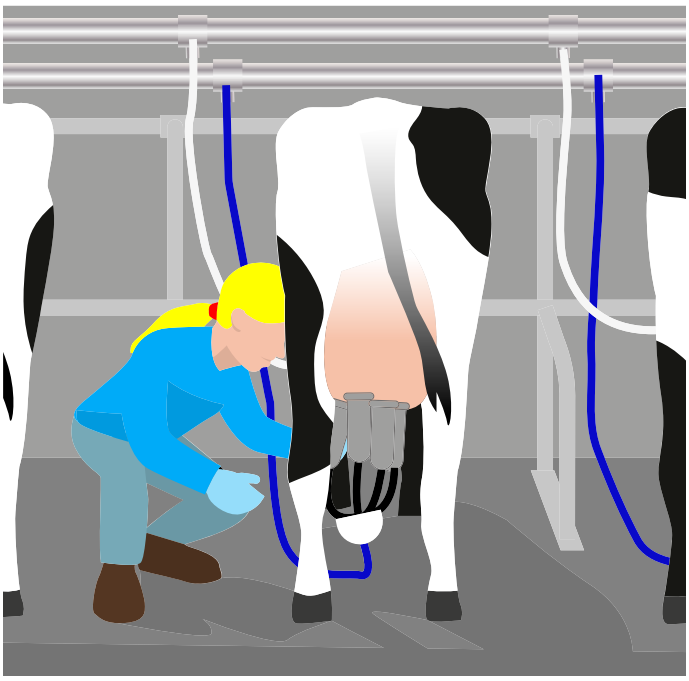
Milking Cows
(using a pipeline)

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 cows and is comfortable around them
- Bend safely, using proper bending technique
- Lift object using proper lifting technique
- Attention span long enough to complete work
- Good peripheral vision
- Good eye-hand coordination
- Recognize a hazard, problem solve, and respond appropriately
- React quickly to hazards
- Understands and can consistently repeat a 10 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
- Ensure equipment is mechanically sound and safety features are in place
- Ensure work area is free from as many hazards as possible
- Educate youth on avoiding/addressing remaining hazards
- Provide appropriate training, including on animal behavior
- Confirm animals are free of disease and injuries
- Keep youth away from cows that routinely kick
- Provide youth with 10 minute break every hour and frequent stretch breaks
- Demonstrate how to safely milk a cow using a pipeline

Supervision

14-15 yrs	Constant supervision progressing to intermittent
16+ yrs	Intermittent supervision progressing to periodic

Hazards



Slippery/ uneven surface | Animal contact | Chemicals | Electricity | Pinch point

Protective Strategies



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



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