

Job Summary

We pride ourselves on producing the best dairy products possible through maintaining healthy and happy dairy cattle on our farm. Join our team as a dairy farmer and use your animal science knowledge to care for our cattle and ensure they remain healthy and injury free. You will have the chance to work closely with our team of dairy workers to milk the cattle and keep the enclosures clean and well-maintained for a more hygienic environment. Exercise your technical skills as you maintain the farm equipment and reduce the number of repairs required. Employ your excellent communication skills as you work closely on our team and interact with visitors to our farm as required.

Job Responsibilities

- Will report to the Farm Manager and the Herdsman.
- Milk dairy cattle while ensuring livestock remain calm and comfortable so cattle continue to produce maximum quantities of milk.
- Assembles milking equipment and connections to bulk tank.
- At the prescribed starting time, prepares and milks cows.
- Cools and stores milk in accordance with established procedures.
- Follows approved sanitation, preparation, and clean-up procedures for cows, equipment, and facilities.
- Monitors equipment involved with the entire milking process.
- Check for any physical signs of disease or injury, inform the Herdsman and provide preventative medical care as needed.
- Observes, reports, and/or attends to those cows exhibiting marked declines in daily milk production, failure to let down milk, illness, injury, or other deviations from normal behavior and well-being.
- Exercises special care in observing, recording and reporting abnormal milk, udder and teat injuries.
- Rigorously excludes contaminated milk from sale for human consumption.
- Operate farm machinery in a safe and mindful manner to efficiently clean facilities and transport goods and animals.
- Participate in regular cow movements between groups and sorting cows when needed.

- Review the pens, buildings and other areas to ensure the areas remain hygienic to reduce the risk of injury and disease to the cattle and farm workers.
- Help provide food and water to penned cattle and ensure that supplies remain well stocked so that the livestock never go hungry.
- Administer medications as directed.
- Use tools to move feed, animals and other equipment to the appropriate areas on the farm in an efficient manner.
- Maintain milking equipment and other gear to ensure they remain in working order and reduce any repair costs.
- Ability to lift or transport 50+ pounds and to stand on feet for long periods of time.
- Ability to withstand noise, dust, odors, fumes, temperature and climate extremes.
- Knowledge of approved sanitation procedures for cows, equipment and facilities.
- Responsible for the smooth functioning of the animal enterprise during the milking hours when other personnel may not be on hand.
- Performs routine maintenance chores such as adding oil when needed.

Jobs Skills & Qualifications

Required:

- High school diploma or equivalent
- 18+ years of age
- 1+ years of experience in farm work, dairy work

Preferred:

- Ability to perform physical work
- Coursework in animal science
- Valid driver's license and clean background check

Compensation: Competitive pay based on experience.