



## **Animal welfare under the spotlight**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2013, 10.00am – 3.45pm**

**NFU Conference Suite, Agriculture House,  
Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, CV8 2TZ**

**Animal welfare is the topic under discussion at this important workshop, and we'd welcome your views and participation!**

Consumers and policy makers continually challenge farmers to improve farm animal welfare. In that context, this workshop will bring NFU members, staff and external stakeholders together to take stock of where we are and to map our progress against that challenge.

We will explore the demands on the farming sector, innovations in scientific research and new technologies, and the future regulatory and market environment.

The morning session will cover the regulatory aspect of animal welfare with the UK's Chief Veterinary Officer, Nigel Gibbens, starting the debate. He will be followed by Peter Jinman, Chairman of the Farm Animal Welfare Committee. The final speaker of this session will be David Clark of Red Tractor Assurance talking about the role of farm assurance, and what it can do to help farmers meet the welfare challenges.

The afternoon session will explore animal welfare in practice with a presentation on what animals want from Anna Davies from the University of Bristol. This will be followed by a presentation from Gwyn Jones, a commercial dairy farmer, presenting the farmer's view of welfare developments on farm.

The day will be rounded off with a 'Question Time' style session where audience members will be encouraged to pose topical questions to the panel and debate the answers. Conclusions from the day will be used to shape NFU policy on animal welfare.

## Programme

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| 10.00 – 10.30 | Registration and Refreshments                      |  |
|               | <b>FIRST SESSION: ANIMAL WELFARE IN REGULATION</b> |  |
| 10.30 – 10.45 | Chairman's welcome                                 | Chairman<br><b>Adam Quinney</b><br>NFU   |
| 10.45 – 11.05 | Animal welfare: regulation, past and present       | <b>Nigel Gibbens</b><br>Chief Veterinary Officer,<br>Defra                               |
| 11.05 – 11.25 | Animal welfare: the 5 Freedoms and beyond?         | <b>Peter Jinman</b><br>Farm Animal Welfare<br>Committee                                  |
| 11.25 – 11.45 | Animal welfare: what role has Farm Assurance?      | <b>David Clark</b><br>Red Tractor Assurance  |
| 11.45 – 12.15 | Session questions                                  |  |
| 12.15 – 13.00 | Light Lunch  |  |
|               | <b>SECOND SESSION: ANIMAL WELFARE IN PRACTICE</b>  |  |
| 13.00 – 13.30 | Animal welfare: the animals' perceptions           | <b>Anna Davies</b><br>School of Clinical Veterinary<br>Science,<br>University of Bristol |
| 13.30 – 13.50 | Animal welfare: the farmer's view                  | <b>Gwyn Jones</b><br>West Sussex dairy farmer  |
| 13.50 – 14.00 | Session questions                                  |  |
| 14.00 – 14.20 | Refreshments                                       |  |
| 14.20 – 15.30 | Chaired panel debate                               |  |
| 15.30 – 15.45 | Chairman's summary and close                       |  |

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## Registration form

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| Enterprise / business sector                          |  |
| Any special dietary requirements?                     |  |

**Deadline for registration is the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

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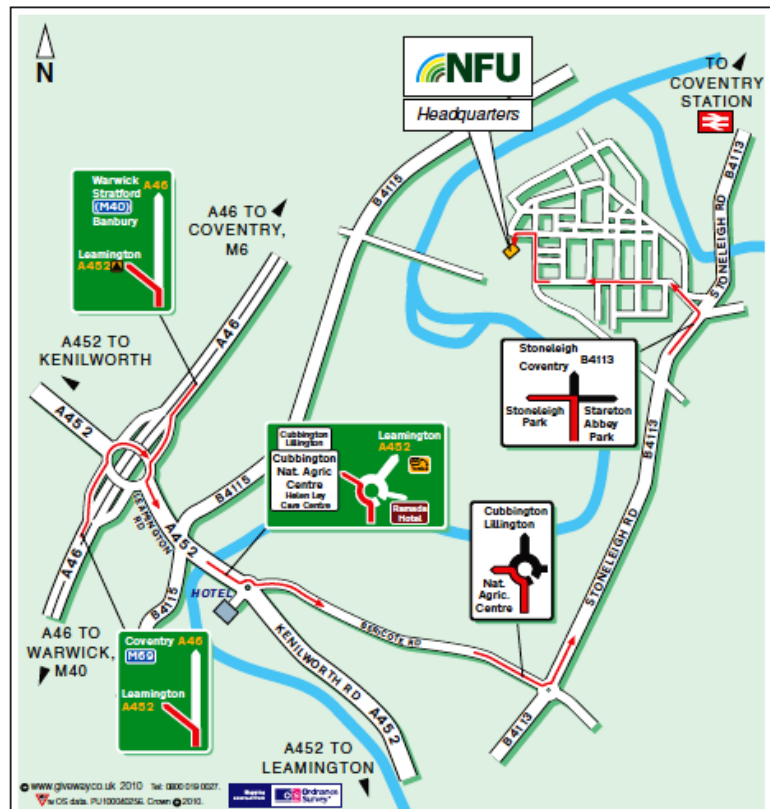


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