

Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets  
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RESPONSIBILITIES OF BULK MILK COLLECTORS AND TEMPORARY LICENSE

1. Must be licensed to weigh and sample milk.
2. Check milk for off odor or flavor. Check for visible sediment. If in doubt of quality do not accept the milk. Notify the milk plant representative or area dairy inspector.
3. Accurately measure milk depth and convert to pounds from chart which must be posted in the milkroom.
4. Only milk in the calibrated portion of the tank shall be picked up.
5. Milk must be 45°F. or less. Check temperature with accurate hand thermometer. Sanitize thermometer for at least one minute before taking temperature.
6. All milk must be properly agitated. The milk in all farm tanks must be agitated a minimum of 5 minutes. Tanks larger than 1500 gallons must be agitated for a minimum of 10 minutes. For large tanks follow the manufacturer's recommendation. Even if the agitator is running when you arrive you must continue to agitate the milk for the minimum required time for the size of the tank.
7. Take sample aseptically with a dipper that has been stored in a tightly closed sanitizing solution container. The sanitizing solution must be of proper strength. The strength of the sanitizer must be checked every time the dipper container is filled.
8. After milk is pumped out and hose disconnected thoroughly rinse out bulk tank with cold or luke warm water, preferably under pressure. Observe cleanliness and condition of the bulk tank after rinsing and the general condition of the milkroom. Notify the milk plant representative or area dairy inspector of any deficiencies observed.
9. Maintain all samples between 32°-40°F., preferably by means of ice and water, in a properly insulated case.
10. Milk collectors and producers shall cooperate to coordinate time of milking and collecting so as to permit cooling of milk and the cleaning and sanitizing of equipment.
11. Close the door and leave the milkhouse as neat as you found it.
12. Complete knowledge and execution of these responsibilities is a requirement for a license to weigh and sample milk.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Print name \_\_\_\_\_

(Bulk Milk Collector)

Approved by:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Print name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

This temporary license is good for 60 days. Temporary license number \_\_\_\_\_

Note: If you have not received your license in 45 days contact the Dairy Office at (802) 828-2433.