# **Clawson Farm Standard Audit Report**

# **Farm: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

# **Person Present: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

# **Vets: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Johne’s Tester: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

# **Farm Overview:**

# **1.0 General Farm Standards**

Objective – To ensure there is a positive public perception of all Clawson farms, that gives the confidence animal welfare is being managed to a high standard and our farms are safe places to produce food

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| **Clause** | **Standard** | **What Good Looks Like** | **Evidence** |
| **1.1** | The following must be kept clean and tidy at all times:- | | |
| 1.1.1 | Milk collection areas. | Visual inspection to ensure clean and tidy, free of waste as described. |  |
| 1.1.2 | Areas that can be viewed by the public, from roads, pathways and public right of ways through land. | Visual inspection to ensure clean and tidy, free of waste as described. |  |
| 1.1.3 | All waste on farm, such as old plastic, packaging, scrap metals are to be well managed so they do not create a negative view of the farm. | Waste material stored correctly and neatly |  |
| **1.2** | Each farm is to have a designated area for dead or fallen stock, away from public view. All fallen stock should be removed from the farm without undue delay. | As described, review animal movement records |  |
| **1.3** | All lame and downer cows to be managed and treated away from public view. | Visual inspection |  |
| **1.4** | Milk collection areas must be free from mud and manure, so that the driver and milk collection hose can move freely between the tanker and milk storage tank on hard standing, to reduce the risk of spreading disease from farm to farm. | Visual inspection as described in clause |  |
| **1.5** | The dairy, milk tank/silo must be kept secure at night and when it is unattended. | Check protocol |  |
| **1.6** | All suppliers must ensure there is a copy of the Clawson Farm and Red Tractor Standards available to all farm staff. | Copy of red tractor and clawson standard to be made available |  |
| **1.7** | All suppliers must ensure a copy of the farm and Clawson emergency contact numbers and plans, are displayed in a position that is accessible to all farm staff. | As described |  |
| **1.8** | Vermin control must be in place in areas where feed is stored, animals housed, milking parlour and milk tank / silos, in line with current legislation, and managed by a competent person or external contractor. | Review vermin control records and also visual inspection of high risk areas looking for evidence of pest activity |  |
| **1.9** | If borehole water is used on farm it must be tested twice a year for TVC, coliforms and pseudomonas. | Review results if borehole present |  |

# **2.0 Livestock Health Plans, Animal Welfare & Mobility and Cow Condition Scoring**

# **2.1 Livestock Health Plans**

Objective – Every farm must have an active up to date Livestock Health Plan

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| **Clause** | **Standard** | **What Good Looks Like** | **Evidence** |
| **2.1** | Livestock Health Plans:- | | |
| 2.1.1 | Each farm must have a Livestock Health Plan that is established in conjunction with their vet and carried out at least once a year with their vet. | Review last inspected sign off by the vet. |  |
| 2.1.2 | All Livestock Health Plans must cover the following areas: -   * Animal welfare, lameness, mastitis, mortality, culling * Management of calves * Control and usage of veterinary medical products * Disease control and eradication, which must include Johne’s and BVD   To ensure the farm can meet all the requirements of the Clawson Standard. | Review the plan |  |

# **2.2 Animal Welfare**

Objective – Ensure all farms operate to high animal welfare standards to exceed our global customers & consumers expectations

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| **Clause** | **Standard** | **What Good Looks Like** | **Evidence** |
| **2.2** | Animal Welfare:- | | |
| 2.2.1 | Calves are not euthanased on farm, unless welfare issues justify this taking place – e.g. TB restrictions. | Animal movement log |  |
| 2.2.2 | Farmers and vets include in the Livestock Health Plan a strategy to reduce downer cows e.g. milk fever control and floor surfaces. | Cross ref the plan |  |
| 2.2.3 | All milk suppliers must have a proactive approach to improve animal welfare on their farms. | Cross ref the plan |  |
| 2.2.4 | All farm staff must be competent to carry out their tasks and be able to demonstrate they have the necessary experience and / or training to carry out their duties, in relation to livestock management. | Review training records |  |
| 2.2.5 | Records must be kept for all farm staff that shows their induction to the farm, experience, qualifications and training, this information must be available for inspection. | Review training records |  |

