

Emergency Plan for All Milking Staff Milking Parlour Routine

The routine for preparing cows for milking should be consistent at every milking with the following steps carried out in the proper order.

Wear disposable gloves and change regularly or disinfect to avoid contamination.

Procedure for cleaning/preparing teats before milking:

*e.g. wash dirty udders
dry with individual towel/cloth
forestrip?
predip? 30 second contact and wipe dry with individual towel/cloth
number of cows to prep at a time before milking unit attachment*

Teats **must be dry** before the milking machine is attached.

Milking unit should be attached between 60-90 seconds after first contact for efficient milk let-down.

During milking, ensure the cluster is situated correctly, with a square position of the four teat cups under the udder and vertically aligned. Adjust units if necessary to ensure good milk flow and prevent liner slippage.

If unit is kicked off during milking, hose down unit and reapply to ensure the cow is milked out properly.

After milking is complete, apply the post-milking teat dip and ensure good coverage of all teats.

Ensure any animal treated with antibiotics is clearly marked.

Procedure for freshly calved cows in parlour:

*e.g. strip out teat sealant
prepare udder as above but milk into dump bucket
mark cows appropriately as newly calved (so easily identified as withheld from tank)
milk to go into tank from day 4?*