

POSITION OBJECTIVE

To perform the milking operation according to the State's Public Milk Ordinance in a professional and efficient manner to produce a high-quality product and to promote animal well-being.

GENERAL DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Milk Harvesting

- Bring cows from pen to milking parlor according to farm procedure.
- Check pens and start the milking system, milk cooling, refrigeration, washing.
- Attach machines after appropriate udder hygiene following the standard operating procedures (SOP).
- Prepare and apply teat disinfectant.
- Oversee the movement of cows to and from the milking parlor.
- Identify cows with clinical mastitis, teat damage, lameness and other illnesses.
- Follow protocols for the treatment and recording of the condition.
- At the completion of milking, follow the procedures for plant cleaning and the shutdown process.
- Prepare the dairy in readiness for the next milking according to the set guidelines.
- Identify and correct problems in the machine function and operation as they arise.
- Identify and correct unsafe and unacceptable milking practices

Skills needed:

Communication skills

Follow the Animal welfare guidelines according to SOP.

Personable, Open minded

Basic understanding of milking procedures preferred but not necessary.

Physical ability to stand for long periods of time, be on your feet for many hours

Willingness to learn.

Team worker – always willing to help and noticing when tasks need attention

Critical Points:

Be observant of any animal problems to report

Required to attend monthly meetings with Dairy Team and any other additional meetings

Be prepared for hours to fluctuate.