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SMR 5 – Food / Feed Hygiene

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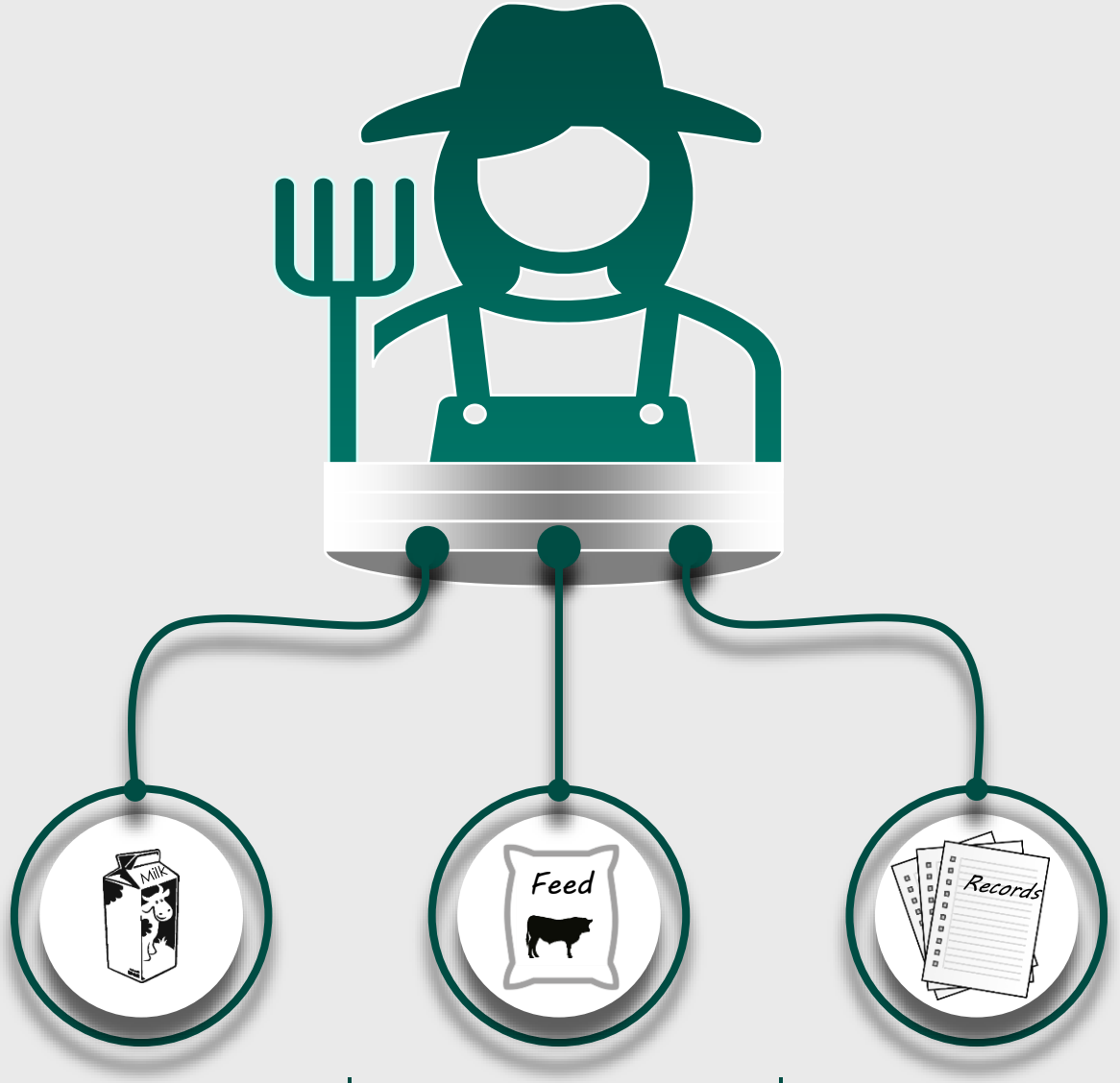
Farmer Requirements



