

## Using the Tesco Sustainable Dairy Group reporting facility

As part of the TSDG scheme members are required to supply details of Condition, Cleanliness, Leg Abrasions and Mobility scores, treatments and animal movements on a quarterly basis in the months of February, May, August and November.

DairyMate can produce the xls file required to be uploaded to the [tesco.authenticateis.com](http://tesco.authenticateis.com) website from its records.

### Configuring DairyMate for the TSDG export

The TSDG recording facility needs to be activated before DairyMate can capture the data required to generate the xls file:

#### Set your Milk Buyer to be Tesco

- 1 Select Configuration.
- 2 Click on Parameters.
- 3 Under the Milk section double click on Milk Buyer.
- 4 Select Tesco from the drop down list and commit.

This will activate system reminders for animal scoring and it will activate additional medicine groups in Deadstock.

#### Set your up Antibiotic Treatments

For TSDG reporting all antibiotics treatments have to be assigned to an appropriate group. By setting your milk buyer to Tesco it will create the groups: Antibiotics – First, Antibiotics – Second and Antibiotics – Third.

When adding a new medicine treatment (or amending an existing treatment) select the appropriate group name from the Group drop down list. You need to ensure all 'critically important' antibiotics are in the group Antibiotics – Third.

Please refer to the TSDG website for the latest antibiotic grouping that Tesco require.

**Note:** Treatments that are not linked to one of these groups will be treated as non-antibiotic treatments and **NOT** reported.

#### TSDG Members using the Kexxtone bolus

There is a requirement to report the use of these by TSDG members. If you do use them (under veterinary supervision) you must ensure the medicine is set up with the name of **Kexxtone** and that the usage against each animal is recorded accurately.

## Recording Information for the TSDG export

### Animal Scoring

When your Milk Buyer is set to Tesco DairyMate will display system reminders to prompt you to record the required animal scores in February, May, August and November.

You are required to score cows on Condition, Cleanliness, Leg Abrasions and Mobility.

Scores can be entered via Cow Scoring or by double clicking on the system reminder.

**Note:** In the export process DairyMate will assign a default score to any cow that hasn't had a score recorded in the period. These defaults are: Mobility = 0, Cleanliness = 1, Leg Abrasions = No, Condition = 3

### Treatments:

#### Antibiotics

All antibiotic medicines should be correctly grouped under Antibiotics – First, Antibiotics – Second or Antibiotics – Third.

Critically important antibiotics should be correctly grouped under Antibiotics – Third.

Please refer to the TSDG website for the latest antibiotic grouping that Tesco require.

**Note:** Any antibiotics which do not belong to these groups should be placed in another group.

#### Mastitis/ Dry Cow Therapy treatments

When recording treatments for mastitis or dry cow therapy in DairyMate you should enter the word 'mastitis' or 'dry cow therapy' in the reason for use, respectively, and DairyMate will report the treatment accordingly.

If no reason is given, DairyMate will try to group the treatments according to the following rules:

If Mastitis is recorded within one day of the treatment course beginning, and the cow was in milk at the time of treatment start, the treatment will be recorded as a mastitis treatment.

If 'dried off' is recorded on the day before, or the day of treatment, the treatment will be recorded as a dry cow therapy treatment.

If the treatment units are in tubes and the cow was in milk at time of treatment start, the treatment will be recorded as a mastitis treatment.

If the treatment units are in tubes and the cow was dry at time of treatment start, the treatment will be recorded as a dry cow therapy treatment.

All other treatments will be recorded as general injections.

## **Calves (all animals under 6 months)**

When recording treatments for scour the treatment reason must contain the word 'Scour'.

When recording treatments for pneumonia the treatment reason must contain the word 'Pneumonia' (spelt correctly).

**Note:** TSDG require treatment courses to be reported. DairyMate will calculate a treatment course as follows: Any treatment, on consecutive days, with the same drug is one treatment course. Any two different treatments which overlap in time will be treated as the same treatment course. (e.g. Treatment 1 is a 2 day treatment. Treatment 2 starting the day after Treatment 1 starts overlaps the first treatment, so is the same treatment course.)

## **General Herd Information**

### **Calving**

Any assisted calving must be recorded by ticking the 'Assisted' checkbox in the calving record.

### **Animal Movements**

Animal sale details must record the correct Reason – (Culled, Died or Sold).

Where a Cull is due to a TB diagnosis, 'TB' must be recorded in the sale Comment.

## **Export Process**

Once all scores have been recorded, a system reminder will appear to prompt you to produce the xls file for the month. e.g. Please export XLS for TSDG (for Tesco November Scoring).

### **Creating the export (xls) file:**

1. Double click the reminder.
2. In the dialog box answer the 2 questions: 'Has any antibiotic footbath (e.g. Lincospectin) been used in the last quarter?' and 'Has any in feed antibiotic been administered to the calves under veterinary instruction during the last quarter?'
3. Select the enterprise(s) you wish to submit data for.
4. Click Continue to export the file. DairyMate will ask you where you want to save the file. Choose a location you will be able to navigate to when you need to upload the file to the TSDG website.
5. On successfully exporting the file, the program will give you a brief summary of the data exported.
6. It is your responsibility to then upload the spreadsheet to TSDG, please refer to the TSDG website for full details on uploading 'offline' files.

During the upload process you may get errors reporting 'Ear tag is not a valid ear tag for active cows within this period'. This will be caused by DairyMate outputting score information for cows that your MRO has not yet reported to TSDG as being active. You will need to delete the row(s) from the file for the cows listed on the error sheet using a program such as Microsoft Excel. You will need to save the amended file and upload the file again.

Once the file has been uploaded you **must** return to the home page for the herd and confirm it has a 100% score rate. If the percentage is not 100% it will indicate that cows have been sold/culled/died since your MRO last notified TSDG of your active cows and DairyMate has not output any score details for them. You **must** edit the details on the site and add any missing score information to achieve the 100% score rate.

We recommend you check, on the website, all the figures you have uploaded from DairyMate. If necessary please amend the figures on the website before the end of the scoring month.

Please note the file upload process will overwrite any data, for the current scoring period, which you may have already entered on the TSDG website.

**Note:** If your Dairy replacements or calves are in a separate enterprise to your dairy cows, you must select both enterprises in order for us to produce the correct figures.

If you keep records for multiple herds, within the same dataset in DairyMate, that need to be reported separately to TSDG, then you will need to run the xls export multiple times selecting the relevant enterprise(s) for each herd to be reported.

The xls file will contain scoring information for the relevant month (February, May, August or November) and medicine and herd information for the previous quarter (November – January, February – April, May – July or August – October).