



Dairy Farm Registrations & Inspections

To be able to produce milk and milk products you must first register your business. Registration is free and cannot be refused. If you are already trading and have not yet registered yet, you need to register as soon as possible as this is a legal requirement. To help with this process we have the answers to some frequently asked questions:

Q. Do I still need to register my dairy business with other authorities if I am a member of Red Tractor?

A. Yes, as a food business it is your legal responsibility to register

Q. Who do I need to register with?

A. England & Wales - You need to register with the Food Standards Agency (FSA) and can apply for registration by downloading the registration form from the FSA website [here](#)

A. Northern Ireland - You need to register with the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) and can apply for registration by downloading the registration form from the DAERA website [here](#)

Q. What happens once I am registered?

A. Once registered, a dairy hygiene inspector from the FSA or DAERA will visit your dairy business to ensure that all relevant legal requirements are being met. Dairy hygiene inspectors do this by:

- inspecting milking premises and equipment
- inspecting milk-producing animals

These inspections are not related to Red Tractor assessments, so it is important that you understand and meet the requirements for both. The FSA and DAERA have the power to act against dairy businesses that do not comply with the relevant law.

If you amend trading title, you need to ensure you inform the FSA and/or DAERA of the change.

Q. How often will the authorities visit me?

A. After the initial registration inspection, an inspector will visit compliant Red Tractor members every 10 years. For non-members, the frequency of these inspections is every 2 years.