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## MILKING PROCEDURES IMPROVE MILK QUALITY

Clean teats and a consistent milking procedure among everyone milking your cows can reduce both subclinical and clinical mastitis.

1. Begin with calm cows – stressed animals don't let down their milk as effectively as calm cows
2. Wear latex gloves- to reduce the spread of bacteria between cows and also protect milkers' skin. Clean and dry your gloves during milking if they become dirty.
3. Forestrip – to detect mastitis and stimulate milk let down. Many Producers stop stripping in order to prep cows faster and move them through the parlour faster. However, the opposite is true. In a recent study cows forestripped in any manner had significantly higher milk production in the first two minutes of unit on- time. Cows not forestripped at all took the longest to complete milkout. Three strips per teat is the best stimulation.
4. Pre-dip with an iodine based predip before stripping.
5. Dry teats with a clean, dry single use cloth or paper towel.
6. Attach units 90 secs after starting teat stimulation.
7. Detach units with well adjusted automatic takeoffs to reduce over milking (min. 700 mls/min.).
8. Post dip covering the entire teat with an effective teat dip within 30 secs of unit removal.

### **CQM Training Session**

Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014; 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm  
At Mitchell Veterinary Services  
243 Ontario Rd., Mitchell  
Refreshments provided  
Please call the office to reserve a place