

Lesson 3: Dairy and Our Environment

Career Spotlight: Dairy Herd Manager

Description

A dairy herd manager oversees the day-to-day operations of the dairy farm that deal with the cattle from calves to adult cows.

Dairy herd managers manage not only the cows but also some of the employees on the dairy farm.

Common Responsibilities

- Taking care of all cattle (calves, heifers, milking cows, and dry cows) on the dairy farm
- Breeding heifers and cows through artificial insemination
- Caring for and treating sick cattle
- Managing the milking operations and procedures
- Developing feeding rations for cattle
- Analyzing data collected from the cattle
- Making decisions using data and business sense
- Overseeing employees working within the supervised areas
- Working with the veterinarian and nutritionist of the dairy farm

Education/Training Requirements

High School Diploma with Apprenticeship or Associate or Bachelor's degree in animal science or livestock management

