# Dairy Cattle Welfare Strategy

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# Who are CHAWG?

# Membership

Animal & Plant Health Agency

Animal Health & Welfare Board England

AHDA

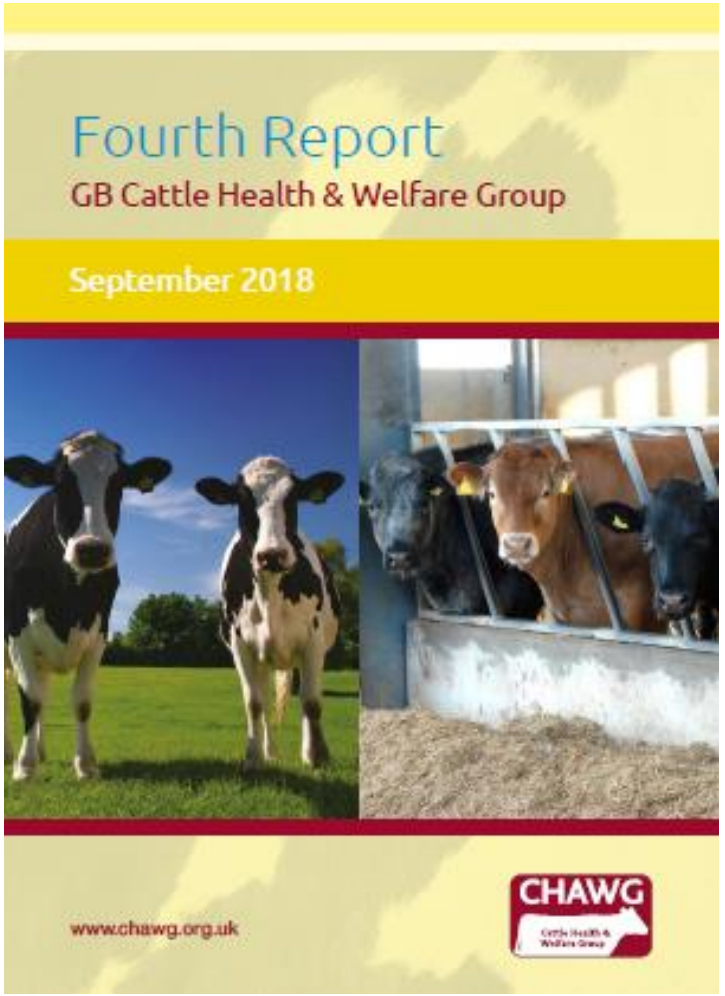
NATIONAL BOVINE
DATA CENTRE

Red Tractor
Assurance

The University of
Nottingham

Wales Animal
Health and Welfare
Framework

# Responsible for



# Progress to date

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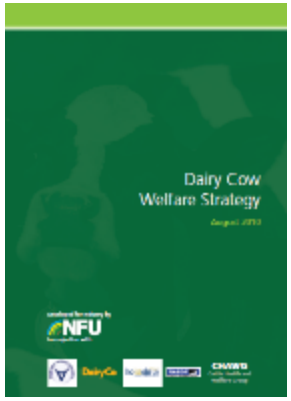
## 2010