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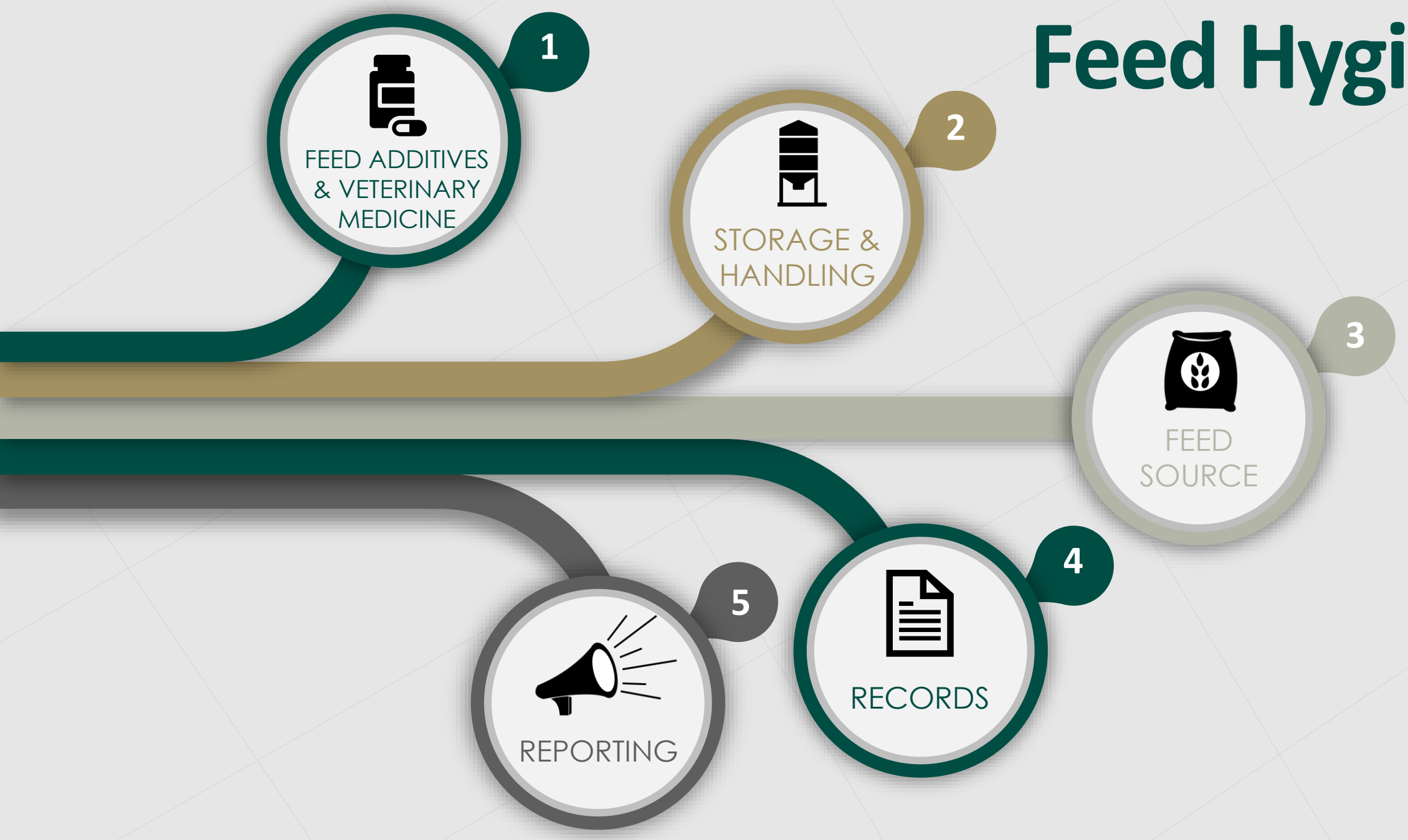
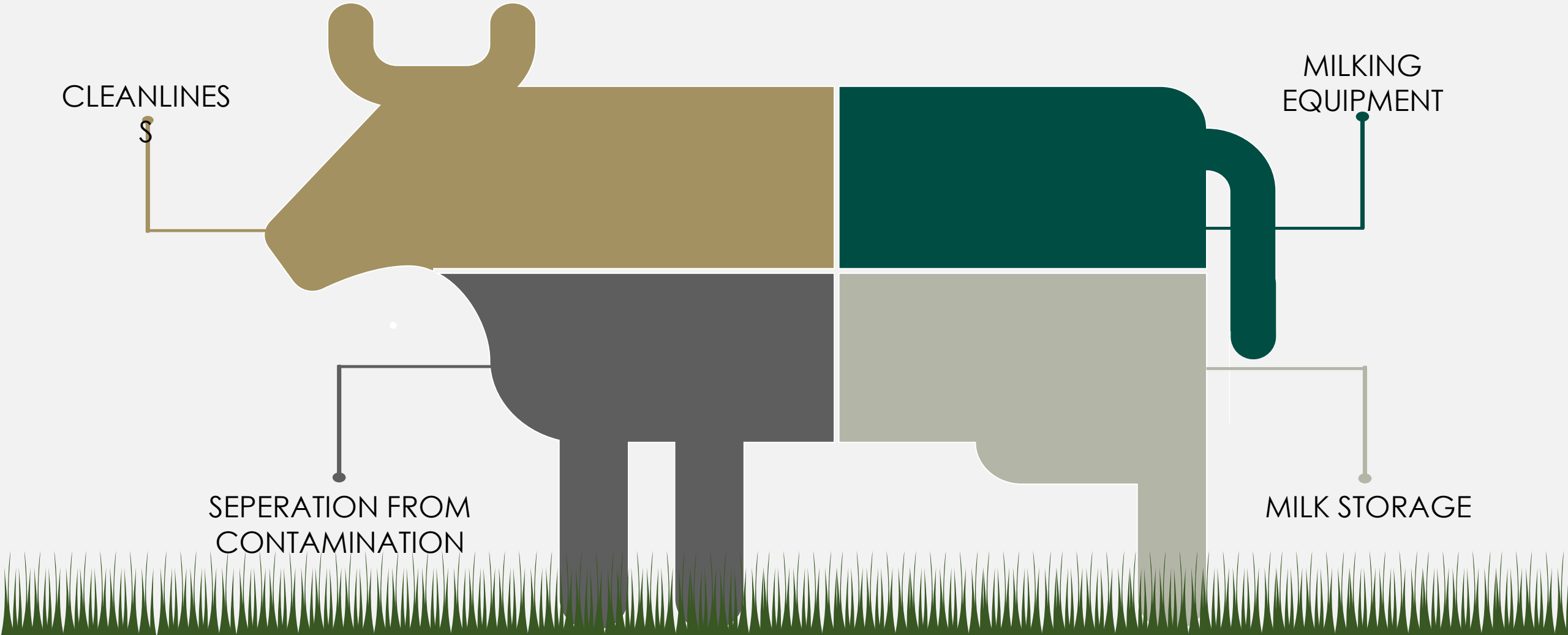


