

Who are we and What do we do?

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Group (CHAWG)



Supported by:



History

- GB Animal Health and Welfare Strategy
- England Implementation Group (2004)
- Sector Councils...
- Demise of EIG (2009)
- Industry commitment to these issues



Supported by

Group Make Up

- Levy Boards
- BCVA
- VLA
- CVO UK
- CVO Scotland
- CVO Wales
- NFU
- NBA



- ADF/ABM
- RSPCA
- HUK
- RABDF
- NOAH
- Research
- RDA
- NFUS

Terms of Reference

1. Be an industry group responsible for **prioritising, planning and coordination** of a programme of economically focussed improvements to cattle health and welfare in England. A watching brief will be maintained on wider GB health and welfare activities.
2. To be the **first point of call** for all cattle health and welfare research, new disease challenges and knowledge interaction initiatives to ensure efficiency, knowledge gap identification, co-ordination and minimal duplication.
3. To **liaise** closely with all stakeholders such as Levy Boards and educational institutions to promote consistent regional dissemination of national work and encourage the uptake of technological advances and best practice.
4. To provide **direction** and be a **resource** for the Chief Veterinary Officer and other relevant Government bodies on cattle health and welfare matters, including the early stages of policy development and other areas, where appropriate.

Priorities

- Health Planning
- BVD
- Surveillance and reporting
- Dairy Cow Welfare Strategy



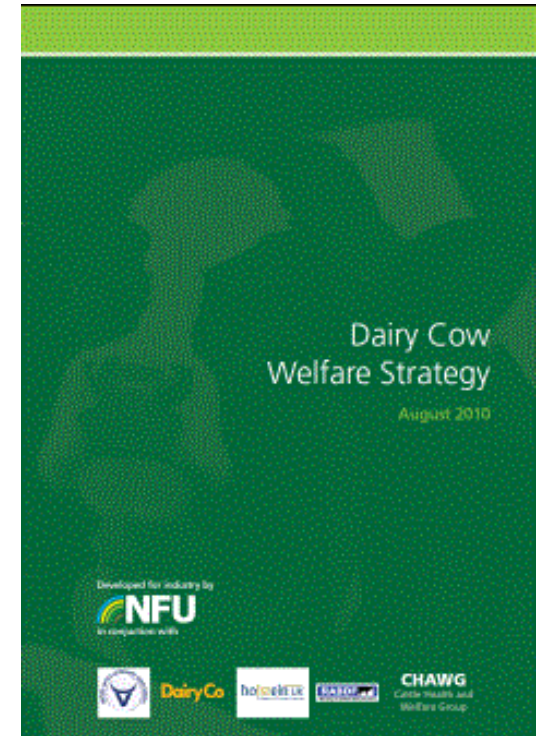
Current Activities

- Working closely with the AHVLA – *New and emerging diseases*
- *Quarterly meetings with CVO's*
- *Liaison with devolved bodies*
- *Comms portal through Levy Board website – Developing now*
- *Monitoring and reporting on the Dairy Cow Welfare Strategy*
- *6 monthly meetings with Levy Boards*
- *Potential leading role in health and welfare, climate change CRS and Animal Health Board (England) initiatives*
- *Coordination and gap identification*
- *Development of an annual 'State of the Nation' report on cattle health and welfare*
- *Input to many consultations and projects of relevance*

Responsible for the coordination of today's programme!

Dairy Cow Welfare Strategy

- Launched August 2010
- Cross industry monitoring Group now in place
- Annual Review of performance against targets...



Dairy Cow Welfare Strategy

- 1st year Progress Report
- Now in summary (hard copy)
- More detail (Electronically)
- Next year
 - Review Strategy
 - Ensure issues and targets will promote progress



Annual Health and Welfare Status Report

- Working Group formed and actively working
- Simple but effective approach
 - *Aim/achievements*
 - *Status*
 - *Outlook*
- Currently reviewing a wide range of data
- Report aimed for release late 2011.

Focus on BVD

- Group has BVD as a priority work area
- Can do something about it!
- Working closely with:
 - Scottish Government
 - Welsh AHW Strategy Group
 - EBLEX and DairyCo

seeking a national co-ordination and recording mechanism

Limit to deliverables

- Group has only limited funding and associated resources.

Hence – *There is a limit to what we can deliver in line with our TOR and associated priorities.*

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