## 2011

## 2012

## 2014

## 2018

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# Reporting on progress

# Current strategy 2018-2020

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Lameness

Cow's environment

Calves & youngstock

Mastitis

Welfare outcomes

Body condition

# Examples

Mastitis

Lameness

Calves & youngstock

# Mastitis

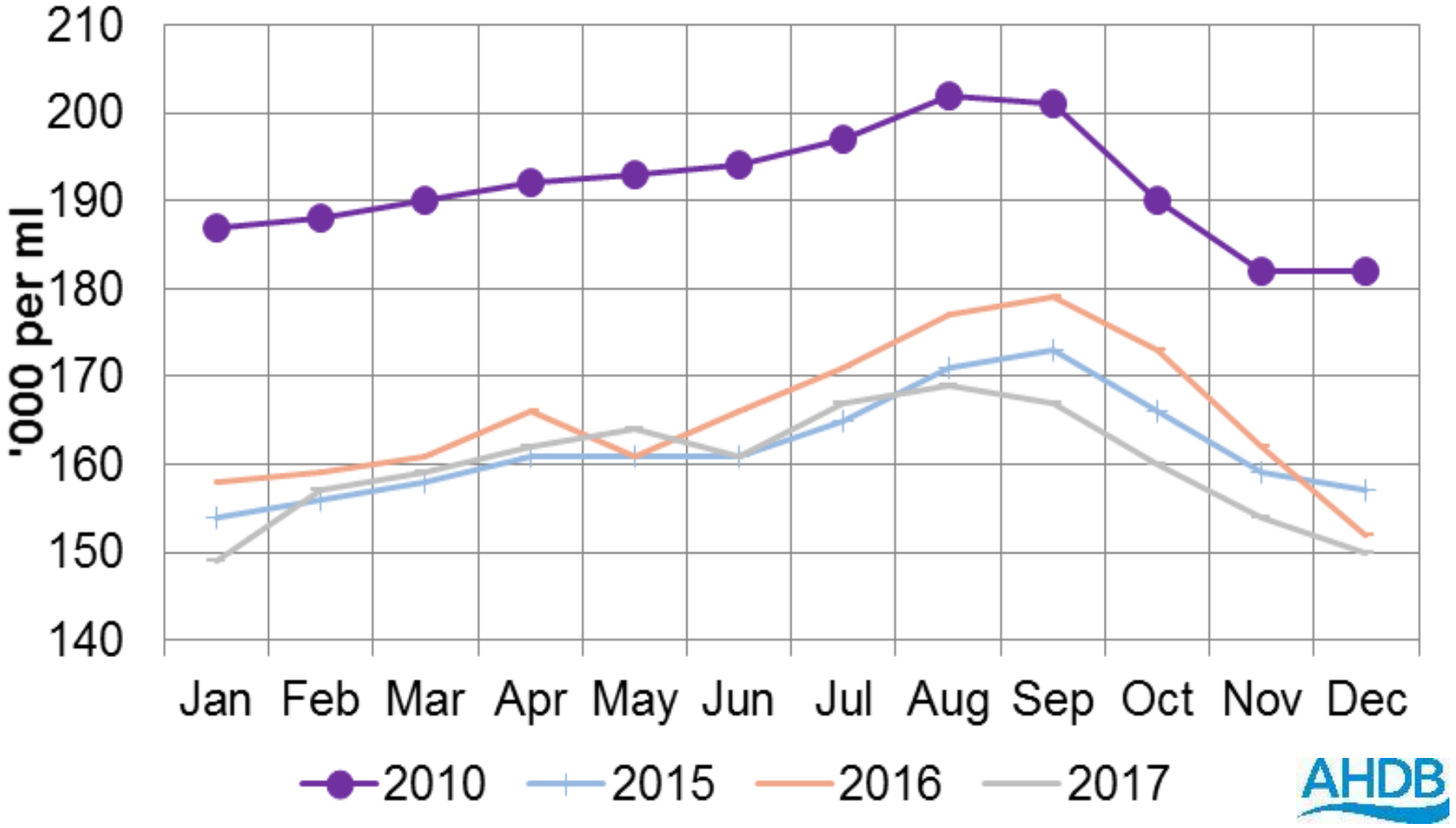
**Improve udder health, leading to a reduction in mastitis & improved welfare**

**Active prevention, recognition & control**

**Mastitis control in HHP**

**Publish number of farms and cows that have received mastitis control**

# Improvements in udder health



# Industry initiatives

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## MASTITIS CONTROL PLAN

*"Helped us nail mastitis – I'm certain that, without this, we would not have survived financially"*

