

Gorrell Dairy

Position Description - Feeder

Job Title: Feeder

Summary Description: At Gorrell Dairy, the Feeder is responsible for feeding and caring for all livestock on the dairy facility. The proper care of dairy animals involves keeping the animal areas, lots, and barns clean and free from manure and extraneous objects. The Feeder works as a member of a team focused on herd health and productivity, employee safety, facilities maintenance, and community relations.

Major Job Functions:

Approximately 80% of the time: **Feeding.**

- Arrive on farm by 6:00AM daily.
- Begin mixing rations no later than 6:30AM.
- Push up feed first thing each morning, noting any refusals so that adjustments can be made if necessary.
- Check bunks each morning and work with farm manager to decide feeding amounts.
- Check animals frequently and on-time each day to be sure they are receiving adequate feed.
- Work with nutritionist and farm manager to adapt and accommodate diet of animals as needed.
- Take direction from manager about what and when to feed, and any changes to the ration.
- Keep track of percent shrink and feed commodities.
- Get cows fed accurately and on-time without running out of feed.
- Ensure that ration is mixed properly.
- Check all cow areas at least 5 times daily to be sure animals are comfortable and healthy, and are not under stress caused by weather.
- Keep all equipment maintained and in working order. If something is not working or breaks, report it to your supervisor immediately.
- As requested by supervisor, work with nutritionist to send feed to testing facilities.
- Perform repairs as necessary in a timely manner to keep machinery and tools in working order at all times.
- Complete routine maintenance of the farm, and keep the farmstead clean, safe, and orderly.

Approximately 20% of the time: **Bunk Management**

- Free stall maintenance.
- Records pertaining to the equipment used/maintenance performed by you.
- Help with bunk during harvest.

Qualifications Required: Prior experience with heavy machinery and dairy operations a plus.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities Required:

- Ability to think on your feet and adapt to changing situations.
- Knowledge of machinery and tractors.
- Ability to do light repairs to heavy machinery.
- Desire and ability to work in a team setting.

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Reports To: Farm Manager