



# Dairy Industry Work in support of the OIE Animal Welfare Standards

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Guide to Good Animal Welfare in Dairy Production

# IDF Facts & Figures

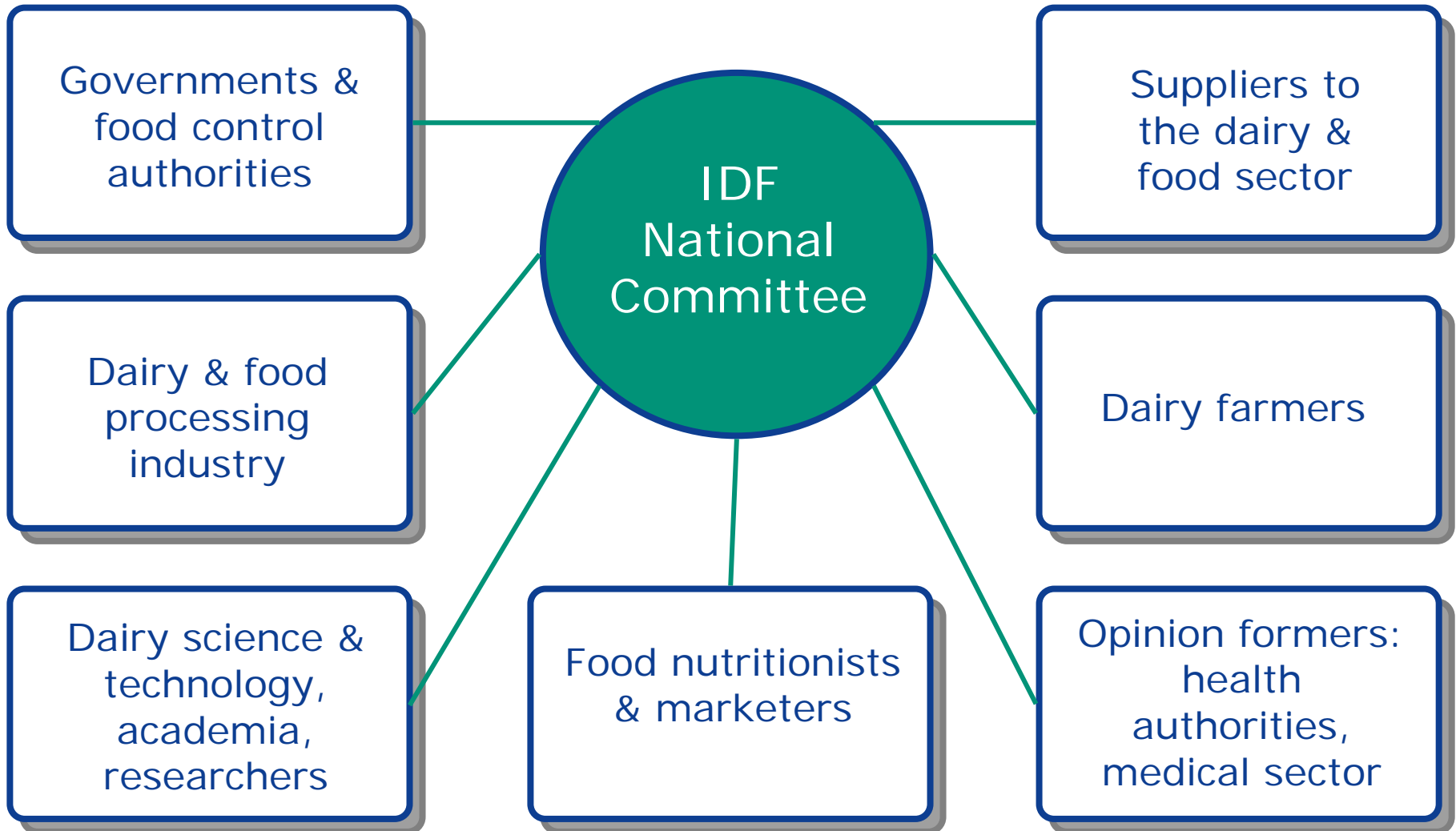
*What is IDF?*



- IDF: The worlds dairy experts since 1903 !
- A global non-profit and science-based organization, most comprehensive and authoritative source of information, expertise and knowledge on dairying, milk and milk products worldwide
- 56 countries representing more than 80% of world milk production
- Growing membership especially in developing countries



