

Standing on Our Own Two Feet

Standing on our own two feet:
Eggs

Runny Eggs

Standing on our own two feet: Poultry meat

Year	Period	% of chickens tested positive at the highest level of contamination, (over 1,000 colony forming units per gram – cfu/g) Target 10%
-	2008 base year	27.0
1	February 2014 – March 2015	19.7
2	July 2015 – March 2016	11.4
3	August 2016 – July 2017	6.5

Antibiotic usage

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Antibiotics (poultry meat)

Between 2012 – 2016:

- Use in the poultry meat sector decreased by 71% yet poultry meat production increased by 11% during the same period

(British Poultry Council)

Antibiotics (poultry meat)

- Chicken 49 mg/kg in 2014 to 17 in 2016;
- Turkey 220 mg/kg to 86 in 2016 (target 50 mgs by 2020);
- The duck sector 15 mg/kg in 2014 to just over 3 mg/kg in 2016;
- Dairy sector is 26mg/kg;
- Pig sector the corresponding figure is 183 mg/kg.

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Antibiotics (Eggs)

- In 2016 - 2.6 tonnes of active product
- Livestock sector as a whole of 337 tonnes – less than 1%
- Since June 2016 had in place a voluntary ban on Colistin one of the critically important antibiotic for humans

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We are doing a good job of standing on our own two feet but going forward we need to work with government more closely to harness our productive potential, drive efficiency, mitigate the risk of disease and enhance the image of our sector.

Brexit & AI

Brexit: Labour and Trade

Brexit

- Access to labour business critical
- Migration Advisory Committee call for evidence
- Case studies – 240 staff – 80% non UK
- Brandon Lewis MP, Immigration Minister

Brexit: Trade

- ‘We are not going to dilute our high animal welfare standards’ in response to chlorinated chicken in July;
- ‘We will compete on quality and provenance not bulk’;
- ‘When we leave the EU, I am committed to ensure that British Agriculture is in a stronger state than ever before’

Brexit: Trade

- Neil Parish MP: 'Agriculture, fisheries and the environment are critical issues in preparing for Brexit. I will hold the Government's feet to the fire'.

AI

- Feeling of deja vous
- On behalf of industry to thank the way that the CVO led on this from the outset and particularly the way that you handled the intense media interest.

AI

- Overstickering was well received by consumers as they understood why
- Thank you to retailers for their support
- 16 week rule for eggs - hope Defra will support – this will make a significant difference
- Big challenge backyard flocks

Backyard flocks

Do you keep chickens, ducks, geese...?
Help protect your birds from the risk of **#birdflu**

Did you know?
There is a constant risk of bird flu in the UK from wild birds. As it's highly contagious take action to protect your birds from catching it.

Remember
Any very sick birds, or unexplained deaths, must be assessed by your vet. By law suspicion of bird flu is notifiable and can affect poultry movement and trade.

Tip 1: Cleaning
Clean footwear before and after visiting your birds. Keep areas clean and tidy, and regularly disinfect hard surfaces. Humanely control rats and mice.

Tip 2: Feeding
Place your birds' food and water in fully enclosed areas that are protected from wild birds, and remove any spilled feed regularly.

Tip 3: Fencing
Keep your birds separate from wildlife and wild waterfowl by putting suitable fencing around the outdoor areas they access.

Tip 4: Stay aware
<http://animalhealth.system-message.co.uk> Sign up for free online to receive alerts on any outbreaks of bird flu, and register your birds on GOV.UK.

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Standing on our own two feet – work in progress

- Farm break-ins
- Engaging with schools
- Promoting our green credentials

If more time

- Sharing of data;
- Lack of clarity over cages;
- Consolidation in the industry

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- We do a good job but going forward we need to work with government more closely to harness our productive potential, drive efficiency, mitigate the risk of disease and enhance the image of our sector.

Thank you