**Gary Dalton, Bushton Farm**

**Up to 20% reduction in clinical mastitis**

**250+ trained Plan Deliverers**

**45%** National dairy herd

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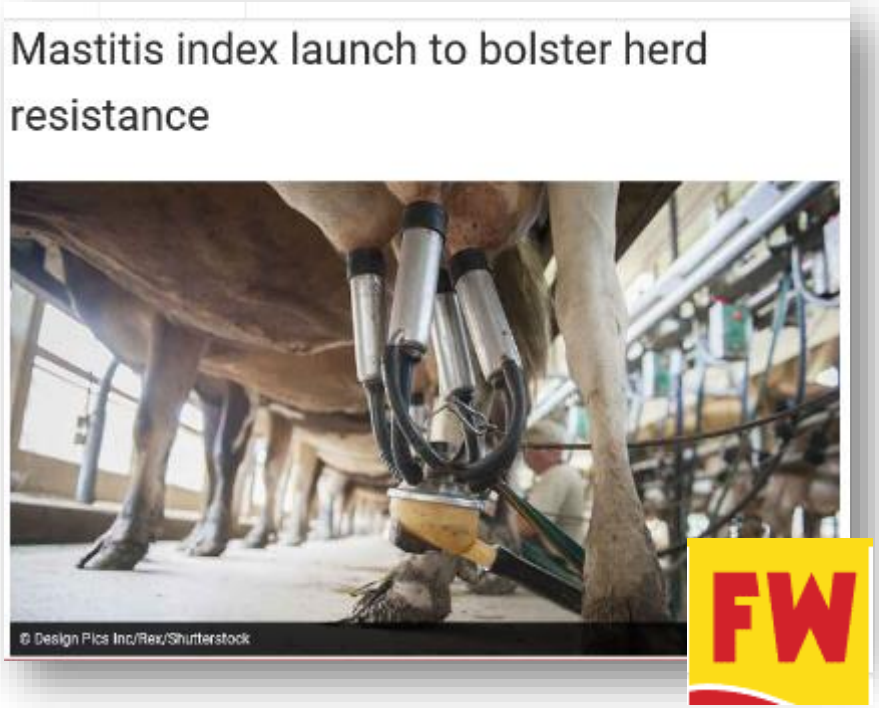



- Launched in 2017
- Complements existing SCC index
- Identify and use bulls which will both reduce cases of mastitis and SCC

