

CHANGES TO RED TRACTOR MINIMUM STANDARDS

From 1st November 2021, Red Tractor are changing their standards. We've summarised the key actions you need to be aware of and how we can help.



	What you must do	How we can help
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrichment to be provided by day three at the latest. • Minimum standards of windows at 3% of the floor area by October 2023. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact us for specific advice on how you can enrich the environment on your particular farm.
Turnaround Times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No less than 5 calendar days. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask us about our biosecurity plans at turnaround.
Breeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free range and enhanced welfare standards using only slower growing breeds from the approved list. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask us how to optimise the health and growth of slower growing breeds.
Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heat stress policy demonstrably implemented. • Written Health and Safety policy for ALL farms with workers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact us for the latest information on how to deal with heat stress and reduce mortality.
Medicines and Vaccines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Records must be kept of all administered veterinary medicines (paper and/or electronic) for 5 years. • Total antibiotic use per crop must be measured as mg/PCU and recorded. • Prophylactic administration of antibiotics is not permitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign up to our exclusive poultry database (Digiflock), where all your records are kept electronically and indefinitely. • We can calculate the mg/PCU for you.
Health Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A flock health plan to proactively manage and improve the health and welfare of birds must be established and implemented at least once a year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book your Veterinary Health Plan visit with us to ensure that you are up to date.
Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New personnel without a Poultry Passport must be enrolled within six months of starting their position. • Personnel demonstrate progression by completing at least two modules every 12 months until complete. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrol on our convenient and cost-effective Poultry Passport accredited courses online.
Hatchery Eggs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fumigating and sanitising eggs prior to setting. • Temperature and humidity-controlled storage rooms. • Record of checks. • Enhanced traceability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask us for our routine hatchery hygiene monitoring plans and problem investigation visits.
Breeder Layers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced Mycoplasma (Mg and Ms) testing in line with Poultry Health Scheme requirements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send samples for testing to our UKAS and Poultry Health Scheme accredited lab.