NIFAIS

Northern Ireland
Food Animal
Information System

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About us.

We are the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

What do we do?

Here are some of the things we do.

- We look after the development of farming, forests and fishing in Northern Ireland.

- We provide a service to look after the health and welfare of animals, fish and plants.

- We look after rural development in Northern Ireland.

- We provide research, expert advice and education.

- We look after some parts of public health in how food is made.

NIFAIS – the Northern Ireland Food Animal Information System

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) has been at the forefront of IT use in the agri-food industry from the mid-1980s.

Since then the Animal Health System and the current Animal Public Health Information System (APHIS) have been continually enhanced to deliver a wide range of functionality which underpins the work of DARD and the industry.

DARD plans to replace APHIS with a new system that will be called the Northern Ireland Food Animal Information System, NIFAIS. It will provide all the information and support required by DARD and the industry and it will open up the potential to exploit future technological developments.

NIFAIS will be a flexible, innovative IT solution that drives efficient and effective delivery of current and future food animal information services.

It will be the primary repository for all food animal identifications, registrations and movements. It will record their disease and test histories and animal welfare statuses.

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NIFAIS will be used by farmers, markets, abattoirs, private veterinary practitioners, breed societies, ear tag agents, renderers and many others in the agri-food industry. It will provide secure, controlled access for users to, for example:

- Register births, deaths and movements online.

- Register ear tags.

- View comprehensive movement and calving history.

- View, print and download herd lists.

- View nitrate stock counts.

- Hold inspection and disease testing reports.

- Certify animals for export.

- Accept or reject animals for slaughter.

- View the results of inspections at abattoirs of animals slaughtered for food.

- Extract data for marketing purposes.

- Validate subsidy and other scheme information.

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NIFAIS will be designed and built with input from all involved in the agri-food industry. DARD will continue to encourage and promote online services as the preferred method of business.

The data recorded, processed and shared on NIFAIS will help to, for example:

- Control and eradicate particular farm animal diseases.

- Deliver health programmes for TB, BR, BSE, EBL and for industry led disease control schemes.

- Protect animal welfare.

- Detect improper use of medicinal and growth promoter products.

- Comply with grant schemes.

- Confirm compliance with Farm Quality Scheme conditions.

- Support the marketing of animals and animal products.

- Facilitate trade by streamlining imports and exports.

How you can

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