Dairy Hygiene



Cow Housing

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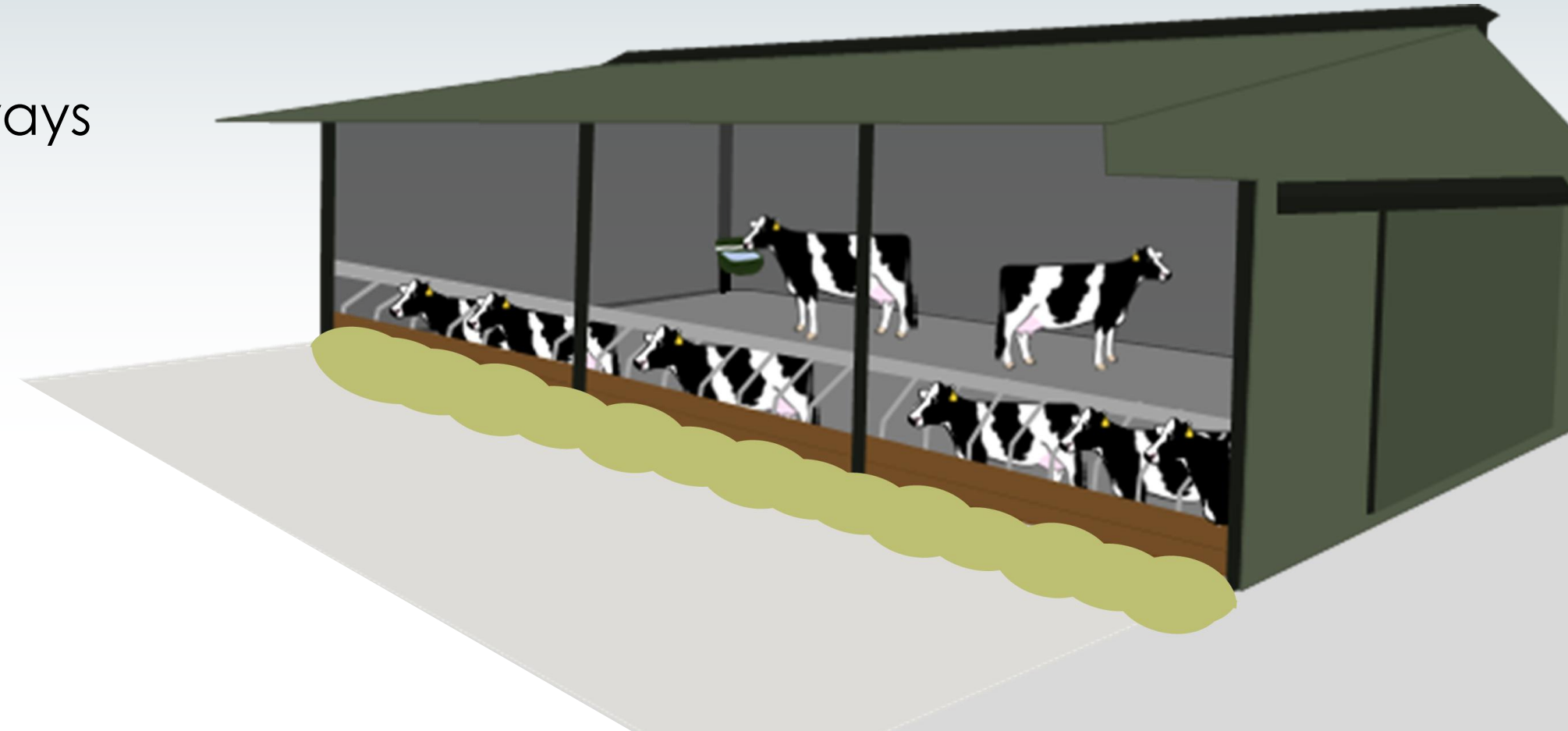
-Yards

