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ADF announces revised routine calving induction limit

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Australian Dairy Farmers (ADF) is pleased to announce a revised 2017 routine calving induction* limit of a maximum of 12 per cent of cows in a herd, down from the 15 per cent target set in 2016.

Interim ADF CEO, John McQueen said the revised routine calving induction target is great news for the industry.

The new target was set after reviewing 2016 induction data and following consultation with dairy farmers, vets and processors through the Calving Induction Steering Group, the Australian Dairy Farmers (ADF) Animal Health and Welfare Policy Advisory Group, the ADF National Council, ADF Board and the Australian Dairy Industry Council (ADIC) Board.

“Farmers are constantly reviewing and improving their practices.

“Dairy farmers are dedicated to providing a high standard of care and to change practices when it is in the best interests of their animals.

“Caring for cows has always been a key priority for ADF and the industry”, said Mr McQueen.

A survey of veterinary practices performing inductions in 2016 confirmed that induction was used in fewer herds and the number of cows induced (0.75% nationally) was almost half the number induced in 2015.

In April 2015, following a series of meetings and consultation with farmers, vets and processors, the dairy industry agreed to phase-out routine calving induction nationally.

“The Australian dairy industry wants to be as proactive as possible on measures to support excellent animal welfare outcomes and to meet the expectations of customers and consumers”, Mr McQueen said.

Additional Information – [Routine calving induction Q&A](#)

**Routine calving induction is all non-therapeutic inductions*

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