



CELLCHECK TIP OF THE MONTH

The CellCheck Top Five

THE MOST effective way of controlling mastitis is doing small things, and doing them well. It is attention to detail rather than a silver bullet that yields results. While there are many practices that contribute to lowering the risk of mastitis in a herd, the following CellCheck Top 5 are the practices that make the biggest difference for most farmers.

1. GLOVE UP

Ensure all milkers wear clean gloves at every milking. Do it for the rest of this year and review your SCC figures-you won't believe the difference to SCC and your hands. And don't worry.....no matter how big your hands are, there are gloves available to fit you!



2. TEAT DISINFECTION

Completely cover every teat, of every cow, after every milking. It's the most effective way of preventing new infections and reducing SCC.



3. MILK RECORD

By recording your cows monthly you can see clearly and quickly what's happening within your herd- which are the problem cows? Which are the top performers? Use the CellCheck Farm Summary Report to see the areas of excellence, and the areas that need attention.



4. CHANGE LINERS

Liners should be changed after 2000 milkings or 6 months, whichever comes first. Aged liners can cause slow and incomplete milking, and increase the risk of teat end damage and mastitis. If your herd size has been increasing, perhaps your liners are doing more milkings than you realised?



5. REGULAR MACHINE CHECKS

Using simple and quick daily, weekly and monthly checks will keep your machine problem free, and provide an early warning if anything is amiss



For more information, see the CellCheck Farm Guidelines for Mastitis Control