

Key Health & Safety Reminders

*It is impractical for us to provide cover for all possible scenarios that may cause a Health and Safety risk to you. The use of commonsense and sensible judgements about your own personal safety is paramount. This document should be used in conjunction with the farm’s full Health and Safety policy.*

* A safety helmet must be worn whenever using a motorbike (4 or 2 wheels)
* Sensible use of mobile phones is required - no texting, gaming, browsing or interacting on social media whilst driving or operating farm vehicles or machinery
* The tanker track is a shared service lane - watch for other vehicles and keep speed limited to one at which you can safely stop and give way to other vehicles. Tankers have first right of way. A 35 km/h maximum speed limit is in place on all tracks and surfaces.
* Sensible use of mobile phones is required - no texting, gaming, browsing or interacting on social media whilst driving or operating farm vehicles or machinery, including using the rapid exit in the milking parlour
* Headphones / ear pods shall only be used when it is safe to do so, and only 1 speaker should be used i.e. 1 ear is still ‘open’ for listening to what is going on around you/changes in machinery or animal noises
* Do not use any equipment that is new to you until you have received instructions on how to safely operate it.
* You must not be at work whilst under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
* If you suspect any piece of machinery is not operating correctly or notice anything that may pose a health and safety risk, do not continue to use the machinery and advise the farm manager/owner as soon as possible.
* Leave any equipment that might fall or pose a risk to others (e.g. front-end loaders, front forks), in the resting or ‘down’ position. Always leave tractor PTOs in neutral.
* The Rapid Exit has moving parts that pose a crushing and/or entrapment hazard. Do not operate the Rapid Exit in the milking parlour unless you have been trained to do so. Do not lean over the feed bins of the rapid exit unless necessary and ensure other workers know you are there as well as remaining alert to any movement of the trap.
* Surfaces within the goat barns and milking area can become very slippery in damp, wet or mucky conditions. Please walk along fence lines for ready support if necessary. Do not chase goats on concrete areas. Do not walk on the concrete lane in the housing pens straight after it has been scraped clean, unless necessary to do so.
* The Goat Area is also a restricted biosecurity area. Please rinse off farm boots before entering the housing barns, particularly during the kidding period.
* Goats may have ‘Cheesy Gland’ and/or bacterial gastrointestinal upsets. These can be passed on to humans. Please ensure gloves are used when handling does and/or during milking and that you use the provided hand sanitizer after working with goats or kids.
* Any medication brought onto the worksite (prescription or personal) must be clearly named and labelled and stored in a location that is not visible nor easily accessible by other staff or onsite visitors.
* No visitors are to accompany you on farm without prior permission from the farm manager/owner. Any approved children or visitors to the farm are your responsibility.  No children are to accompany you during work times.
* Some of our goats have horns. Please ensure your own safety by taking care whilst working around these animals, particularly in situations where they may lift their head upwards towards you and/or if they try to rub their head up against you.
* No staff member or visitor is to climb the silos
* Never climb into the mixer wagon.  If it is necessary for some reason to clear a blockage or inspect the inside of the wagon, first seek support from the farm owner and/or your manager.  Ensure that the tractor is turned OFF, the key removed from the ignition and any other personnel present are advised of you intent to enter the wagon.

Read and Acknowledged by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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