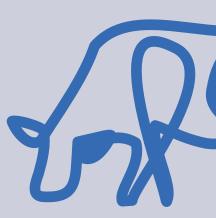


Careers in Dairy

Here's what you might like to know if you want to be a Herd Test Officer



Herd Test Officers usually enjoy:

- · Working with farmers and animals
- · Taking samples and analysing results
- · Working outdoors
- · Working in a lab

Did you know: Herd testing involves sampling and analysing milk from each cow in a herd. Together with herd recording, where each cow's genetic and production details are taken, herd testing provides an important basis for breeding selection.

What do Herd Test Officers do throughout the day?

- Attend scheduled visits to farms
- Take samples of and analyse milk and tail hair from cows
- · Advise farmers on the quality of their milk and health and genetics of their herd
- · Attend industry events

How can I become a Herd Test Officer?

- An agriculture or animal science related course at TAFE or Uni
- · Dairy industry or agriculture experience

Skills

The skills you need to be an Herd Test Officer include:

- Excellent communication skills
- · Good organisational skills
- · Excellent record keeping skills

Want to know more?

Contact your nearest Herd Test organisation and ask if you can do work experience with them. https://www.nhia.org.au/jobs