# The unique strength of IDF



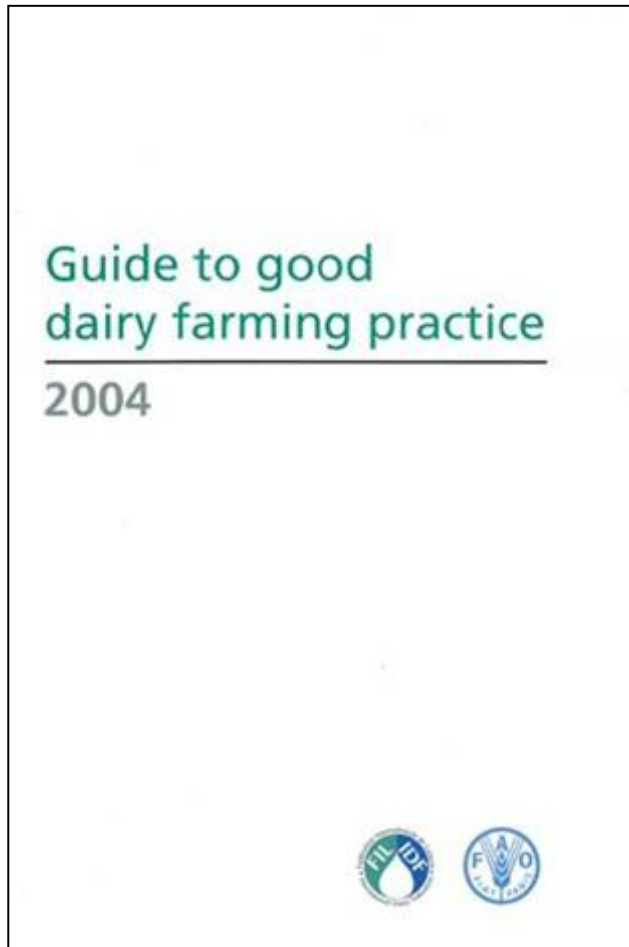
# Key collaborations



	<u>Formal Working relationship</u>	<u>Joint Events</u>	<u>Joint Publications</u>	<u>Informal contacts</u>
FAO	✓	✓	✓	
Codex	✓			
OIE	✓	✓		
ISO	✓	✓	✓	
WHO		✓		✓
ILSI Europe		✓		✓
EU Commission , EFSA, IFAP, IMS, IFIF, IFAH, IFT ...				✓



# IDF/FAO Guide to Good Dairy Farming Practice (2004)



- Animal health
- Milking hygiene
- Animal feeding and water
- Animal welfare
- Environment

# Achieving Good Welfare Practice



- Good husbandry practices
- Physical strategies to relieve constraints
- Herd health plans
- Selection of suitable animals
- Recognise the Five Freedoms
- Promote the benefits of good welfare practice

# Principles for development



- Science-based
- Outcome based not prescription about resource (equivalence)
- Recognise best practice
- Encourage voluntary self-regulation by producers
- Provide information and guidelines

# Equivalence





# Outcome-based

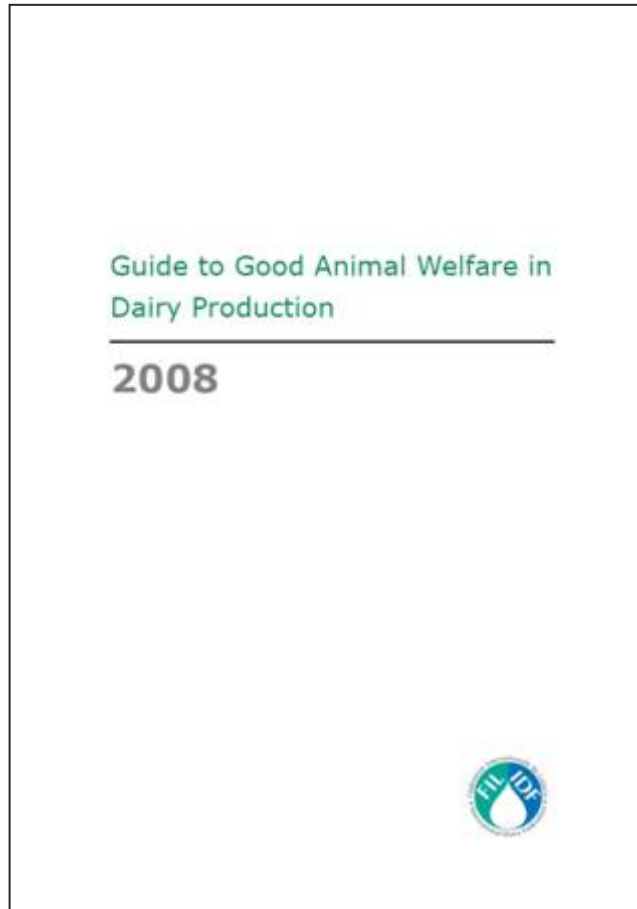


# Process of development



- Project Group nominated via IDF National Committees in 2006, including invited representatives from FAO and OIE
- Draft developed by PG with expert input from IDF Standing Committees
- Peer review including OIE
- Consultation through National Committees including farming representatives, veterinarians etc.
- Final draft and publication in 2008

# Action Areas



- Stockmanship
- Feed and water
- Physical environment
- Husbandry practices
- Health management

The guide is available free of charge from: [www.fil-idf.org](http://www.fil-idf.org)

# Stockmanship



- Underpins successful dairying
- Empathy
- Ability to identify animal needs and take appropriate action
- Training and competence



# Feed and Water



- Appropriate and adequate for needs according to production levels
- Quality
- Monitoring body condition
- Needs of young animals



# Physical Environment



- Providing comfort
- Expression of natural behaviour
- Facilities for milking
- Feedlots and yards
- Provision of shade and shelter



# Husbandry Practices



- Handling animals
- Milking
- Husbandry procedures
- Reproduction, birth and weaning
- Transport



# Health Management



- Herd health management programmes
- Biosecurity
- Emergency slaughter





# Questions please ?

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