

Milk Tester

Position Description

A milk tester visits farms to gather milk samples and production information. They will build relationships with existing and new farms so that they can provide guidance on maximizing the data collected and reports provided. They perform standardized qualitative and quantitative tests to determine physical or chemical properties of milk. The work is physically demanding and may include significant travel, a varying schedule including early mornings, nights and occasional weekends, and working in a barn environment. Specific tasks performed include: set up/breakdown and cleaning of equipment, collecting cow data and milk samples; entering data in specialized programs and printing reports & invoices; monitoring data accuracy; and communicating with customers, co-workers and others in the organization.

Education Requirements

- High School diploma, at least one year of dairy farm experience
- Bachelor's degree in an area of study related to biology/dairy science.
- Experience in the areas of biology, chemistry, animal health and wellness.

Helpful Skill Set

- Science.
- Judgement and decision making.
- Monitoring/Assessing performance of cows.
- Mathematics.
- Self-motivated.
- Organized.

Network Development

- Engage in on-farm training while the milk tester is on site.
- Talk to someone in the field, particularly in a company that interests you.

Work Experience

- Ride along with a milk tester.
- Seek internships on various farms.
- Shadow producers in the industry to gain on-farm knowledge.

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