# Lameness

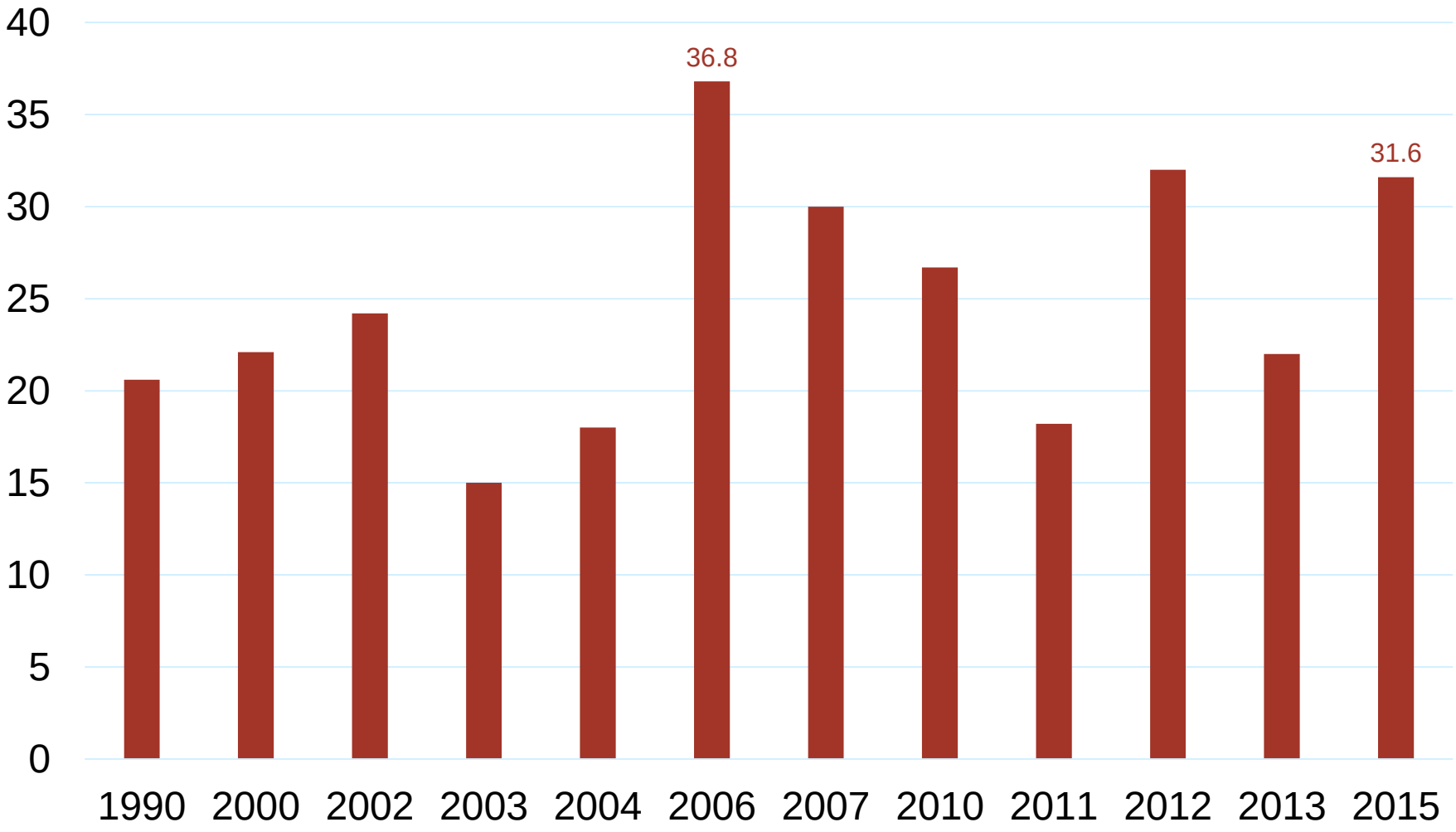
**Reduce prevalence of lameness, leading to improved welfare**

**Mobility score**

**Support industry activities**

**Promote pain relief**

# Lameness prevalence (%)



# Industry initiatives

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ROCFT
The Register of Cattle Foot Trimmers

