



Newsletter November 2021

Red Tractor Changes 2021

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As numerous trade deals are signed with countries with lower standards it is more important than ever to highlight the difference between British produce and imported produce. Following consultation with industry, a number of changes have been implemented to the Red Tractor Scheme. These changes are in effect as of this month. The following are specific to animal health and welfare.

- All Red Tractor assured farms should have **a visit at least every 12 months** from their Veterinary Practitioner. **Health Plan and Annual Review** should be reviewed with your Vet and signed **every 12 months.**
- All dairy farms are required to have a **written breeding management policy document.** There is a template on the Red Tractor website and we will bring copies to your annual health plan review.
- All farms **must detail how they are planning to eradicate BVD** from their farm and by October 2022 you are required to be signed up to a national scheme.
- All farms must provide an **accurate collation of calf births and deaths** which should be reviewed with your Vet.
- **Pain relief must be administered** in husbandry procedures such as castration, disbudding etc. in Dairy animals. It is recommended that this is also carried out in Beef herds.



In light of the fact that there is additional paperwork please contact us well in advance of conducting your annual review so we can prepare this for you and book an appointment with your regular Vet.

Important Information

As you are aware, DEFRA are introducing 6-monthly testing. This will massively increase vets TB workload. To help ease this, DEFRA have allowed trained and qualified lay people to carry out testing. We have employed 2 of these ATTs at the moment (Approved Tuberculin Testers). Many of you will have our ATTs doing your test. We must prioritise and free up our vets for clinical work. Please note there will be **no clinical work undertaken at your DEFRA tests** (paid for by DEFRA). You must organise a separate vet visit for this. We hope you can understand this is the only way all farmers will get their testing done in a timely fashion.

Free Support to Help Farmers Navigate the Agricultural Transition

Business Information Point are providing free, tailored one to one advice, webinars, and business skills development workshops to help farmers and land managers navigate the changes brought about by the Agricultural Transition. Between 2021 and 2027, the government will gradually reduce and then stop Direct Payments. Instead, farmers will be supported to improve the environment, improve animal health and welfare, and reduce carbon emissions. The move away from Direct Payments will be a big change for some farmers, so they will happen over a 7-year transition period to give time to plan and adjust. The Future Farming Resilience Fund has been funded by Defra to allow us to support farmers and land managers with this transition.

The support is free and available from September 2021 to February 2022 to any farmer or land manager currently in receipt of BPS payments and we can support farmers throughout Devon and Somerset.

Business Information Point is running a series of free to attend workshops throughout Devon and Somerset, please log on to our website (details below) to register for a free place or places.

At these workshops we will discuss the changes coming through the transition and look at new funding options, as well as planning strategies for the future, such as diversification and productivity improvements. The workshop includes a free buffet and refreshments.

Business Information Point has been supporting farmers since we began over 25 years ago and have built up a wealth of experience and expertise across all farm business types. Through this free support, we can tailor the advice to your specific needs and prepare you for the changes ahead.

For full details of the support and to register on any of the workshops please visit their website - <https://businessinfopoint.co.uk/ffr/> or call 01837 659 059.



Calf Pneumonia

It's that time of the year again. Already we are seeing an increase in incidence of calf pneumonia. Have you had lots of cases in previous years? Are you going to do the same again this year regarding housing (stocking) vaccinations? Are you expecting a different outcome? Now is the time to speak to one of our vets to discuss best choices for vaccines and to advise on reducing the challenges on your stock.

Changes in Medicine

Recently there has been several changes in the medicines we source, with some regulars not available (beyond our control).

To avoid confusion:

Trymox LA = Betamox LA

Diatrim = Duphatrim = Bimotrim = Riketron

Gamaret = Tetra-Delta

Kelaprofen = Ketofen

Tulissin = Draxxin

Pharmasin = Tylan

