Feeding Milk to Calves

Can youth do this job safely?

Youth must be able to do/have all of the following to perform this job safely:

- Avoid loose clothing, clothes with strings, tie up long hair
- Interact safely with calves and is comfortable around them
- Lift objects safely using proper lifting technique
- Carry a filled container that weighs less than 25% of youth's body weight
- Carry container from prep area to feeding area without signs of strain or fatigue
- Attention span is long enough to complete job
- Good eye-hand coordination
- Understand and consistently repeat a 5-step process without written instructions
- Safely demonstrate the job 4 to 5 times
- Maintain two-way communication link
- Change outer clothing and wash hands after job



Adult Responsibilities

- Verify ventilation system is working properly before youth enters enclosed building
- Ensure work area is as free from as many hazards as possible
- Educate youth on avoiding/addressing remaining hazards
- Confirm animals are free of disease and injuries
- Maintain a barrier between youth and unpredictable animals
- Prepare milk replacer if hot water temperature is set higher than 120° F (50° C)
- Demonstrate how to safely feed milk to calves
- Provide appropriate training

Supervision

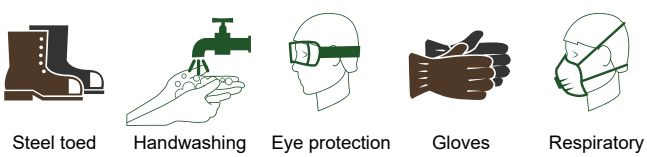
10-11 yrs	Constant supervision progressing to intermittent
12-13 yrs	Intermittent supervision progressing to periodic
14+ yrs	Periodic supervision

Hazards



Weight | Animal bite | Slippery/ uneven surface | Chemicals | Burns

Protective Strategies



Steel toed non-skid shoes | Handwashing | Eye protection (while using chemicals) | Gloves (if needed) | Respiratory protection (if needed)



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