

Title	Describe safe handling and health problems of dairy cattle associated with milking		
Level	2	Credits	3

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is for people working, or intending to work, in the dairy industry.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to describe: the welfare and safe handling of dairy cattle; dairy cattle behaviour; and dairy cattle health problems associated with milking.</p>
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Classification	Agriculture > Dairy Farming
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 All evidence presented in this unit standard must be in accordance with:
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.
- 2 Performance of all aspects of this unit standard should comply with the *Code of Welfare - Dairy Cattle*, available from <http://www.mpi.govt.nz>.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe the welfare and safe handling of dairy cattle.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Describe responsibilities of stock handlers regarding the welfare of dairy cattle during handling in relation to the Welfare Code.
- 1.2 Describe safe handling practices in terms of the tasks associated with dairy cattle.

Range includes but is not limited to – handling bulls in a dairy herd, handling first calving heifers, drenching cows, restraining cows in a bail, moving cows into the dairy, moving cows into and out of yards, handling cows while in yards, handling cows in loading out yard for transport.

Outcome 2

Describe dairy cattle behaviour.

Performance criteria

2.1 Describe dairy cattle behaviour in terms of behavioural moods.

Range cows and bulls – normal, angry, frightened, sick.

2.2 Describe dairy cattle behaviour in terms of the factors contributing to the behavioural moods of anger and fright.

Range cows, bulls.

2.3 Describe dairy cattle behaviour in terms of the physical signs and behaviours of cows during heat.

Range coming into heat, during heat, going off heat.

Outcome 3

Describe dairy cattle health problems associated with milking.

Range lameness, mastitis, teat damage.

Performance criteria

3.1 Describe dairy cattle health problems in terms of their cause(s), symptoms, treatment, and prevention.

3.2 Describe dairy cattle health problems in terms of the economic significance, and direct costs of the problem to the dairy farmer.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	27 April 2001	31 December 2020
Review	2	25 June 2002	31 December 2020
Review	3	20 May 2008	31 December 2020
Review	4	28 February 2019	N/A

Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	0052
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

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