

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

INFORMATION PAPER

Guidance on Farm Manures

The Food Standards Agency published guidance on managing farm manures in June 2009. The guidance aims to provide UK growers with practical advice on how to reduce the risk of contamination of ready-to-eat crops when using farm manures to improve soil fertility.

The main aspects of the guidance are:

- the selection of land on which ready-to-eat crops are grown
- management of manures and slurries before application to land
- timing of applications of manure (including fresh manure from grazing animals) and slurry, in relation to production of ready-to-eat crops
- prevention of contamination of growing crops and reduction of risks during and after harvest

The guidance was produced by a steering group, chaired by the Food Standards Agency, and included representatives from the consultancy ADAS, Defra, the Environment Agency, the Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department and key industry stakeholders.

A copy of the guidance is attached for Members' information.

Secretariat
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Guidance on Farm Manures is available on the FSA website at the following address:

<http://www.food.gov.uk/foodindustry/farmingfood/manures>