

# Dairy Farm Audit Programme



## What is dairy farm audit programme

The SGS Dairy Farm Audit Programme provides independent, third party assessments of dairy farm operations to ensure safe milk production, high standards of animal welfare, and robust quality assurance. Delivered by our specialist nationwide Dairy Farm Audit Team, the programme supports transparency, consistency, and trust across the dairy supply chain.

## Why is the dairy farm audit programme important

Independent verification is essential for maintaining confidence in dairy production. Our audits help ensure:

- Hygienic and safe milk handling
- Responsible and compliant animal welfare practices
- Effective management of feed, water, medicines, and farm infrastructure
- Reduced risk of contamination, non compliance, and reputational harm
- Assurance for businesses, consumers, and key industry stakeholders

By identifying gaps and supporting continuous improvement, the programme strengthens operational performance and protects brand integrity.



## What we offer

SGS provides comprehensive assessments across all critical areas of dairy farm operations, including:

- **Milk Storage** – Clean, secure, temperature controlled environments
- **Milking Parlour** – Safe, hygienic milking practices
- **Animal Welfare** – Cleanliness, mobility, injury checks, and body condition scoring
- **Feed & Water** – Safe storage, handling, and usage
- **Farm Buildings** – Tidy, well maintained, and structurally sound facilities
- **Medicines** – Correct administration and recording of veterinary medicines, including antibiotics and EMA Category B antibiotics, with purchase records verified

Each audit is tailored to your requirements and aligned with recognised industry standards.

## Who is it for

The Dairy Farm Audit Programme supports every stage of the dairy supply chain with trusted, independent verification. It helps farmers demonstrate responsible practice, provides milk processors and buyers with essential supplier assurance, and strengthens retailers' commitments to responsible sourcing. The programme also supports industry bodies and cooperatives promoting best practice standards, along with organisations focused on animal welfare and food safety compliance.

## Key benefits

Partnering with SGS provides:

- Independent, credible assessment against industry standards
- Clear identification of non compliant issues

- Actionable opportunities for corrective and preventive measures
- Enhanced brand protection and stakeholder reassurance
- Documented evidence of risk reduction and process improvement
- Confidence that controls are effectively designed and operating efficiently

These activities deliver clear and meaningful value to the organization. They strengthen and protect the brand by demonstrating a proactive commitment to quality, integrity, and responsible operations. They also provide the public with visible reassurance that risks are being managed effectively and transparently. Through structured corrective actions, the organization not only reduces future risk but also builds a strong foundation for continual improvement. Most importantly, these measures give stakeholders confidence that controls are robust, well designed, and consistently operating as intended. Together, they reinforce trust, support long term performance, and highlight the organization's dedication to excellence.

## About SGS

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