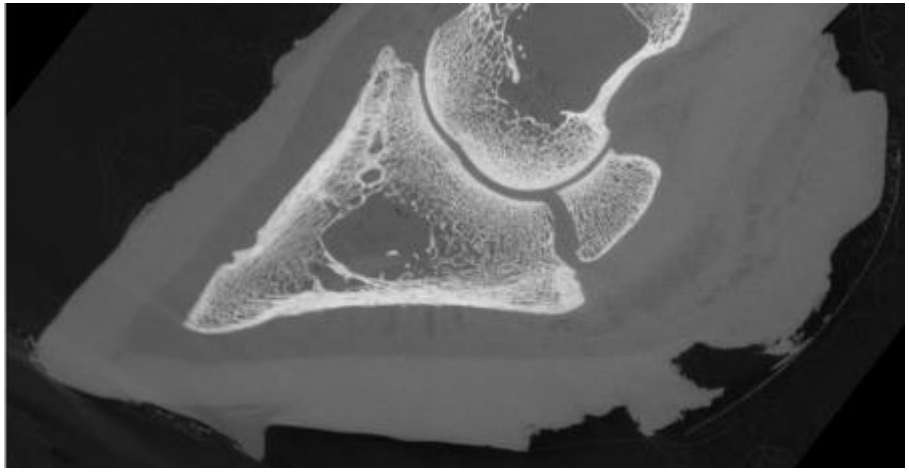
HEALTHY FEET PROGRAMME

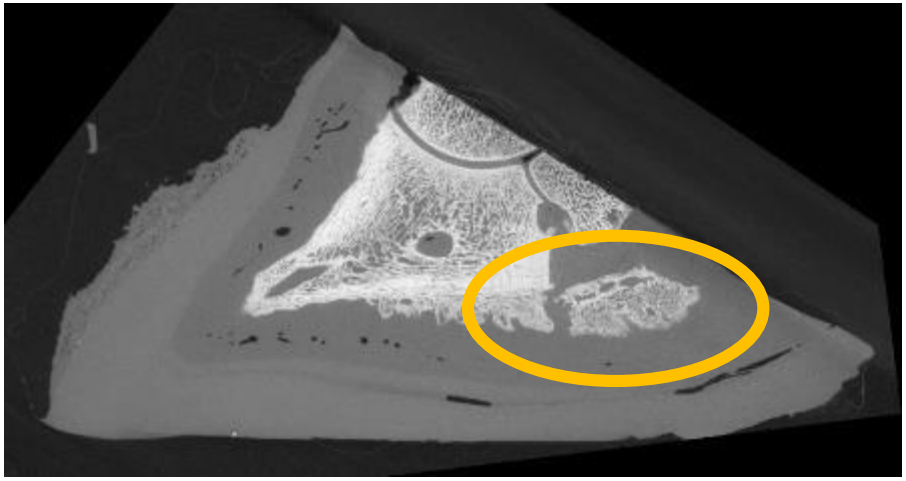
Register of Mobility Scorers

https://roms.org.uk

Cattle Hoof Care
STANDARDS BOARD

# Lameness research





# Calves & youngstock

**Improve survival and growth rate**

**Increase the % of calves that make it into the milking herd**

**Increase the % of dairy bull calves retained in the beef industry**

# Industry initiatives

#ColostrumIsGold

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KBYH KEEPING BRITAIN'S YOUNGSTOCK HEALTHY

BVD Free ENGLAND

YOUNGSTOCK STOP THE LOSS

FARMERS WEEKLY CAMPAIGN

In partnership with the National Youngstock Association

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NOT ON MY FARM! ASSESS • PREVENT • IMPROVE

