The Red Tractor Farm Assurance Schemes provide effective assurance to internationally recognised Standards and are a link in an integrated chain of assurance throughout the food chain from farmer to retail store. It is an umbrella scheme comprising of a variety of different commodity assurance standards. The scheme sets standards for farms as well as other critical links in the supply chain both pre and post farm.

Red Tractor Assurance aims to maintain, develop and promote integrated standards for the benefit of its members within the whole food industry. Red Tractor Assurance across the food supply chain is split into four main areas: Pre-Farm, Farm, Post Farm, and Checkers and Services.

Red Tractor Assurance is owned by Assured Food Standards (AFS), an independent organisation that manages and promotes the Red Tractor quality mark on food packs.

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### Benefits of the Red Tractor Scheme

- Logo well known and recognised by members of the public and key retailers
- Scheme has been largely embraced by the industry
- Applicable to many different businesses, regardless of size.

### Costs of participation

- Will vary according to business size and the chosen certification body carrying out the audit.

### For what sectors of horticulture is the Red Tractor Scheme suitable?

- All edible horticulture - fruit and vegetables - but **NOT** ornamentals
- Includes protected cropping of fruit and vegetables.

### What assurance categories does the Red Tractor Scheme cover?

- Food safety and traceability
- Food and production quality
- Business and resource management
- Animal health and welfare,
- Environmental protection and biodiversity
- Staff/strategic issues/transport.

### How to join the Red Tractor Farm Scheme

Visit the website [www.redtractor.org.uk](http://www.redtractor.org.uk)

- Request an application pack from
- Join your chosen Certification Body and send them your application plus payment
- Arrange an assessment
- Become Certified
- Have a routine assessment once a year.

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**Further information**

Website: [www.redtractorassurance.org.uk](http://www.redtractorassurance.org.uk)

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For details of other quality assurance schemes and British standards please contact Horticulture Wales.

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