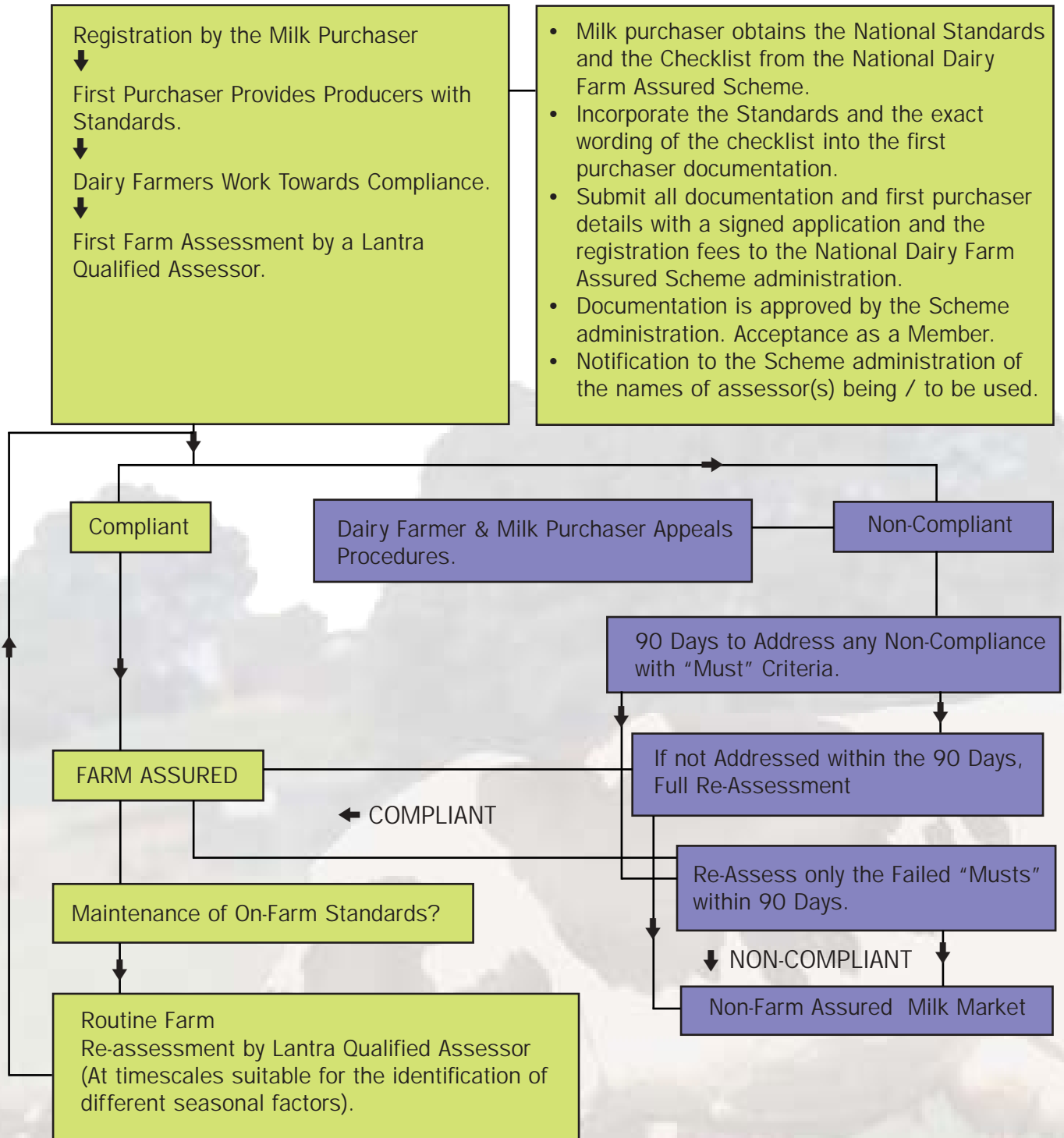
Are your cows provided with clean, dry bedding?



#### **4. What happens to milk that does not meet the National Scheme standards?**

Milk that is sourced from farms not complying with the Scheme standards must be sold into alternative markets and must not be marketed as National Dairy Farm Assured.

# How Does the NDFAS Operate?



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