

## Prepare for milking, and milk cows, under close supervision

**Level** 1

**Credits** 4

**Purpose** People credited with this unit standard are able to, under close supervision: prepare for milking; bring a dairy herd in for milking; milk dairy cows; and hose down the farm dairy and yards.

This unit standard is for people who have responsibility for milking cows under close supervision.

**Subfield** Agriculture

**Domain** Dairy Farming

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**Standard setting body (SSB)** Primary Industry Training Organisation

**Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP) reference** 0052

This AMAP can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

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### Special notes

- 1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to the – Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, Animal Welfare Act 1999, and their subsequent amendments.
- 2 Performance of all aspects of this unit standard should comply with the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (1992), *Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for the Welfare of Dairy Cattle*, Wellington, and its subsequent amendments.
- 3 *On-farm procedures* refer to the verbal or written instructions to staff on procedures for animal health, welfare, and management.

4 Cups can also be referred to as clusters.

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## Elements and performance criteria

### Element 1

Prepare for milking under close supervision.

#### Performance criteria

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

### Element 2

Bring a dairy herd in for milking under close supervision.

#### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Dairy herd is yarded in accordance with the supervisor's instructions and without undue stress or injury to cows.
- 2.2 Abnormal behaviour or activity of cows is recognised and reported at first available opportunity to the supervisor in accordance with on-farm procedures.
- 2.3 Gates and fences are set up for the herd for return to pasture according to the supervisor's instructions.
- 2.4 Paddock conditions, water supply, structures, and stock condition are assessed according to the supervisor's instructions, and reported clearly and comprehensively to the supervisor.

### Element 3

Milk dairy cows under close supervision.

#### Performance criteria

- 3.1 Cows are bailed quietly and smoothly.
- 3.2 Cows' udders, quarters, and teats are checked and unusual condition reported to the supervisor.
- 3.3 Cows whose milk is unsuitable for collection are identified in the herd, and reported in accordance with farm procedures.
- 3.3 Cows are milked hygienically, and completely as directed by the supervisor.  
Range cups on, cups off, teat care.
- 3.4 Teat care is carried out as directed by the supervisor.

## Element 4

Hose down the farm dairy, and yards under close supervision.

### Performance criteria

- 4.1 Farm dairy and yards are hosed in accordance with on-farm procedures.
- 4.2 Farm dairy and yards are hosed safely, without risk of injury to staff and animals, or damage to equipment, or facilities.
- 4.3 Farm dairy and yards are set up for next milking.

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Industry Training Organisations must be accredited by NZQA before they can register credits from assessment against unit standards.

Accredited providers and Industry Training Organisations assessing against unit standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards.

Accreditation requirements and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP). The AMAP also includes useful information about special requirements for organisations wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.

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### Comments on this unit standard

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