National Youngstock Association

Youngstock 4life

FEED FOR GROWTH AHDB A VOLAC INITIATIVE

# Dairy's 'dirty secret': it's still cheaper to kill male calves than to rear them

The Guardian

UK edition

The Press and Journal

Start typing

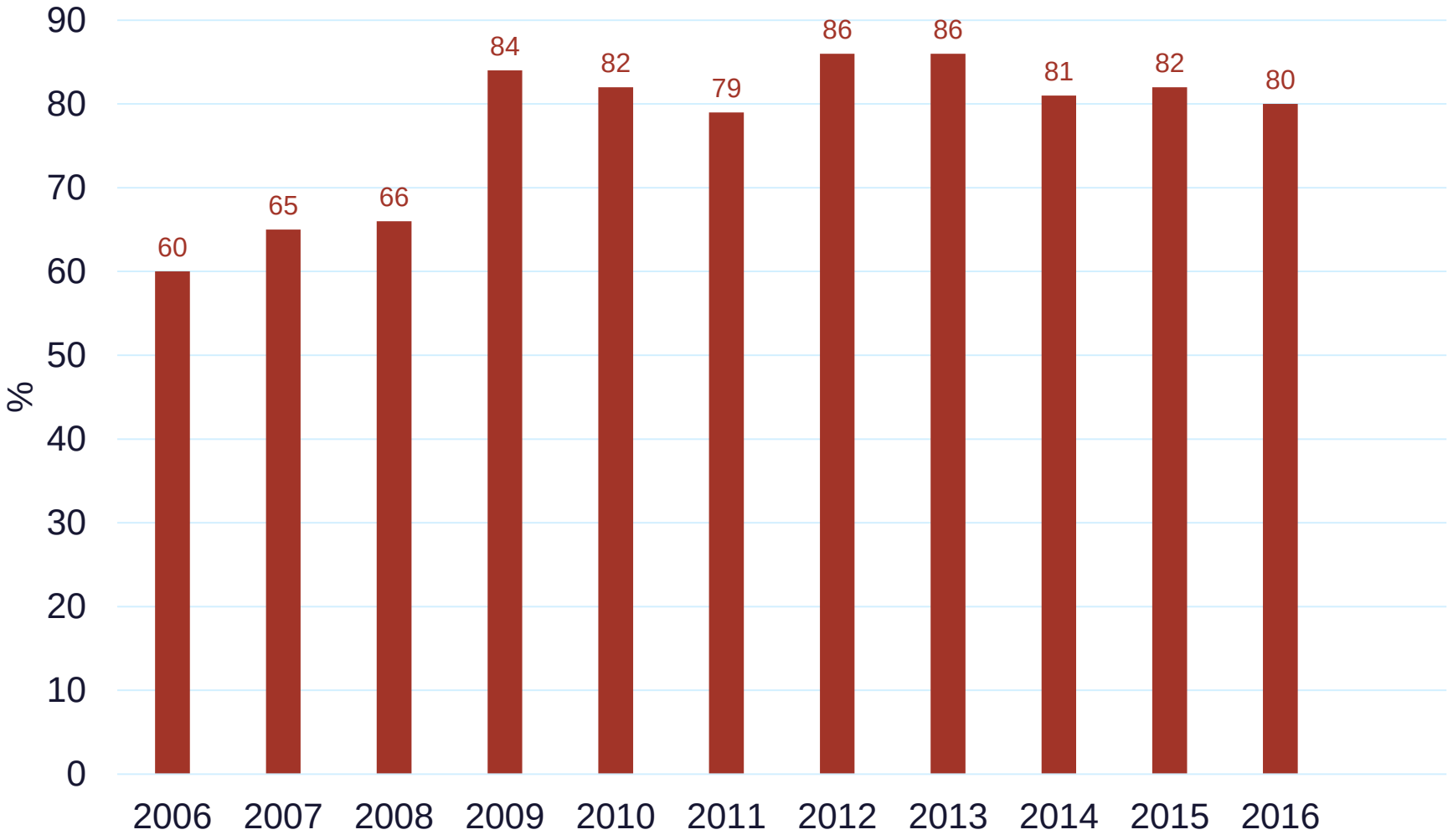
**Moves for dairy calves to bolster beef production**

