

MILKING SMARTER

Cut out wasted time

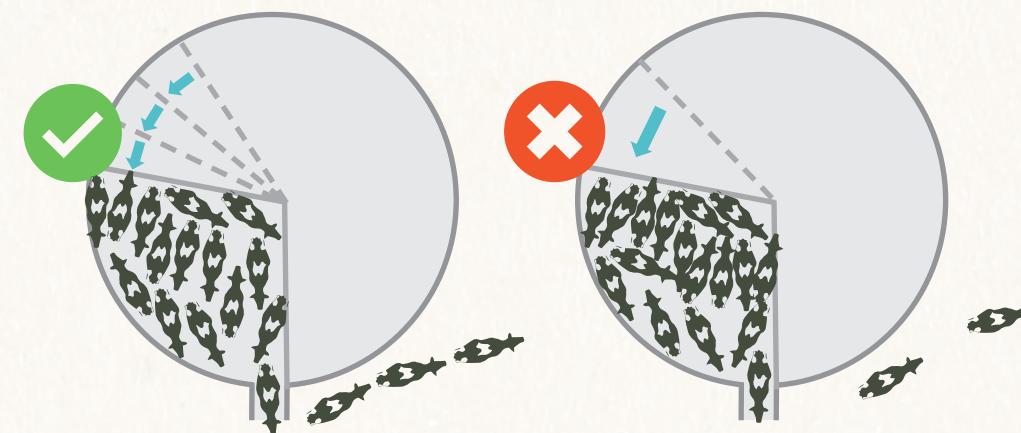
Herringbone



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GO WITH THE FLOW

- Move the backing gate little and often to take up space
- Don't leave the pit unless you really need to
- Hose under cows with cups on



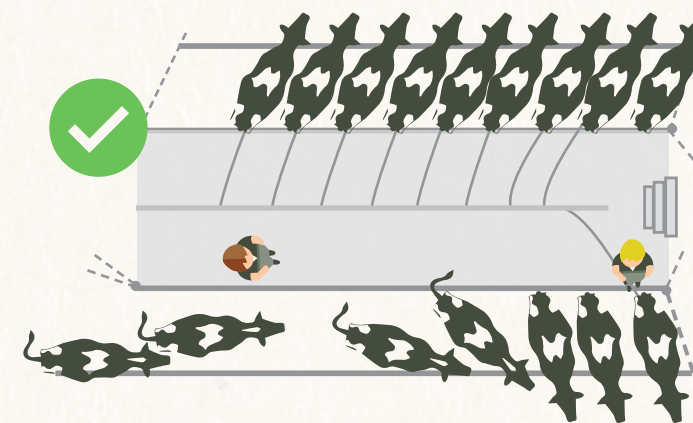
Calm cows are easier to handle, produce more milk and less effluent. Keeping the cows flowing speeds up milking.

Hosing as cows enter slows down cow flow and risks splashing teats with dirty water.

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CUPPING

- Don't wait for all the cows to row up – start cupping
- Aim to cup first cow within 30 seconds of being in position
- Aim to put each set of cups on in 4 seconds



Rowing up all the cows wastes time and adds steps. If left, most cows will row themselves up.

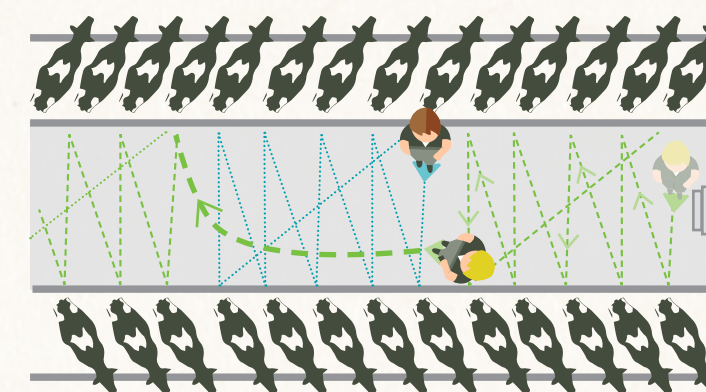
The sooner you start cupping, the sooner the cows will be milked out and can leave.

A good cupping method makes milking easier, faster, safer and reduces the strain on your body.

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ROUTINE

- Bunny Hop – cup in batches of 5-10 cows
- Work from the exit to entry, teat spraying as you go

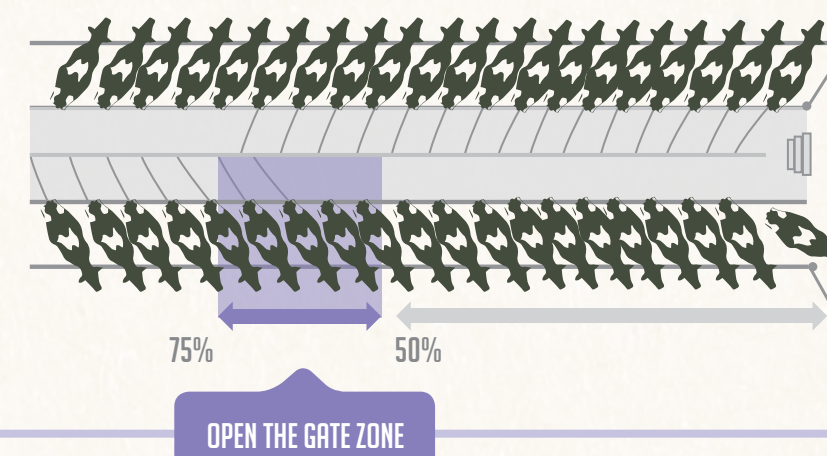


This routine means less walking and allows the exit gate to be opened earlier.

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CUPS OFF

- Don't wait for every last bit of milk – take the cups off as you work your way down the pit
- Be brave and let the row go – open the gate half to three quarters of the way down the pit



Leaving a small amount of milk in the udder is okay as it will be collected at the next milking.

The sooner you open the gate, the sooner the cows can start leaving.

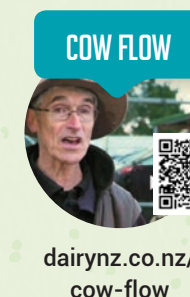
Aim is to be teat spraying the last cow in the row as she walks out.

NEXT STEPS

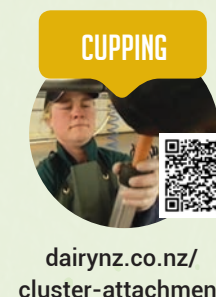
MaxT is a milking routine where cups are removed from all of the cows after a set milking time. The time for each herd is based on average production and is adjusted through the season. This is the most efficient way to milk cows. It can be used with no loss of production or increase in mastitis.

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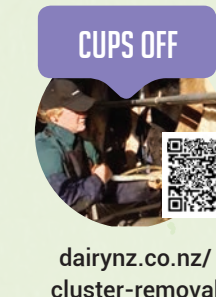
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