

## Emergency Plan for Staff Feeding Protocol for the Dry Cows

### Prepare feed fence:

*e.g. Sweep/remove feed refusals to end of passageway/clean out trough.  
Instructions for disposal of waste feed from dry cows (e.g. remixed or offered to  
youngstock):*

### Ration information and mixing protocol:

Load wagon in correct order of ingredients as listed in table below.

RPM's and length of time mixer PTO needs to run to mix feed:

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Mixing time:

***Other instructions for feeding and mixing:***

*e.g. silage pit face management and cover removal  
switching silage pits (gradual change)  
timing of feedout*

Mix size (number of dry cows):

Feeding out time:

Feed ingredient	Mixing order (1 is first)	Kgs/cow/day	Total quantity (based on number of dry cows)

**Feeding out instructions:**

- Feed should be delivered to cows at the same time each day.
- Tractor RPM's needed for feedout:
- Ensure feed is available/pushed up for when cows upon return from the milking parlour.
- Push up feed to cows on regular basis and last thing at night. Timings for push ups:
  
- Feed out and distribute mix evenly along trough (uniform mix with no unmixed clumps of feed).
- Ensure wagon is empty after feeding out.

***Other instructions post-feeding:***  
*e.g. storage of tractor/loader/feed wagon  
 checks on equipment  
 storage of keys*

**Review daily:**

- Amount of feed not consumed and adjust for next feeding to reflect changes in dry cow numbers and intake per cow i.e. ensure the correct number of portions are fed per number of cows (within 5%). Otherwise ask nutritionist to reformulate ration.
- Major changes in feed consumption should be reported to manager/nutritionist.
- Assess feed stocks and report to appropriate person for re-ordering in plenty of time.
- Assess water troughs are functioning properly and clean out at least once a week (scrub with a brush).

**Nutritionist contact:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

**Machinery/mixer wagon contact:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

**Feed supplier contacts (e.g. for feeds, straights and minerals):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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