



FEMAS Participant case study - SugaRich

Key outcomes of FEMAS participation

Producing safe animal feed

Trading with confidence

Fair and thorough audits



Find out more about FEMAS



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How long has your business been a FEMAS Participant?

Since day one of the scheme in 2001.

Why is your business a FEMAS Participant?

Being a Participant of FEMAS is a prerequisite for us to do business, processing surplus food into biscuit meals to be used as a nutritional animal feed ingredient.

Ultimately, it's all about feed safety – this is the main goal. FEMAS gives us the platform to supply the whole UK agriculture sector, it is internationally recognised, and it acts as the benchmark standard without the need to be audited multiple times by many different bodies.

How does being a FEMAS Participant add value to your business?

The continual evolution of the FEMAS Standard motivates a business to progress, because if you stand still then you're going backwards.

Not only does the scheme meet regulations but it is also a driver of performance. FEMAS opens up the marketplace and facilitates universal trading with confidence. What's more, products like former foods could be seen as niche so this scheme provides that essential recognition.

How does your business find the audit process?

Audits are always thorough, but they showcase what our business does and are the most important day of the year.

They are a key part of confidence in assurance, and we feel the audit is necessary to drive feed safety. There is open dialogue between our business and the auditor, we understand their scope and appreciate the importance of the work they do.



What are the opportunities and challenges for the future of UK feed assurance?

The challenge remains that, as an industry, we are only ever one feed safety incident or mistake away from majorly impacting the supply chain.

We also have to make sure that there is continual improvement, ensuring that the FEMAS Standard is always pushing forwards to uphold feed safety.



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