

AHDB Pork Model Template B3.5 3C Environmental Policy Statement

Note: Example for guidance only, please amend as appropriate.

An Environmental Policy Statement clearly defines your policy internally within your business and externally to your customers, suppliers and other interested parties. It is a permitting requirement to tailor this statement relevant to your permitted site(s).

Once you have understood the principles involved and considered the environmental aspects of your operation and your aspirations towards sustainability, you need to create a written commitment, your Environmental Policy Statement.

This should acknowledge the reasons for doing it, be specific and achievable and clearly written for an audience of staff, suppliers, customers, auditors and regulators as well as the general public. It must be signed by the permit holder, or person with delegated authority, to demonstrate that it is a policy of the business and be reviewed at regular intervals. Ideally, the policy needs to be concise and preferably on one sheet of A4.

An example statement is provided below; if you do not already have one in place this can be used as a template document.

Sample of an Environmental Policy Statement

Illustrative Farm is committed to protecting the environment by implementing policies which achieve a sustainable, thriving business while minimising any negative impact of its activities, and seeking, where possible, to maximise the potential yield of products produced and effective utilisation of co-products and materials such as organic manures.

The key points of the Policy will be implemented through the Environmental Management System, adhering to at least the minimum standards of the environmental permit and other relevant legislation as follows, by:

- Respecting the welfare of livestock, staff, visitors, neighbours and sensitive habitats
- Using resources efficiently to minimise waste and emissions
- Actively promoting reduction, recovery and recycling of resources utilised, both internally and among its customers and suppliers
- Seeking to achieve market specification for products produced to minimise the environmental impact through high rates of product utilisation by customers, production and distribution
- Meeting or exceeding all the environmental legislation that relates to the business
- Using an accredited program to offset the greenhouse gas emissions generated by our activities (if appropriate), or participating in schemes that promote efficiency
- Identifying and implementing new or appropriate technologies which improve overall efficiency
- Striving for continual improvement

Signed by:.....

Name:.....

Position:.....

Date:..... To be reviewed not later than:.....