

A message from The Chairman and Directors of Dairy Farmers of Britain

On behalf of myself and my fellow board members, I would like to say how saddened I am that DFB finds itself in the position whereby it has no option other than to place DFB into receivership.

In recent months, the Board has been working tirelessly to restructure the business and provide its members, employees and customers with certainty going forward. Since the closure of the Fole and Portsmouth dairies this year, the liquids division has suffered the loss of the Co-Operative supermarket contract, which comes into effect on 1 August 2009. This made the restructuring that we were undertaking insufficient to turnaround the liquids division. Clearly, the decision has not been an easy one, but the board was unfortunately left with no alternative.

What is most important now is that the supply chain is maintained through to our consumers, that jobs are saved, and that there is a home for your milk. We will do whatever is appropriate to assist the receivers in achieving this outcome. In the first instance, I can direct you to consult the website or call the call centre for further information.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank all of you for your support through these extremely difficult times.

John Grantchester