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Milking Procedures



8 Simple Steps to Improve Milk Quality and Efficiency While Milking

The UK Dairy Extension Group has made this information available in both English & Spanish as a poster in collaboration with SQMI. Your KDDC consultant will be distributing copies of these posters and one outlining dry cow therapy.

1. Entry



Provide a clean and stress free environment for the cows entering the parlor or in the barn.

Wear gloves at all times to prevent spread of bacteria from your hands to the cows.

2. Preparation



3. Fore-Stripping



Steps 3 and 4 can be interchanged

4. Pre-Dipping



Thoroughly dip all teats with a pre-dip (3/4 of teat covered). Allow at least 30 seconds of contact time.

5. Drying



Use a single-use towel to remove dirt and pre-dip from the teat, focusing on the teat ends.

6. Attach Unit



Attach unit within 1 to 2 minutes after first touching of the udder. Adjust unit so that it hangs squarely beneath the udder.

7. Detach Unit



Automatic takeoffs release unit when finished milking. When manually removing unit, shut vacuum off before removing unit.

8. Post-Dipping



Immediately after detaching the milking unit, dip teats with post-dip (3/4 of teat covered).