Describe milk cooling, milk cooling equipment, and milk cooler hygiene checking

Level 3
Credits 5

Purpose People credited with this unit standard are able to describe: primary and secondary milk cooling, problems which can occur, and procedures for hygiene checking; and milk company and supplier responsibilities for purchase and installation of on-farm milk cooling equipment.

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Special notes

Elements and performance criteria

Element 1

Describe primary and secondary milk cooling, problems which can occur, and procedures for hygiene checking.

Performance criteria

1.1 The process of primary cooling is described in terms of the way this is achieved in the farm dairy.

1.2 Primary and secondary cooling is described in terms of the relationship between maximum compliance temperature for milk collection, and collection time after milking.

1.3 Problems which can occur during primary cooling are described in terms of possible solutions.

   Range problems – milk entering bulk milk tanks above 18°C, temperature of water entering plate cooler above 16°C, water flow rate less than 2-3 times maximum milk flow, plates not clean, plates assembled incorrectly.

1.4 Plate coolers are described in terms of the problems that can occur.

   Range not sized correctly, insufficient water flow, uneven milk flow, dirty or blocked, flow patterns, water temperature too high, plate compression.

1.5 A plate cooler is described in terms of the procedures for sizing for a farm dairy.

1.6 The procedure for carrying out a hygiene check of the plate cooler and requirements for recording are described in terms of manufacturer’s recommendations, and on-farm quality management procedures.
Element 2

Describe milk company and supplier responsibilities for the purchase and installation of on-farm milk cooling equipment.

Performance criteria

2.1 The purchase and installation of on-farm milk cooling equipment is described in terms of milk company and supplier responsibilities.

Range purchase and installation of – refrigeration condensing units, refrigeration piping, equipment control; installation of – electrical requirements.

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