

Example Herd Health Plan

This provides an example format of an Animal Health Plan. As a minimum the plan must cover the areas of farm biosecurity, vaccinations, parasite control and routine management procedures and veterinary operations.

Animal health planning is a proactive approach through planning, monitoring and reviewing to positive animal health incorporating animal disease prevention and control. It is:

- Early recognition and identification of diseases present at a holding;
- Identification of the risks of introduction and spread of diseases and infections;
- Putting in place measures to manage risks, and improve overall disease prevention and control.
- A tool for identification of cost effective measures, which contributes to farm business planning.

The Red Tractor schemes are working closely with the regional agricultural departments who as part of the Animal Health and Welfare Strategy are devising basic animal health plans for the industry.

Producers are encouraged to seek veterinary advice in preparing the plan.

	Farm Details	Veterinary Practice Details
Name		
Address		
Telephone		
Mobile		
Slap mark		
Plan completed by	Name:	Signature:
	Date:	Next Review Date:

1. Farm Biosecurity Policy

Areas covered may include:

Incoming livestock:

Livestock transport:

Disinfectant used / dilution rate

Visitors:

Vehicles/machinery visiting:

2. Vaccination Policy

Category of stock	Disease	Vaccine used	Timing
IF THIS SECTION IS NOT APPLICABLE TO YOUR FARM PLEASE TICK <input type="checkbox"/>			

3. Parasite Control

Category of stock	Type of parasite	Treatment used	Timing
IF THIS SECTION IS NOT APPLICABLE TO YOUR FARM PLEASE TICK <input type="checkbox"/>			

4. Routine Management Procedures and Veterinary Operations

<i>Areas covered may include: foot care, naval dipping, tail-docking, castration</i>					
Type of stock	Age (if applicable)	Procedure	Method/Product	Anaesthetic (operations only)	Performed by
IF THIS SECTION IS NOT APPLICABLE TO YOUR FARM PLEASE TICK <input type="checkbox"/>					

THIS PROGRAMME MUST BE REVIEWED AT LEAST ANNUALLY OR MORE FREQUENTLY IN THE EVENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES TO HUSBANDRY PRACTICES.

It is recommended that individual health conditions experienced on the farm are recorded to allow a meaningful and effective review to be conducted.