

## Fiji TechNote 1 – Dairy Farm Monthly Check (Milking Machines)

Component	What to check for (write comments as needed	Tick or
	in space provided)	cross
	Clusters: Inside claws? Shut-off button? Claw seals? Air hole clear?	·····
	Liners:	
	Clean inside?	
	Not perished?	
	<ul> <li>Not left hanging on jetters?</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Smooth to touch on inside?</li> </ul>	
	• Smooth to touch on inside:	
	Vacuum pump:	
	• Oiler system is distributing oil at the right	
	amount?	
	<ul> <li>Wicks aren't clogged?</li> </ul>	
	• Belts are tight?	
	Guards are in place?	
	Vacuum regulator and gauge:	
	• Air intake is clean?	
	• Vacuum is at the right level?	
ISTOCIAL STREET	Milk line:	
	Milk line end?	
	• Seals?	
	• Tight unions?	
	Rubber tubing?	
	Milk meters:	
	No water drops on inner surface? i.e. fat	
	deposit	
	<ul> <li>Rinse water drained out before alkaline</li> </ul>	
	wash?	
	Rinse water drained out before	
	acid/sanitiser rinse?	

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	Other equipment, sight glasses:	
	Visibly clean?	
	<ul> <li>Free of fat or other deposit inside?</li> </ul>	
	Air system:	
	Sanitary trap?	
	<ul><li>Pipe above receiver?</li></ul>	
	<ul> <li>Pulsator air line?</li> </ul>	
The Alt	Receiving Can/ Milk cans	
	<ul> <li>Clean and no sign of protein or fat build up?</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Rubber seals are not perished?</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>No build up around seals/ lids?</li> </ul>	
	Milk pump - centrifugal:	
	One-way valve?	
	• Drain point?	
	Milk pump – diaphragm:	
	<ul> <li>Diaphragms clean, no cracks?</li> </ul>	
	Check valves OK?	
	<ul> <li>Safety [no rotating shaft]?</li> </ul>	
	Plate cooler and delivery line:	
R F	Do not open unless there is a problem	
	<ul> <li>Damaged seals and connections?</li> </ul>	
	Check inside of pipes and unions?	
	• Shine torch in milk inlet and outlet to check	
	for milk build up	
	Milk filter:	
	• Inside cylinder clean?	
	Rubber seals not perished?	
	• Seals and unions clean?	
WEEP'	• Filter socks are being used?	
	• Filter socks are being used only once if single	
	use type?	
	<ul> <li>Multi use filter socks are clean and dry?</li> </ul>	
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	Hot water:	
8	• There is enough hot water for number of	
	cups = 10 liters per set	
	• Temperature is 85 <sup>o</sup> C at start of hot wash?	
	Jetters:	
	<ul><li>Are not blocked restricting water flow?</li><li>Jetter rubbers are not perished or cracked?</li></ul>	
	Vat/Bulk Tank	
	<ul><li>Is rinsed as soon as possible after collection?</li><li>Is clean with no buildup of protein or fats?</li></ul>	
	<ul> <li>Taps and sightglass is clean?</li> </ul>	
	• Seals are clean with no buildup underneath?	
	• Stirrer is clean?	

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<ul> <li>Milk Cans:</li> <li>Are clean no protein or fat build up?</li> <li>Have rack to allow to dry?</li> <li>Not pitted or scratched?</li> <li>Filter socks are being used?</li> <li>Filter socks are clean and dry?</li> </ul>	····· ····· ·····
<ul> <li>Refrigeration:</li> <li>Is operating?</li> <li>Milk temperature is below 7°C?</li> <li>Milk cans are to MCC within an hour?</li> </ul>	