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The Australian Dairy Industry Council (ADIC) today announced new targets to limit routine use of calving induction within a herd to 10 per cent in 2018 and 8 per cent in 2019.

The revised maximum targets, down from 12 per cent in 2017, reflect ongoing progress towards the industry goal of phasing out routine calving induction.

Exemptions to induce more cows than the industry target may be obtained under special circumstances from the Calving Induction Dispensation Panel.

The new targets follow a review of 2017 induction data and consultation with dairy farmers, vets and processors through the Calving Induction Steering Committee, 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.

ADF chief executive officer David Inall said industry data indicated farmers were continually improving their herd management practices.

There had been a significant decline in routine calving induction since the policy to phase the practice out was introduced in 2015, with fewer farmers using induction and fewer cows being induced within herds.

“Setting the targets for the next two years will allow farmers to make necessary changes to their herd reproductive management and further reduce their reliance on calving induction,” Mr Inall said.

“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.”

Visit **INSERT LINK** for more information on calving induction targets

NOTE: Routine calving induction includes all non-therapeutic inductions

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