

**SOP 3 - MILKING COWS WITH ABNORMAL OR TREATED MILK**

Purpose: To prevent abnormal or treated milk from entering the bulk tank.

- Discard the milk from those animals that have abnormal milk (e.g. mastitic milk, bloody milk, animals in a drug withdrawal period) and for the first **3 days in milk (colostrum)**.

- Check treatment records prior to shipping milk in the following scenarios:

- treated animal has met withdrawal times
- early calvings or abortions
- new additions to the herd

*Indicate which of the following you currently do when a new animal is moved into the herd:*

- \_\_\_\_\_ obtain residue test sample **OR**
- \_\_\_\_\_ obtain letter of guarantee **OR**
- \_\_\_\_\_ We do not move-in ANY animals. We are a closed herd.

- Ensure milkers know the farm's system for identifying treated animals.

- Check for leg bands / markings that would identify treated animals.
- On our farm, we mark animal in the following ways:
  - Treated cows: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Fresh cows: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other: (identify cattle group)
  - Other: (other methods of identifying treated animals)

**Milking Steps:**

*(e.g., Remove milk hose from line or jar before milking these animals, prep and wash method, flush and rinse claw unit with hot water after milking treated animals)*

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

- Ensure treated milk (and the residual that remains in the equipment after milking a treated animal) is not shipped.

