



The practical implementation of requirements of the SA National Standard SANS 1694: The welfare of dairy cattle validation by using the DSA Audit – The Welfare of Dairy Cattle

(PRJ-0284-2021)

Dairy Standard Agency

Quarter 2 2021 (April 2021 till June 2021)

Project goals

Goal 1 -

Achievements

The purpose of the project is to:

- Through the application of the DSA audit on a number of farms, all possible issues be identified and confirmed that would require amendment of the SANS 1694 standard as well as DSA audit format and criteria;
- Submit a formal report compiled by a designated task group for consideration by the Milk SA Research and Development Project;
- Submit a final proposal/report as authoritative document to the SABS Standards writer by the manager of the Regulations and Standards Project of Milk SA;
- Based on the submission to SABS and subsequent outcome amend the DSA audit criteria accordingly.
Report

The second meeting was held on 17 June 2021 by the workgroup discussed matters regarding the following actions:

Induction of task group into DSA audit criteria	Task group members to be made fully conversant of the SABS Standard as well as DSA audit criteria
Logistical arrangements for audits to be conducted	Planning and confirmation of audits by DSA personnel to be conducted by the task group

Non-achievements / underperformance

Covid constraints delayed planned progress.

Reasons for non-achievements / underperformance

Covid constraints delayed planned progress.

Planned remedies for non-achievements / underperformance

The next meeting is planned in August to speed up the process.

Conduct audits and report writing	Simultaneous audits conducted by task group and submissions of reports
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The implementation of the work however was delayed due to Covid restrictions and will continue during the third quarter. The next meeting is scheduled to take place in August 2021

Goal 1 - That through the application of the DSA audit on a number of farms, all possible issues be identified and confirmed that would require amendment of the SANS 1694 standard as well as DSA audit format and criteria.

Achievements

As above under goal 1

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 2 - That a minimum of ten farms be identified for the purpose of the above proposal

Achievements

As above under Goal 1

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 3 - That identified farms comprise of pasture based as well as total mix ration farms, which is to be geographically spread and representative of medium and large commercial entities

Achievements

As above under Goal 1

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 4 - That a task group of five experts and ad hoc members consisting of the veterinary discipline, DSA, SPCA and a farmer participate in the exercise as per item 1 above

Achievements

As above under Goal 1

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 5 - That a formal report be compiled by the task group for consideration by the Milk SA Research and Development Project and that a final proposal/report as authoritative document be forwarded to the SABS Standards writer by the manager of the Regulations and Standards Project of Milk SA

Achievements

As above under Goal 1

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 6 - That based on the report as per item 5 the DSA continue to conduct audits subject to industry agreement (client base) on the interpretation of the current standards

Achievements

As above under Goal 1

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Income and expenditure statement

Income and expenditure statement	PRJ-0284.pdf
Unnecessary spending during period	No

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Additional documentation

No file has been uploaded

Statement

Levy funds were applied only for the purposes stated in the contract	Yes
Levy funds were applied in an appropriate and accountable manner	Yes
Sufficient management and internal control systems were in place to adequately control the project and accurately account for the project expenditure	Yes

The information provided in the report is correct

Yes