-Passageways



Hygiene at Milking

Milk entering the food chain

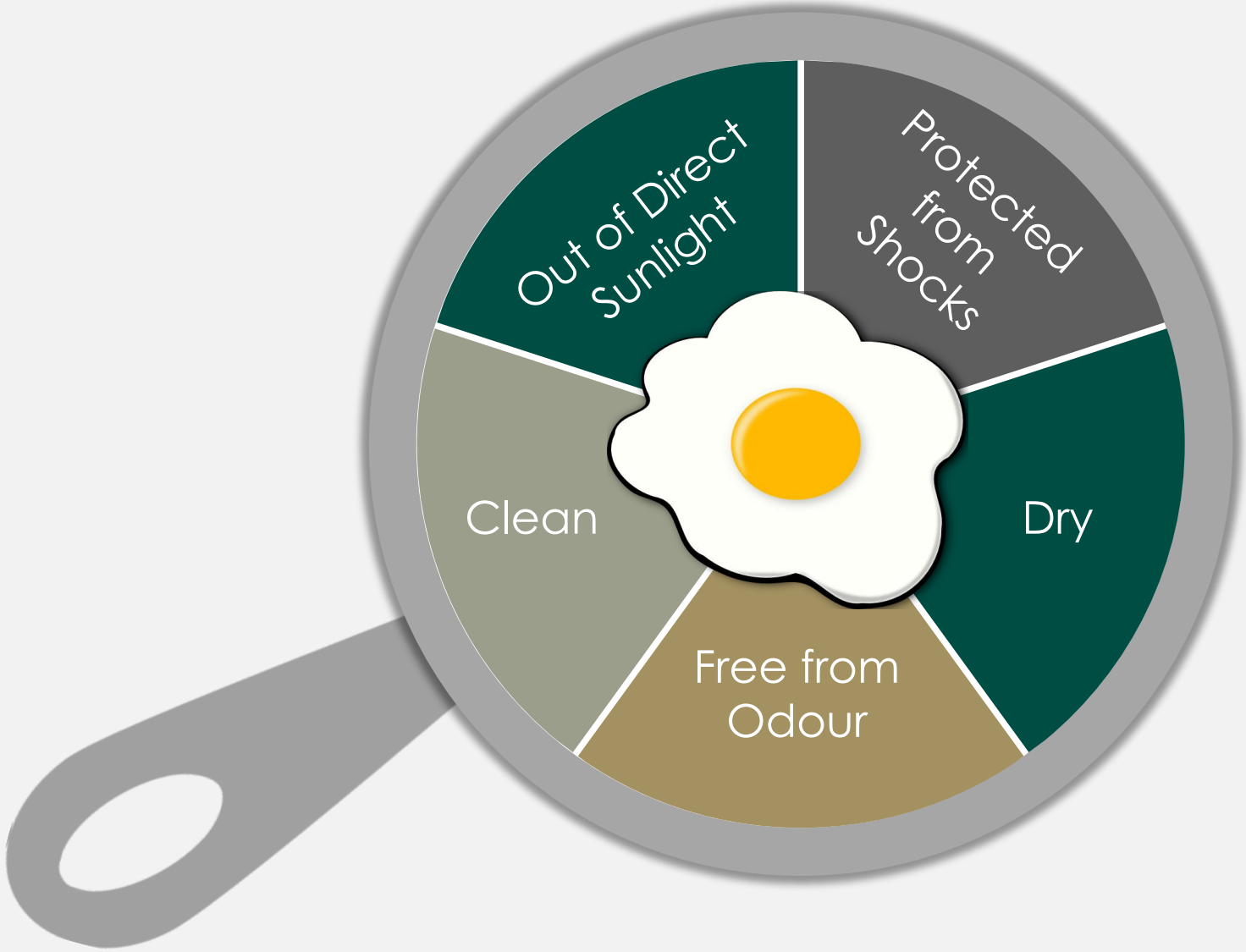
Unauthorised or illegal substances

Effective Isolation

Milking Cleanliness

Animal Health

Egg Hygiene Requirements



General Food Requirements

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SMR 6 -Restrictions on the use of Substances having Hormonal or Thyrostatic Action and Beta-Agonists

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Requirements

01 Substance of hormonal or thyrostatic action

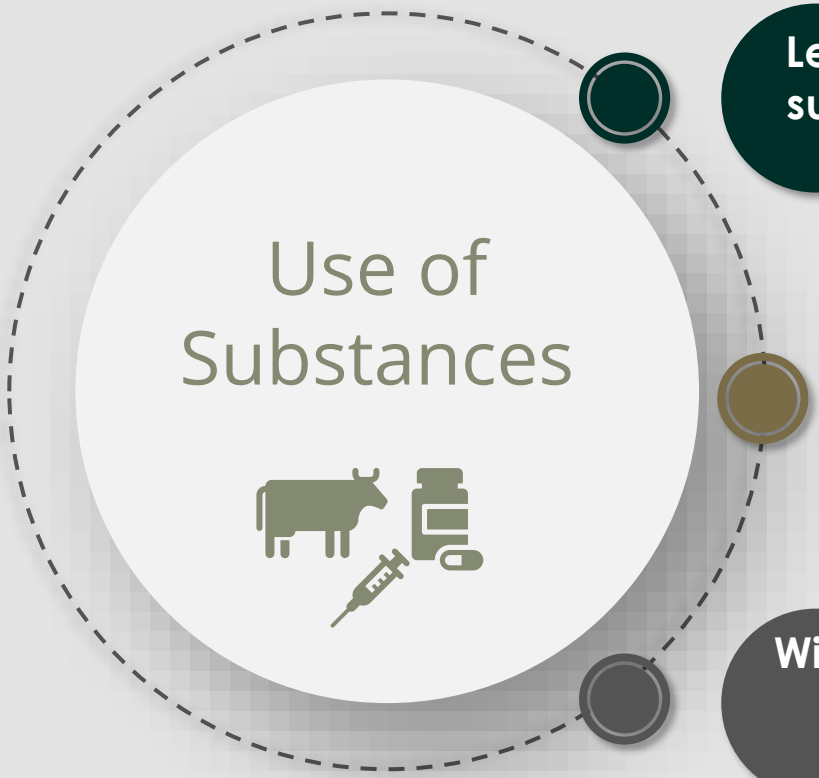
02 Beta-agonists

03 Residues

Types of Substances

1. Stilbenes, synthetic estrogens (diethylstilbestrol)
2. Antithyroid agents (thiouracil)
3. Steroids (dexamethasone) 'Finaplix'
4. Resorcyclic acid lactones (zeranol) 'Ralgro'
5. Clenbuterol and Mabuterol '*Angel Dust*'

