

**Dairy UK Position Paper**  
**Fracking and Food Safety**  
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In response to the development of hydraulic fracking operations in the UK, Dairy UK advocates an evidence-led approach to the examination of the risks associated with shale gas extraction.

We look to government and other appointed regulatory bodies to assess the potential risks of fracking and its associated activities to the environment, human and animal welfare and food safety. Current scientific evidence has not shown a causal link between shale gas exploration and food safety, but we would welcome any further research into this area.

The fracking industry must take necessary steps to ensure operational best practice and full compliance with regulatory requirements. Adequate monitoring and testing mechanisms should be conducted before, during and after drilling.

Dairy UK, its members and the dairy industry as a whole are committed to delivering products of the highest standards and safety, providing quality milk and dairy products to consumers.