# **2.3 Mobility and Cow Condition Scoring**

Objective – Improve overall herd health

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| **Clause** | **Standard** | **What Good Looks Like** | **Evidence** |
| **2.3** | Mobility and Cow Condition Scoring:- | | |
| 2.3.1 | Whole herd to be scored every six months using the method and standards set out by the AHDB\*, by a trained member of farm staff. | Review last scoring data |  |
| 2.3.2 | Target a year on year improvement in herd health by reducing the number and severity of poor condition cows:-   * From April 2019 – All farms are to score to a common standard set out by the AHDB for mobility and condition scoring * From April 2020 – A precise scoring system will be introduced with targeted reductions |  |  |

\*Alternative methods of scoring are acceptable as long as the farm can demonstrate it can achieve the same standard as the AHDB system.

# **3.0 Antibiotic Usage and Control**

Objective – Control the use of all veterinary medical products on farm to a high standard

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| **Clause** | **Standard** | **What Good Looks Like** | **Evidence** |
| **3.1** | Farms have sufficient individual cow information to ensure all treatment is focused on the need of the cow that requires treatment, and this is in line with objectives set out in the Livestock Health Plan. | Review Livestock health plan |  |
| **3.2** | Livestock are only treated with approved and registered veterinary products for dairy cattle. Prescribed withdrawal periods must be strictly observed at all times, if any antibiotics are used off label, the farmer must follow the advice of their vet. | Review the signed off medicine plan / register |  |
| **3.3** | From the 31st January 2019 all farm staff associated with livestock that are required to handle or administer veterinary medical products must be MilkSure trained, and hold an up to date Certificate of Competence. | Check staff are trained to Milksure standard. |  |
| **3.4** | Any new staff joining the farm after January 2019, that are required to handle or administer veterinary medical products, must be qualified within four months of their starting date. | Review employment records to ensure staff trained within timeframes |  |
| **3.5** | Each farm has a control procedure for storage, usage and recording of antibiotics and veterinary medical products. | Review procedure and view area. Any antibiotic use within footbaths |  |
| **3.6** | From January 2019 Critically Important Antibiotics (CIA) are only to be used if sanctioned by a vet (the aim is to phase out their use).  If any Critically Important Antibiotics (CIA) are kept on farm, they should be stored in a separate locked box in the medicine cabinet clearly marked:-  **“Use must be sanctioned by the farm vet”**  **Clawson supports the voluntary restriction on the use of Colistin in farm animals** | Review the usage of CIA’s |  |
| **3.7** | Waste antibiotic milk is not used for feeding young dairy stock, unless there is an overriding welfare reason e.g. colostrum. | Check farm procedure and protocols |  |
| **3.8** | Following any antibiotic failure, the farm must identify the root cause of the incident and put corrective actions in place to prevent the same thing recurring. Appendix 2 Antibiotic Failure Investigation Form. | Review previous failures and actions. |  |
| **3.9** | Any other farm animals (non-bovine) that receive any treatment must also be captured. | Review treatment plan and list other animals on the farm. |  |

Clawson actively encourages farms to reduce the use of antibiotics by not using antibiotics in foot baths, blanket treating of calves and considering Selective Dry Cow Therapy (SDCT)

# **4.0 Disease Control and Eradication (Johne’s & BVD)**

# **4.1 Johne’s Disease Control**

Objective – Reduce disease prevalence of Johne’s in the herd to ensure there are fewer infected cows year on year

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| **Clause** | **Standard** | **What Good Looks Like** | **Evidence** |
| **4.1** | Johne’s Disease Control:- | | |
| 4.1.1 | Whole herd to be tested at least once a year, the results to be reviewed with the farm vet to establish a farm control plan to reduce incidents of Johne’s on all farms to a low level:- | Review last testing data and results. |  |
| 4.1.1.1 | The Johne’s plan must consider the management of clinical (red) cows and their bio containment of these cows. | Review protocol for clinical cows |  |
| 4.1.1.2 | The general bio security of the farm to ensure the segregation of high clinical and low clinical cows. | 6 Biosecurity protocols – which one is being used |  |
| 4.1.1.3 | Milk and colostrum from infected cows is not fed to replacement heifer calves. | review |  |
| 4.1.2 | Farms to use vets that are competent in Johne’s assessment and control plans. | Review livestock health plan |  |
| 4.1.3 | From April 2019 the NJMP Vet Declaration must be completed and returned to Clawson. | As decribed |  |

