



## *On target :* **Pigs & Poultry**

### ***NFU Scotland – fighting for your interests***

- **Representation**

- NFU Scotland protects producers' interests through representation to Government and Brussels. The Scottish Pig Industry has been studied in depth by the Scottish Parliament and as a result additional funding has been directed to QMS for the pig industry.
- Our representation at QMS and the British Egg Industry Council makes sure that decisions take the views of Scottish producers into account.
- We successfully campaigned for retention of current Levy Board VAT status and for levy funding to QMS not to be interrupted.

- **Animal Health**

- We have worked closely with Government and the industry on Foot & Mouth Disease, Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease. We helped keep Members informed during FMD, AI and ND incidents and helped ensure that control measures were proportionate. We provided accurate information to counter media hype.
- We are working to maintain Government's contribution to animal health and to avoid the shifting of further cost to industry.

- **Welfare Legislation**

- NFUS campaigns for sensible interpretation of welfare legislation directed at the pigs, eggs and poultrymeat sectors.
- We successfully negotiated changes to proposed pig welfare rules on provision of water to piglets, weaning at 21 days for all-in all-out systems and use of slat-friendly manipulative materials.
- NFUS helped to achieve EU broiler welfare legislation appropriate for Scottish conditions.
- We are working to minimise the negative impact of the impending laying hen ban on the Scottish industry

- **Regulation**

- NFUS has led the way in convincing the EU Council to drop proposals to spread IPPC to smaller pig & poultry farms
- NFUS pressure has gained reductions in PPC subsistence charges.
- We are working to minimise the burden of environmental regulation such as IPPC, NVZ and the Climate Change Levy. NFUS negotiated an 80% rebate for pig and poultry producers from the CCL.
- We convinced the Scottish Executive to leave unchanged Scottish rules for identification of pigs, instead of moving to six digit officially assigned slap marks.

- **Market Conditions**

- NFUS is pressing for fairer supermarket trading practices and prices to suppliers. Our pressure won an OFT enquiry which has resulted in a decision that the supermarket code of practice will be compulsory and that an ombudsman is required.
- We are working to ensure the ombudsman has powers to enforce fairer trading practices.

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