

A year on a dairy farm

Life on a dairy farm is busy all year.

The cows are the most important part of the farm. The farmer looks after the cows to make sure they are happy and healthy. They are milked every day.

Dairy farms are different sizes, but there are many similar jobs that must be carried out.

Everyday on the farm

- 5:45am** The cows are gathered for milking.
- 6:00am** The cows are milked. Calves are fed some of the warm milk.
- 7:30am** After milking the parlour is cleaned.
- 8:00am** Cows are fed.
- 9:00am** The tanker arrives to collect the milk.
- 9:30am** All the cows are checked to make sure they are healthy.
- 10:30am** When the weather is good the cows graze outside.
- 12:00pm** The farmer completes office work or general work around the farm.
- 4:00pm** Cows are milked.
- 6:00pm** The cows are fed and turned out for the night in spring and summer. They are brought in from the fields during autumn and winter.
- 8:00pm** At the end of day, the farmer checks that the cows are settled for the night.



Did you know?

The farmer looks after the countryside. For example:

- hedges are cut to help wildlife and birds flourish;
- grass strips around fields make a wildlife corridor;
- trees are planted;
- ponds are cleaned.

