

MODULE 8

Code of Practice for Milk Producers

SUPERVISOR MODULE



It is a legal requirement for food handlers to be trained in food safety [R961 of 23 November 2013, Regulation 10 (6) and (7)] by an accredited training provider. Records of training must also be made available to an inspector during farm visits and audits.

The Dairy Standard Agency's (DSA) **Code of Practice for Milk Producers** offers students a systematic approach to compliance with food safety requirements at primary production level. It also aims to provide students (as well as stakeholders in the industry) with norms for measuring supplier quality assurance and addresses the minimum requirements for export certification. When designing any structures on a dairy farm, these specific requirements need to be considered and all dairy farmers should adhere to the recommended good milking practices. In addition, it is also important to maintain machines in accordance with the instructions and requirements of the various manufacturers. Effective hygienic practices during milking are important, as the system is required to produce safe and suitable milk and dairy products. Specific requirements regarding the standard for raw milk need to be adhered to. Lastly, the health and general welfare of dairy animals are also considered during the training. **NQF Level 3, 4**



Knowledge

- Introduction to the **Code of Practice for Milk Producers**
- Structural requirements and machine maintenance
- Good milking practices
- Animal health and welfare
- Hygiene
- Documentation
- Standards of and quality control for raw milk



Practical skills

- Identify structural requirements and perform machine maintenance
- Perform recommendations for good milking practices
- Perform recommendations for animal health and welfare practices
- Perform general and dairy farm specific hygiene practices
- Assist with the administration of dairy farm-specific documentation



Work experience

- Assist with and observe the implementation of concepts relating to the **Code of Practice for Milk Producers** on a dairy farm for two weeks
- Implement concepts relating to the code of good practice on a dairy farm under supervision for one month
- Manage the implementation of concepts relating to the **Code of Practice for Milk Producers** on a dairy farm, under normal supervisory and managerial conditions for a period of one month

