

UK Farm Assurance Schemes

Below is a reference grid that sets out **BVA priorities for farm animal* welfare** against what is addressed in the standards of different UK farm assurance schemes. Products may be assured by more than one of these schemes or an assurance scheme not addressed in this graphic. Please check the label of food products carefully.

*including farmed fish

<p>Please note that this list of the BVA's welfare priorities is not exhaustive and these priorities will be addressed and assessed differently across the different schemes. The level of welfare achieved across the different schemes may vary. For more detailed information about the different standards and requirements used by farm assurance schemes please visit their respective websites.</p>	 <p>Farm Assured Welsh Livestock</p>	 <p>Lion Eggs Code of Practice</p>	 <p>Northern Ireland Beef and Lamb Farm Quality Assurance Scheme</p>	 <p>Quality Meat Scotland</p>	 <p>Red Tractor</p>	 <p>RSPCA Assured</p>	 <p>Soil Association</p>
Animals are stunned before slaughter	Assurance does not cover slaughter	Assurance does not cover slaughter	Assurance does not cover slaughter	✓	✓	✓	✓
Veterinary involvement Veterinary professionals are involved in livestock health planning and review	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Prohibit environments that substantially reduce behavioural opportunity Cages for laying hens Farrowing crates for sows (pre-birth until weaning)	N/A – Scheme only applies to beef and lamb	✗	N/A – Scheme only applies to beef and lamb	✗	✗	✓	✓
Support responsible use of antimicrobials	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Animal health and biosecurity Measures to protect animal health and prevent the spread of disease	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lifetime assurance Animals spend their whole lives on an assured farm, livestock transport is assured ie. standards assure the management of health and welfare during transportation and scheme has standards to ensure welfare at slaughter**	Assurance does not cover slaughter	Assurance does not cover slaughter	Assurance does not cover slaughter	✓	Pigs and meat poultry only	All species except dairy – dairy calves can be sourced from non-assured farms	Scheme does not have assured transport requirements
Measures to protect the environment ie. guidance on preventing environmental contamination, pollution and minimising waste	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Farmed salmon and trout only	✓

**Schemes may address some of these areas even if products are not lifetime assured.

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