by Nancy Nicolson November 12, 2018, 6:46 am

The Grocer

## Let's work together to find solutions for dairy bull calves

# % of dairy bull calves entering beef supply chain

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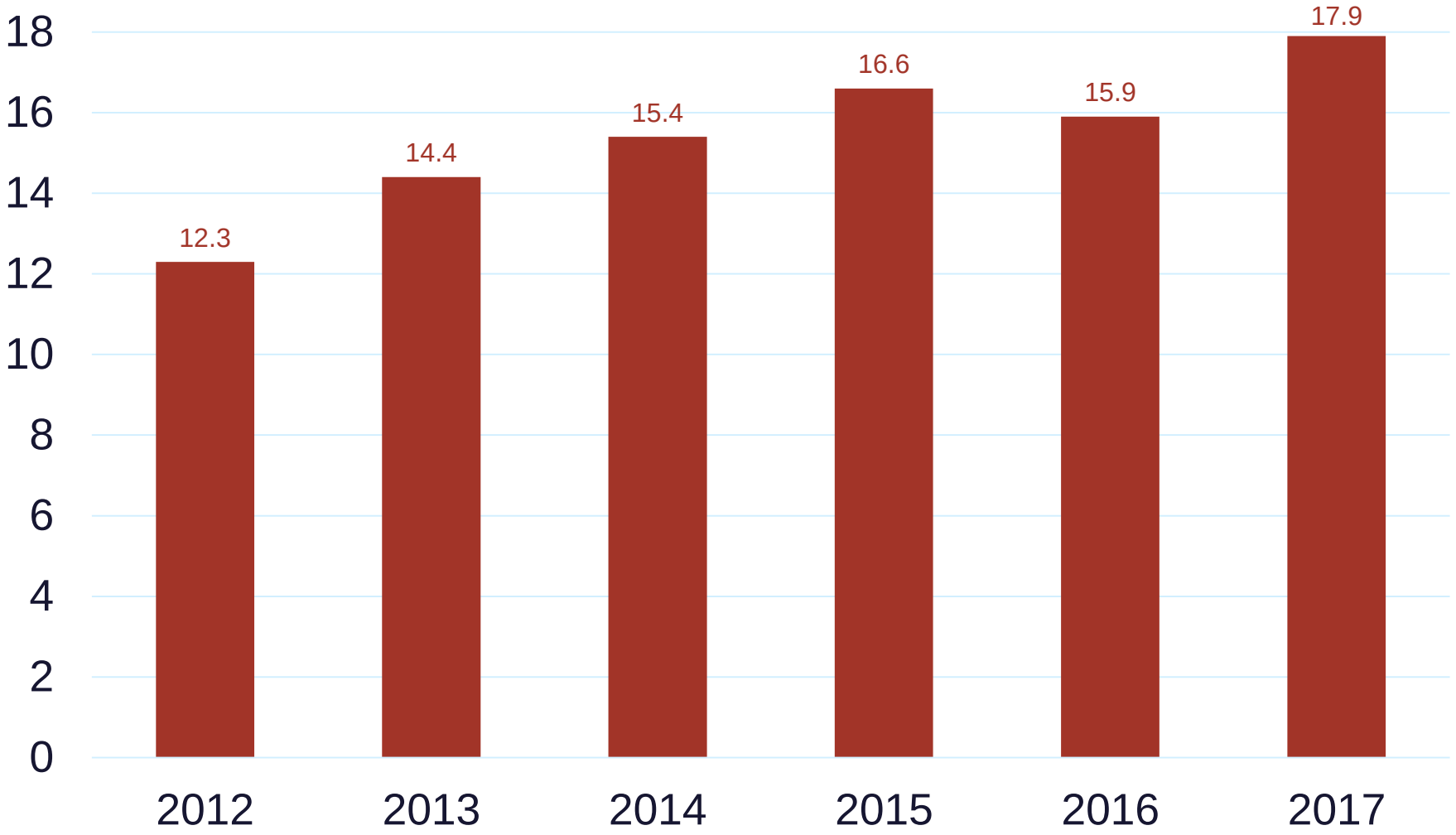
# Sexed semen sales as % of total semen sales

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NFU
CHAWG
Cattle Health & Welfare Group
TESCO
The co-operative good with food
Red Tractor Assurance
Buitelaar Group
Waitrose
Sainsbury's
RSPCA ASSURED
QMS
HYBU CIG CYMRU
blade farming
Boehringer Ingelheim
RSPCA
COMPASSION in world farming
FUW
NFU CYMRU
NFUScotland
SRUC
CIS
The Scottish Government
defra
Llywodraeth Cymru Welsh Government
SOIL ASSOCIATION ORGANIC
The Dairy Group
BRITISH CATTLE VETERINARY ASSOCIATION
MEADOW QUALITY
For joined up thinking in livestock marketing
Genus
ABS
cogent
dunbia
NML
national milk laboratories
abp
Food Group
MSD
volac
westpoint veterinary group
NBA
Arla
zoetis
omsco
Harper Adams University
RVC
Royal Veterinary College
University of London
University of Reading
The University of Nottingham
afbi
Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute
Royal Agricultural University

