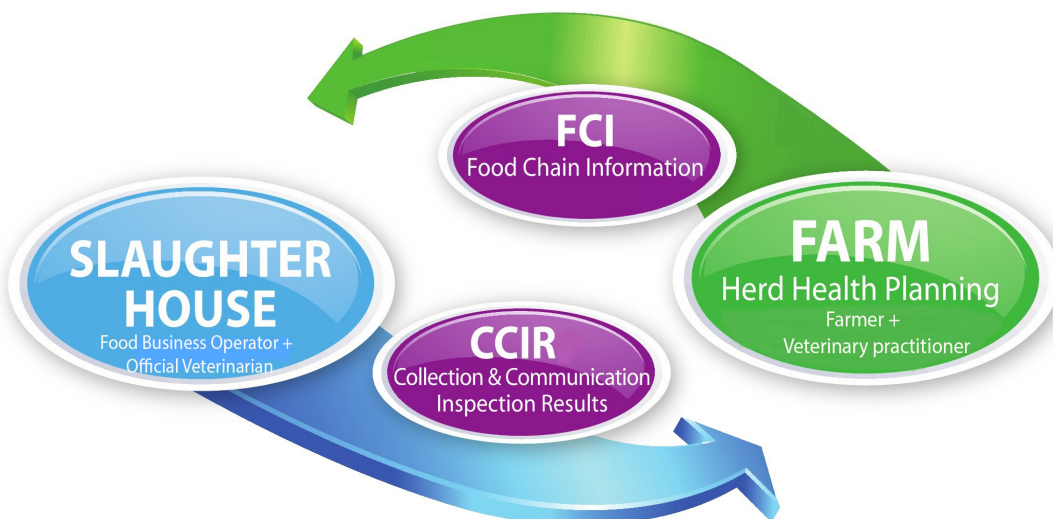


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Food Chain Information: let's make it work!



Collection & Communication of Inspection Results

Inspection results from the slaughterhouse (both ante & post mortem inspections), sent back to the farmer and to the veterinary practitioner provide key data for Herd Health Planning

Food Chain Information

Food Chain Information is the key public health, animal health and welfare information sent by the farmer with the animals to the slaughter. It allows the Official Veterinarian to assess hazards and manage them during slaughter

Herd Health Planning

Herd Health Planning at farm level is a useful mechanism aiming to optimise animal health and welfare through a regular data analysis and clinical observations of the animals and of their environment.

Successful Herd Health Planning allows the farmer and the veterinary practitioner to take informed and timely decisions and improve farm profitability

Food Chain Information & Inspection Results: links Animal Health Law to Food Law

The FVE Food Chain Information guidance aims to enhance the collaboration between the farmer and the veterinary practitioner.

It is intended for use by all stakeholders involved in the food chain including food business operators (FBOs), veterinary practitioners (VP) and Official Veterinarians (OV).

When disease incidence, farm and livestock production costs are known and measured against accepted standards, where and when to intervene can be easily planned.

Therefore, a full and effective use of the Food Chain Information and of Inspection Results facilitate comparison of animal health, animal welfare, food safety and economic parameters at farm. Such information allow the farmer and the veterinary practitioner to implement a continually and evolving Herd Health Planning with the aim to:

- Improve animal health and welfare;
 - Secure public health;
- Maintain the sustainability of livestock production;
 - Reduce costs and boost farm profitability.

