

## **FQAS Corner**

### **Reminder – Transfer of herd number and FQAS Status**

FQAS members should take note of the following important points about their FQAS status when transferring herds:

Traditionally when a farmer died or passed the farm to a successor his/her herd number also transferred.

Changes to legislation means that this is no longer possible and as a result the new herd keeper must become registered and thereby obtain their own herd number.

All cattle must then be transferred to the newly registered herd numbers but it is important to note that the Farm Quality Assured status does not transfer with the cattle unless the new herd has been registered as Farm Quality Assured.

This can have financial implications for the producer when presenting cattle for sale at the markets or at the abattoir.

To avoid problems it is important that the producer informs the Farm Quality Assurance Scheme in writing of any changes to the herd number of a Farm Quality Assured farm.

This should be done before any cattle are moved into a new herd to ensure that the Farm Quality status of animals in the herd is retained.

If you have any queries surrounding this please contact the FQAS Helpline on 028 9263 3024 or NIFCC on 028 9263 3017.

Any changes in herd number which you would like to transfer the FQ status to should be done so in writing to:

Northern Ireland Food Chain Certification  
Lissue House  
31 Ballinderry Road  
Lisburn  
BT28 2SL