# FVO Welfare Mission

**Hosted Food and Veterinary Office in 2017**

**Recognition for coordinating strategy**

**No suggestions for improvement**

**Good example of how industry can work together to mutual advantage**

# Future

**Considerable change ahead**

**Growing demand for continuous welfare improvement**

**Underpin this by accurate shared data**

**Tackle transparency**

**Maintain consumer trust**

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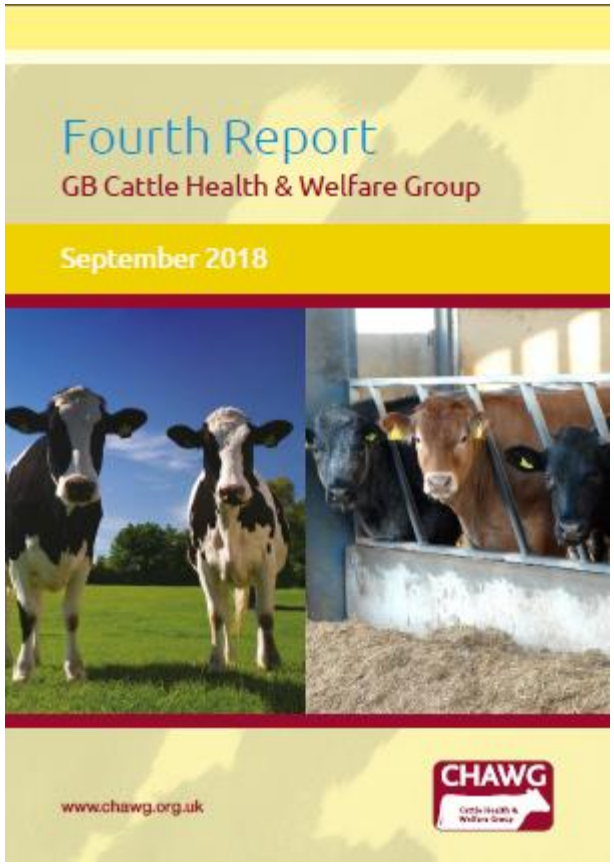


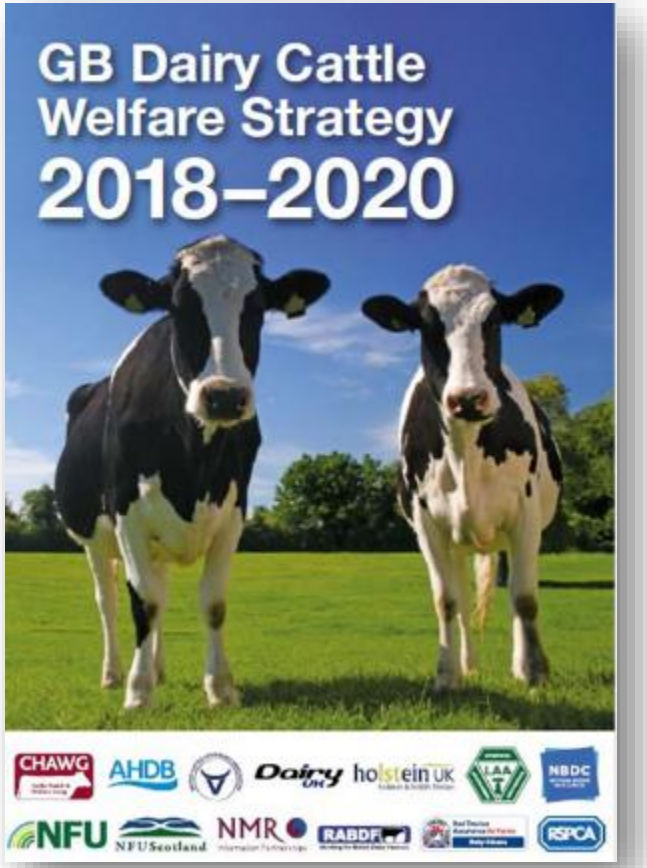


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