Use of Substances

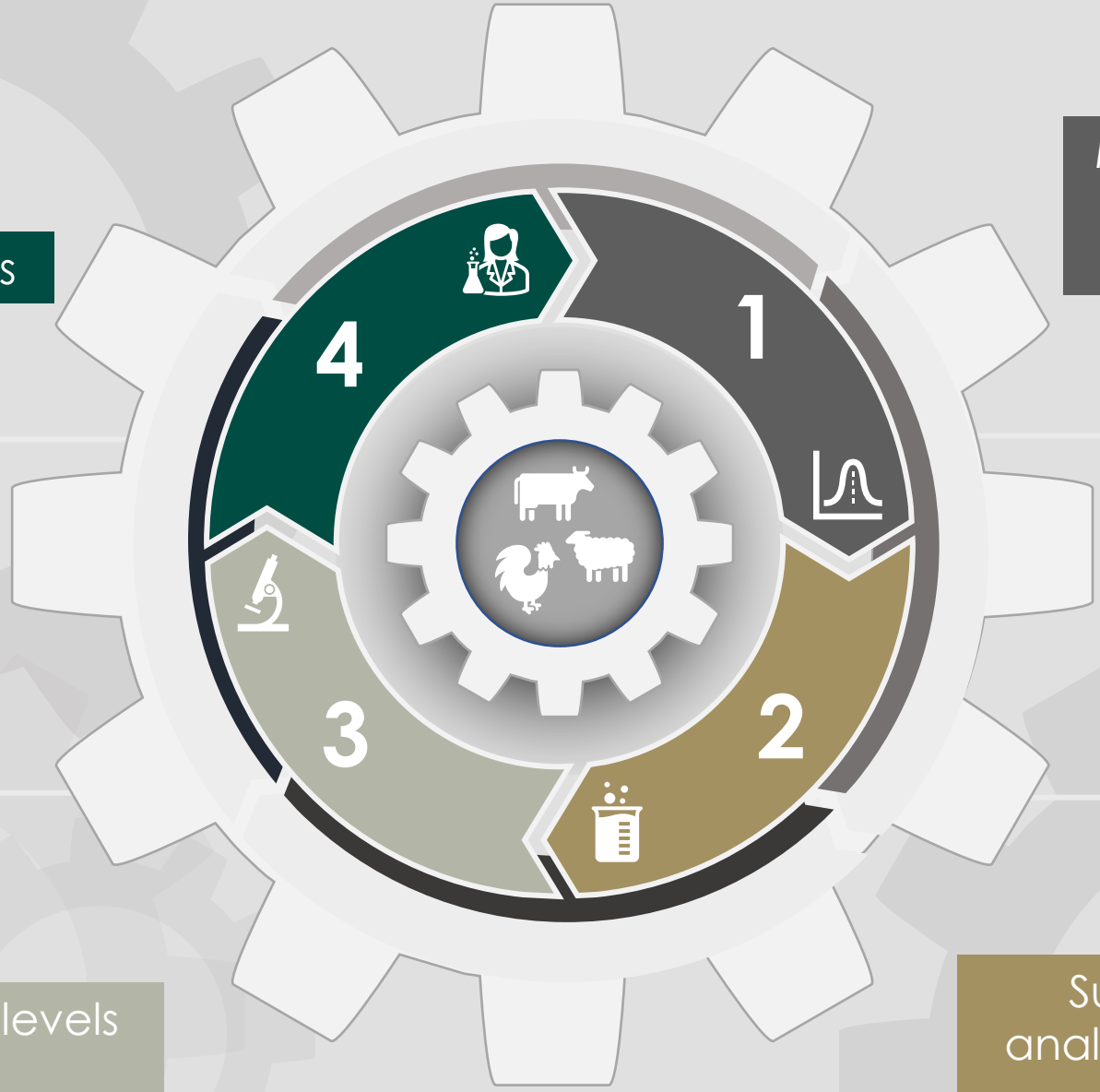


- Legislation prohibits or restricts uses of such substances in all species of farm animals
- Some of these substances may be authorised animal remedies under veterinary prescription
- Withdrawal periods for animal remedies authorised under exceptions to the hormone ban must be observed

National Monitoring Programme

Competent laboratories

Minimum sampling levels & number of samples to be taken/analysed



Detection limits & levels of action

Substances to be analysed & methods of analysis

Controls

1. Random sampling of animal based products from farm to fork

2. Targeted SMR 6 inspections of any positive results

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