

Title	Assist with milking		
Level	2	Credits	8

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is for people who have responsibility for milking cows under the general direction of a supervisor.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: prepare for milking as directed by a supervisor; bring a dairy herd in for milking; assist with milking dairy cows; and assist with drafting dairy cattle during 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:
 - On-farm procedures
 - Animal Welfare Act 1999
 - Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.
- 2 Performance of all aspects of this unit standard should comply with the *Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for the Welfare of Dairy Cattle*, www.mpi.govt.nz.
- 3 A minimum of 30 milking's in accordance with on-farm procedures.
- 4 Definitions

Cups can also be referred to as clusters.

On-farm procedures refer to the verbal or written instructions to staff on procedures for animal health, welfare, and management.

On-farm quality management procedures refer to the documented procedures for farm dairy hygiene practices which must meet legislative and dairy company requirements. On-farm quality management procedures are available from all dairy companies.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Prepare for milking as directed by a supervisor.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Set up farm dairy and yards for milking in accordance with individual plant requirements.
- 1.2 Prepare farm dairy and yards for full operation.

Outcome 2

Bring a dairy herd in for milking.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Yard dairy herd without undue stress or injury to any cows.
- 2.2 Recognise and report abnormal behaviour or activity in cows at first opportunity to supervisor.
- 2.3 Set up gates, breaks, and fences for the herd for return to pasture according to prior instructions of the supervisor.
- 2.4 Assess and report on water supply, structures, and stock according to instructions of the supervisor.
- 2.5 Assess and report on paddock conditions and amount of feed available.

Outcomes 3

Assist with milking dairy cows.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Bail cows quietly and smoothly.
- 3.2 Check and prepare cows for milking.
- 3.3 Attach cups to cows according to on-farm quality management procedures.
Range one of – round the circle, two at a time.
- 3.4 Milk cows are milked in accordance with on-farm quality management procedures.
- 3.5 Change and remove cups according to on-farm quality management procedures.

Outcomes 4

Assist with drafting dairy cattle during milking.

Performance criteria

- 4.1 Check and prepare yards prior to drafting.
- 4.2 Identify dairy cattle to draft in accordance with instructions from the supervisor.
- 4.3 Draft dairy cattle without injury or undue stress to animals and without interrupting the flow of cows from the bail area.

Replacement information	This unit standard and unit standard 24549 replaced unit standard 19088.
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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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