

Title	Prepare for milking, and milk cows, under close supervision		
Level	1	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: prepare for milking; bring a dairy herd in for milking; milk dairy cows; and hose down the farm dairy and yards.
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Classification	Agriculture > Dairy Farming
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
 - Animal Welfare Act 1999;
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
 - and any subsequent amendments.
- 2 All evidence presented in this unit standard must be in accordance with on-farm procedures and the Code of Welfare: Dairy Cattle.
- 3 Code of Welfare: Dairy Cattle is available from www.mpi.govt.nz.
- 4 Definition
On-farm procedures refer to the verbal or written instructions to staff on procedures for animal health, welfare, and management.
- 5 Cups can also be referred to as clusters.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Prepare for milking.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Set up farm dairy, plant and yards for milking in accordance with individual plant requirements and instructions from the supervisor.

Outcome 2

Bring a dairy herd in for milking.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Yard dairy herd in accordance with the supervisor's instructions and without undue stress or injury to cows.
- 2.2 Recognise and report abnormal behaviour or activity of cows at first available opportunity to the supervisor.
- 2.3 Set up gates and fences for the herd for return to pasture according to the supervisor's instructions.
- 2.4 Assess and report paddock conditions, water supply, structures, and stock condition according to the supervisor's instructions.

Outcome 3

Milk dairy cows.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Bail cows quietly and smoothly.
- 3.2 Check cows' udders, quarters, and teats and report unusual condition to the supervisor.
- 3.3 Identify cows whose milk is unsuitable for collection in the herd, and report to the supervisor.
- 3.4 Milk cows hygienically, and completely as directed by the supervisor.
Range cups on, cups off, teat care.
- 3.5 Carry out teat care as directed by the supervisor.

Outcome 4

Hose down the farm dairy and yards.

Performance criteria

- 4.1 Hose farm dairy and yards safely, without risk of injury to staff and animals, or damage to equipment, or facilities.
- 4.2 Set up farm dairy and yards for next milking.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
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Review	3	20 May 2008	31 December 2024
Review	4	29 September 2022	N/A

Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference

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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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