# **4.2 BVD Disease Control and Eradication**

Objective – Reduce the incidents of and work towards the eradication of BVD

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| **Clause** | **Standard** | **What Good Looks Like** | **Evidence** |
| **4.2** | BVD Disease Control and Eradication:- | | |
| 4.2.1 | Every bulk tank is tested twice a year – Clawson will co-ordinate this via NML. | Down to Milk purchaser. |  |
| 4.2.2 | Test results are used as part of the Livestock Health Plan with the objective of eliminating BVD by adopting appropriate biosecurity measures. | Review test results |  |
| 4.2.3 | Farms are encouraged to participate in the national BVD funded schemes. | Review Livestock health plan |  |

# **5.0 Milk Quality**

Objective – Improve the quality of the raw milk from farm

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| **Clause** | **Standard** | **What Good Looks Like** | **Evidence** |
| **5.1** | All farms to have a cooling system that ensures the milk is below 5°C within 30 minutes of end of milking. | Review last 12 months data |  |
| **5.2** | Farms will be asked for a corrective action if their geometric mean goes above:-   * BSC is greater than 80,000 (based on 2-month average). * SCC is greater than 350,000 (based on 3-month average). * If the milk goes above the targets the farm will be required to carry out a bactoscan breakdown. | Review last 12 months data |  |
| **5.3** | If for any reason you believe the milk in the tank may have been compromised and should not be collected until further checks have taken place, the following actions must be taken:-   * Hang a red **‘Stop do not collect’** sign from the milk tank outlet. * Inform Clawson immediately, call numbers in Appendix 1. | Review protocols and records |  |
| **5.4** | Ensure there is hand washing facilities with hot water, soap, paper towels and sanitiser, available for the tanker driver and farm, near the milk storage tank. | As decribed |  |
| **5.5** | Hygiene schedule for pipework must be in place e.g. descaling and wash temperature checks. | Review paperwork |  |
| **5.6** | No persons to be eating or drinking within the parlour or milk tank area (NO NUTS). | Review protocols |  |
| **5.7** | Milk filters to be fitted to milk tank inlet, inspected, cleaned or changed as required. | Review filter type and protocol |  |
| **5.8** | Milk tanks to be appropriately hygienically designed to allow safe access and unload. | Review |  |
| **5.9** | Milk tanks must be able to be isolated even when starting to off-load onto tanker. | Review |  |
| **5.10** | Milk tanks to be housed in a clean area that is secure from the elements and possible trespassers. | Review |  |
| **5.11** | Temperature gauges on tanks to be checked a minimum of once a week. | Review and check records |  |
| **5.12** | Ensure there is a hose pipe near the milk storage tank, so the tanker driver can leave the area free from any milk residues. | Review |  |
| **5.13** | New milk tanks – Before any new milk storage tanks are purchased, the farmer should agree its specification with the dairy:- | | |
| 5.13.1 | All new storage tanks are to be fitted with a device that has an alarm function, to alert a member of farm staff if the milk goes above the target temperature for a set period. | Review |  |

# **6.0 Information Portal**

Objective – Improve the transfer of information between the dairy to farm and farm to dairy

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| **6.1** | Volume forecast sheet – will be issued on and must be returned by the dates, detailed in the table below:-   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Issued by the end of | Returned by the last Friday of | Locked off months | | April | May | July, August, September | | July | August | October, November, December | | October | November | January, February, March | | January | February | April, May, June | | Review last forecast |  |
| **6.2** | The entire form must be completed in full to show:-   * The three months that require locking off and the next nine forecasted months. | Review last submitted data |  |
| **6.3** | The supplier must keep the dairy informed of any changes to the following contact details:-   * Veterinary practice and their Johne’s testing laboratory. | Review |  |

# **7.0 Auditing of the Standard**

Objective – Audits will take place to ensure farms exceed the Clawson Farm Standard

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| **Clause** | **Standard** | **What Good Looks Like** | **Evidence** |
| **7.1** | Short notice (24hr) or unannounced audits will be carried out by Clawson personnel or their representative(s), to check compliance to the Clawson Farm Standard. |  |  |
| **7.2** | Any non-conformances that are found will be detailed, corrective actions and timescales will be agreed between Clawson and the farmer. | Review previous NC’s and close out evidence |  |
| **7.3** | Any non-conformances not closed out within agreed timescales will be reported to the Board of Directors. |  |  |