



Fiji DAIRYNOTE P4 – Teat Dipping

Post-milking teat sanitation is absolutely essential because it helps prevent mastitis and other infections.

What is mastitis?

Mastitis is the inflammation of the mammary gland and udder tissue. It is a common and serious production-limiting disease of dairy cattle.

Why does it matter?

Mastitis can cause distress in animals and reduce milk yields. Milk with unsatisfactory levels of bacteria in it can be discarded – reducing farmers’ incomes.

Why should you teat spray or dip after every milking?

Post-milking teat sanitation kills bacteria on the teat end and up inside the teat for a short distance, reducing the risk of new infection by about 50%.

Make your own teat dipping solution:

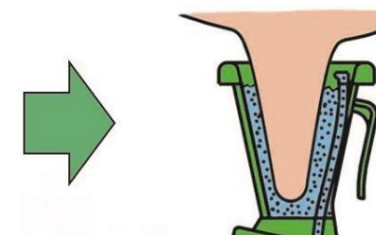
Glycerine 250mls + Iodine 1 litre + Water 250mls = Teat dipping solution



Left: A teat dipper. Dip teats in sanitiser after every milking to cover as much of the teat skin surface as possible. Right: You can also use a sprayer.



After each milking, fully immerse each teat in the solution. All surfaces of the teat should be covered.



The mixture will make 1.5 litres of teat dip. Store the excess dip in an airtight container and use it as required.