

Appointment of an NFU dairy farmer onto the Red Tractor Dairy Sector Board

The Red Tractor/NFU are recruiting a dairy farmer to increase farmer representation on the Red Tractor Dairy Sector Board.

Requirements:

- Applicants should be actively involved in the management of a business supplying or handling Red Tractor assured product
- The successful candidate will be expected to feedback to the NFU National Dairy Board to ensure good communication between the NFU and Red Tractor and to understand the policy position of the NFU which they represent.
- The successful candidate will need to be an NFU member.

Red Tractor Dairy Sector Board

The Dairy Sector Board is a Committee of the Board of Assured Food Standards (AFS). Its purpose is to advise on the development of the technical strategy for the sector and to take it forward with the engagement of all stakeholders, such that it contributes to the Red Tractor Vision & Purpose

Duties:

The Dairy Sector Board is accountable to the AFS Board to:

- Identify and advise on issues within the sector relevant to assurance
- Oversee the development and maintenance of the assurance standards
- Maintain links with the industry
- Make recommendations on Sector Board appointments and Chairs
- Appoint the Chair and members of the TAC
- Make recommendations on royalty fee structure
- Manage performance within sector specific expenditure budgets

Composition & Membership Criteria

- The Dairy Sector Board should represent all stages in the supply chain from 'Farm to Fork' including, where possible, consumer representation which may be provided by a Retail or Foodservice operator.
- Members proposed by trade or farmer bodies, should be actively involved in the management of a business supplying or handling Red Tractor assured product.
- Members should be supportive of Red Tractor and where possible facilitate the delivery of its Vision and Purpose.
- Members should also have a wide understanding of the practicalities and challenges within the dairy sector including where relevant, different farming/production systems or supply chain businesses
- Members should be able to draw on a wide professional network of organisations in the sector
- Members should have good communication and influencing skills, command respect within the Sector and act as ambassadors for Red Tractor

- The composition of the Sector Board needs to reflect the balance required in developing technical strategy and standards that meet the evolving needs of consumers and customers, with what is practical and viable for farmers and all stages of the supply chain

Term and attendance

Membership will be limited to a 3 year appointment which might, if the incumbent and the Sector Chair agree, be renewed for one additional term. The Dairy Sector Board meets at least three times per year. Members unable to attend meetings can participate by video or teleconference or may, with the agreement of the Sector Chair, designate an alternate to attend

Responsibility & Conduct

The successful candidate will be a representative of the NFU and will have a responsibility to act in the interests of the NFU. However, as member of the Dairy Sector Board they should also have regard for their responsibilities to Red Tractor and its Vision and Purpose. Collective responsibility should apply to decisions of the Sector Board.

The successful candidate should:

- Endeavour to understand the policy position of the NFU which they represent and declare any conflict of interests prior to discussion of specific items
- Be clear, in any discussion as part of the Dairy Sector Board, whether views expressed are personal or those of the NFU, especially where the two might differ
- Take care to communicate to the NFU, the courses of action agreed by the Sector Board
- Where necessary, facilitate dialogue between the NFU and Red Tractor to clarify any points of concern

Confidentiality

From time to time information provided to Members of the Dairy Sector Board will be deemed sensitive and confidential. Members should respect the level of confidentiality requested.

Remuneration

An honorarium is not paid however reasonable travel expenses can be reclaimed from the NFU by completing the appropriate expenses form.

Timeline

The closing date for applications is **Friday 19th October**. Applicants may be asked to attend a formal interview (date to be confirmed) or will be contacted via telephone. The successful candidate will be chosen following joint approval by Red Tractor and the NFU.

Interested applicants should e mail Verity Richards verity.richards@nfu.org.uk stating why they are interested in the role together with some basic farm information such as herd size, how long they have been a dairy farmer for, relevant experience and who they supply.

Philippa Wiltshire (077860 74927, Head of External Relations Red Tractor Assurance) and Verity Richards (07393 012637), NFU Dairy Adviser) are happy to speak to any interested member to discuss the role in more detail and answer any questions.