



Good milking practices

Need/issue: Milking machine management

Aim: To increase the number of productive ewes and milk production in the flock.

How to implement:

- Before milking: Monitor udder health regularly, follow the right milking order, always use a milk filter, if needed clean teats before milking.
- During milking: Check milking vacuum, attach milking cluster in time, avoid over milking, detach milking clusters correctly.
- After milking: Disinfect teats immediately, disinfect milking equipment, ensure proper milk cooling, regularly monitor milking results.



Description:

- For a smooth and efficient milking routine it is necessary to work on different aspects simultaneously, which can be summarized in 12 golden rules.

Split into 3 stages:

- Before milking
- During milking
- After milking
- Always use disposable gloves. Always ensure disposable gloves are intact and clean.



Expected benefits:

- To avoid risk situations due to milking machine breakdowns.
- Maintain good udder health status.
- Increase milk yield.
- Ensure good sanitary milk quality.
- Improve animal welfare.
- All this results in a higher economic profitability of the flock, more milk, higher price for milk sanitary quality, longer life of the animals, and less use of antibiotics, all aligned with the one health program.

Prerequisites and/or limits:

- To have a milking machine available.
- Farmer training

Country: Spain

Dairy or/and meat sheep: Dairy sheep

Category of Animal (ewe, replacement, lamb):
Ewe

Topic:

- Health
- Nutrition
- Management

Level of solution:

- Knowledge
- Practical

Source of information:

<http://www.agro-alimentarias.coop/ficheros/doc/O1547.pdf>

<https://www.interempresas.net/Flipbooks/OV/33/6/>

