

COVID-19

QUICK CHECKLIST FOR DAIRY FARMERS

Version 2

To stop the spread and limit the impact of the COVID-19 virus, the main things to consider are:

- The health and wellbeing of you, your family and your team
- The way you work
- Keeping in touch and up-to-date
- Access to services and goods you need

Check this list for your farm and mark areas to address.

The latest farm-specific information and fact sheets are always available at dairyaustralia.com.au/c19

The health and wellbeing of you, your family and your team

Things that will be necessary to achieve this are:

- Follow government advice on restricting movement and activities.
- Isolate vulnerable family or team members (over 60 or have pre-existing health conditions) to protect them from any chance of exposure.
- Ensure people doing new jobs are trained to do them safely and are supervised. Implement all other normally expected health and safety controls, including for working alone.
- If possible, have younger people help to source food and other essentials.
- Set up systems to apply the hygiene, distancing and disinfection processes necessary. Provide the things needed (disposable gloves, soap, hand sanitiser and facilities).
- Have a plan for self-isolating if required. If you are sick, self-isolate.
- Make sure that everyone in your family and team knows what is required of them.**

The way you work

KEY THINGS REQUIRED TO STOP SPREAD

Keeping distance so that airborne droplets cannot be breathed in

Preventing touch of common surfaces

Disinfecting all items that are touched by more than one person or come onto the farm (by time – set aside for one week; or by washing with generous detergent, 70% alcohol or bleach).

Work practices necessary to achieve this are:

- Limit the number of people coming on farm, including service providers.
 - Only have people come on farm if the visit is business critical.
 - Do what you can by phone or online.
 - Have a system to keep people separated and ensure strict hygiene controls on all surfaces they touch.
- Stop doing tasks where people are in close contact, unless absolutely essential.
- Only involve people who must be there.
- Where possible, consider splitting into two teams that work separately with no contact. If either team is affected, the other team can still work.
- Review workflows for all activities (including milking) to make sure workers keep at least 1.5 meters apart. **[Fact Sheet available].**
- Stop sharing tools, vehicles, machinery, touchscreens, pens, aprons etc.
- Where sharing is unavoidable, follow a strict disinfection process after every use.
- Wash hands regularly and wear gloves.
- Disinfect all deliveries – let them sit for 7 days or chemical disinfect.
- Make sure that everyone understands and agrees to the new ways of working and demonstrates that in practice.**

Access to services and goods

Can you access these services if you need them? Check with your suppliers:

- Veterinary services
- Milking machine tech services
- Refrigeration / electrical services
- Machinery and equipment repairs
- Farm adviser / agronomist / nutritionist
- Herd testing
- AI services
- Stock sales and transport (including calves)
- Knackery services
- Accounting
- Banking
- Other.....

Are you able to source these goods if you need them? Check with your suppliers:

- Feeds and additives
- Fertiliser
- Seed
- Herbicides
- Vet supplies and treatments
- Chemicals, rubber ware, detergents
- Semen
- Other.....

Keeping in touch and up-to-date

People to connect with:

- Your processor – know any new requirements around milk collection [**Fact Sheet available**]
- Your doctor or local health services – if you have any health concerns
- Neighbours and friends – checking how others are going

Key places for up-to-date information are:

- dairyaustralia.com.au/c19 – Fact Sheets and regular updates
- Dairy Australia's regional teams [**See list below**]- for info specific for your region
- Australian Government's Coronavirus mobile phone app

Regional Dairy Australia contact details

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