



On target :

Milk

NFU Scotland – fighting for your interests

- **Sustainable Milk margins**

- Meetings continue with all the major retailers, processors and Co-ops to emphasise that the milk price is too low to support sustainable dairy farming. We continue to emphasise that the unreasonable division of the retail price is at the core of the problem.
- NFU Scotland Milk officials met with our counterparts from England, Ulster and Wales to discuss common issues and how best to use our collective strength. The EU Milk Fund, the EU Dairy High Level Working Group, Contracts and Supply Chain issues were all discussed.
- NFU Scotland continues to work with the wider group of dairy farmer representative groups and we have met with ASDA, Sainsbury and Morrisons.
- NFU Scotland is in discussion with the Scottish Government about the promised 3rd Dairy Summit. The Cabinet Secretary and his officials have agreed to arrange a date following the culmination of the EU High Level Working Group. We will press for a meaningful agenda, which must include discussions on fairer returns to the producer sector.

- **Grocery Supply Chain of Practice and Ombudsman**

- The enhanced Grocery Supply Chain Code of Practice, which NFU Scotland lobbied for, is now in place. Additionally there is now acceptance by the UK Government following our strong lobbying that an Ombudsman is essential to ensure the Code is effective.

- **Labeling**

- NFU Scotland continues to emphasise the need for transparent accurate labelling on dairy products. We continue to work with the Scottish Government, the EU and retailers to impose a voluntary code of practice in advance of legislation.

- **Europe**

- NFU Scotland worked closely with the Scottish Government and our UK Union colleagues to ensure the UK Government accessed the EU dairy fund agreed by the Commission in recognition of the market decline in 2008/2009. We are now ensuring the money is distributed fairly and as quickly as possible.
- The High Level Working Group set up by the Commission to investigate future solutions to the dairy sector has potentially far reaching significance. NFU Scotland continues to fully contribute to this.

- **Skilled Labour**

- NFU Scotland continues to be directly involved, through representation on the management board, of the Scottish Dairy Academy initiative.

- **Animal Health and Welfare**

- NFU Scotland in conjunction with SAC and DairyCO held a very successful ‘dairy health and welfare’ day to promote our credentials as responsible farmers and to further improve Scottish producers knowledge and skills.

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