

Pick the Best “Best Management Practice”

Being a successful manager is not only the result of “Doing the right things” but is also the result of “Proper prioritizing”. Doing things right is the result of proper prioritization of tasks. Listed below are pairs of tasks (both of which are right things to do), circle the task that represents the best dairy choices.

- Heat Detection
- Be with Vet at Visit
- Clean Barn Fans
- Clean/Remove Feed Daily
- Install Misters/Foggers to cool Cows
- Barn Fans on at 70°
- Scrub Waterers, once a Week
- Stall Clean enough for you to use
- Budget each Year, w/benchmarks
- Semen Selection
- Make Hay by Weather & Maturity
- Benchmark with Average
- Keep Feed in Front of cows 24/7
- Benchmark with Personal Goals
- Purchases based on Profitability
- Purchases based on “I deserve it.”
- Empty/Scrub Waterers, by Season
- Mow Hay “on time”
- Get those Components Up
- Owner Records Daily Milk #
- Read and Stay Informed
- Set Task Completion Dates
- Study your DHIA Report
- Plow Early to capture Spring Rains
- Study Milk Price Trends
- Push up Feed Several times a Day
- Install Drippers to cool Cows
- Barn Fans on at 65°
- Scrub Waterers, once a Month
- Add new Straw every day
- Use last year’s Numbers
- Heat Detection
- Make Hay based on Calendar
- Benchmark with Top 10%
- Feed after every Milking
- Benchmark with Top 10%
- Purchases based on Taxes
- Purchases based on Profitability
- Empty & Refill Waterers, Weekly
- Meet with Accountant
- Ship every Pound Possible
- Study Monthly Milk Shipments
- Talk to Salesmen and Neighbors
- Work to get “Done on Time”