

Title	Milk dairy livestock		
Level	3	Credits	10

Purpose	This unit standard is intended for people who are working on a dairy farm, and recognises the skills and knowledge required to handle livestock in a farm dairy following parturition; milk dairy livestock; and isolate milk unsuitable for collection.
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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 – Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, Animal Products Act 1999, Animal Welfare Act 1999, and their subsequent amendments.
- 2 Performance of all aspects of this unit standard should comply with the Ministry of Primary Industries codes of welfare for dairy livestock, and their subsequent amendments available at <http://www.mpi.govt.nz>.
- 3 Learners are expected to comply with all workplace procedures. For the purpose of this unit standard *workplace procedures* refer to the verbal or written instructions to staff on procedures for animal health, welfare, and management.
- 4 *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.
- 5 Examples of livestock treatments and observations that learners should be recording are: mastitis treatments, udder damage, other animal health issues.
- 6 *Cups* can also be referred to as clusters.
- 7 References
NZCP-1, Code of Practice for the Design and Operation of Farm Dairies, Ministry of Primary Industries, ISBN 0-908946-00-7.
DPC 2: Animal Products (Dairy) Approved Criteria for Farm Dairies, referred to as DPC: 2.
 Available from the Ministry of Primary Industries website, <http://www.mpi.govt.nz>.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Handle livestock during their first experiences in the farm dairy.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Handles livestock quietly and firmly into bails.
- 1.2 Bails up livestock in a manner which minimises the risk of injury to themselves, other livestock and people.

Outcome 2

Handle mixed aged livestock in the farm dairy for the four days following parturition, and maintain records.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Handles swollen udders carefully to minimise stress and encourage milk let-down.
- 2.2 Checks udders for damage, mastitis and/or blood.
- 2.3 Diverts colostrum to prevent contamination of bulk milk.
- 2.4 Records livestock treatments and observations according to workplace procedures.

Outcome 3

Demonstrate correct milking technique.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Bails up livestock quietly and smoothly.
- 3.2 Checks and prepares livestock for milking.
- 3.3 Attaches and detaches cups to minimise discomfort to livestock.
- 3.4 Maintains hygiene throughout milking routine according to on-farm milk quality procedures.

Outcome 4

Isolate milk unsuitable for collection.

Performance criteria

- 4.1 Identifies livestock whose milk is unsuitable for collection.

- 4.2 Diverts milk from identified livestock to prevent contamination of bulk milk.
- 4.3 Follows hygiene practices when isolating milk unsuitable for collection according to on-farm quality management procedures.

Replacement information	<p>This unit standard and unit standard 18199 were replaced by unit standard 32010.</p> <p>This unit standard replaced unit standards 23789 and 24551.</p>
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This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.

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