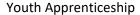
# **Dairy Grazier**





#### **DAIRY GRAZIER**

Dairy Grazier youth apprentices gain skills related to the use of managed pastures and sustainable farming practices, managing livestock herds, grazing and milking. Apprentices must adhere to industry safety and security standards.

**Length of Apprenticeship:** One year. Youth apprentices must have completed Animal Fundamentals prior to beginning this youth apprenticeship

#### REQUIRED COMPETENCIES

Youth apprentices must become proficient in both general employability and occupation-specific competencies. All of these, and examples of how each can be demonstrated, are found in the following pages. Below are 13 occupational competencies that must be learned for this occupation. Employers may substitute out one of these and should write in the competency they are adding. Where necessary, skills can be simulated. Youth apprentices must be evaluated on these competencies at least two times each year of their apprenticeship.

#### **Dairy Grazier Competencies**

- 1. Handle animals in a herd
- 2. Observe animal health in herd
- 3. Manage milk operations
- 4. Follow strategies to optimize the amount of food that comes from the pasture
- 5. Develop a plan to extend grazing season
- 6. Establish pasture production volume
- 7. Select plants, grasses, and legumes, etc.
- 8. Manage break of grass
- 9. Fertilize pastures based on soil nutritional needs
- 10. Identify pasture plants and weeds
- 11. Assess soil needs based on the types and conditions
- 12. Maintain soil conditions and fertility
- 13. Follow holistic goal setting and planning practices

#### REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP BRIDGING OPPORTUNITIES

Some of the related instruction courses can bridge into the following registered apprenticeship:

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### **POST-SECONDARY PATHWAY OPPORTUNITIES**

There are several post-secondary pathway opportunities in this area. The following is a partial list.

- Agribusiness Livestock Technical Diploma
- Agronomy Technician
- Animal Science Technician



# **Dairy Grazier**

Youth Apprenticeship

### ON-THE-JOB LEARNING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS GUIDE

#### YOUTH APPRENTICE INFORMATION

| Youth Apprentice Name   |   |
|---|---|
| YA Coordinator  |   |
| YA Consortium   |   |
| School District   |   |
| SIGNATURES  |   |
| The On-the-Job Learning Performance Standards G   | Guide includes a list of competencies youth |
| apprentices learn through mentoring and training  | ·   |
| should be reviewed with the employer/mentor, so<br>the youth apprentice to record progress and plan f<br>competencies. Mentors, school-based/YA coordinates | ·   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Evaluation (Required)   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Evaluation (Required)       |
| Employer/Mentor Signature   | Employer/Mentor Signature                   |
| Employer/Mentor   | Employer/Mentor                             |
| Business/Company  | Business/Company                            |
| Date Signed   | Date Signed                                 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Evaluation (Optional)   | 4th Evaluation (Optional)                   |
| Employer/Mentor Signature   | Employer/Mentor Signature                   |
| Employer/Mentor   | Employer/Mentor                             |
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# **School-Based and/or YA Coordinator**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Evaluation (Required)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Evaluation (Required)

| School-Based and/or YA Coordinator Signature | School-Based and/or YA Coordinator Signature |
|--|--|
| School-Based and/or YA Coordinator           | School-Based and/or YA Coordinator           |
| School District or Organization              | School District or Organization              |
| Date Signed                                  | Date Signed                                  |

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Evaluation (Optional)

#### 4th Evaluation (Optional)

| School-Based and/or YA Coordinator Signature | School-Based and/or YA Coordinator Signature |
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| School District or Organization              | School District or Organization              |
| Date Signed                                  | Date Signed                                  |

### **Youth Apprentice**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Evaluation (Required)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Evaluation (Required)

| Youth Apprentice Signature    | Youth Apprentice Signature    |
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| Youth Apprentice              | Youth Apprentice              |
| School District / High School | School District / High School |
| Date Signed                   | Date Signed                   |

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Evaluation (Optional)

#### 4th Evaluation (Optional)

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| Youth Apprentice              |
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| School District / High School |
| Date Signed                   |
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## EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS (TO BE COMPLETED BY YA EMPLOYER/MENTOR)

All youth apprentices must demonstrate the key employability skills listed below in order to complete the YA program. They do so by earning at least a "Meets Expectation" rating in each. **At least two evaluations are required each year of a youth apprenticeship**. More columns are included below for those who choose to conduct more frequent reviews.

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|   | rarely displays this behavior  |
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|   | behavior   |
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|   | displays this behavior   |

|    | Employability Skills   |                   | Rati              | ing               |                   |
|----|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|    | Competency and Rating Criteria   | Initial           | Mid<br>Year 1     | Mid<br>Year 2     | Final             |
| 1. | <ul> <li>Develops positive work relationships with others.</li> <li>Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include:</li> <li>Interacts with others with respect and in a non-judgmental manner</li> <li>Responds to others in an appropriate and non-offensive manner</li> <li>Helps co-workers and peers accomplish tasks or goals</li> <li>Applies problem-solving strategies to improve relations with others</li> <li>When managing others, shows traits such as compassion, listening, coaching, team development, and appreciation</li> </ul>  | ☐ 1<br>☐ 2<br>☐ 3 |
| 2. | Communicates effectively with others  Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include  Adjusts the communication approach for the target audience, purpose, and situation to maximize impact  Organizes messages/information in a logical and helpful manner  Speaks clearly and writes legibly  Models behaviors to show active listening  Applies what was read to actual practice  Asks appropriate questions for clarity  | ☐ 1<br>☐ 2<br>☐ 3 |
| 3. | <ul> <li>Collaborates with others         Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include     </li> <li>Works effectively in teams with people of diverse backgrounds regardless of sex, race, ethnicity, nationality, sexuality, religion, political views, and abilities</li> <li>Shares responsibility for collaborative work and decision making</li> <li>Uses the problem-solving process to work through differences of opinion in a constructive manner to achieve a reasonable compromise</li> <li>Avoids contributing to an unproductive group conflict         Shares information and carries out responsibilities in a timely manner     </li> </ul> | ☐ 1<br>☐ 2<br>☐ 3 |

| Employability Skills   |         | Rat           | ing           |       |
|--|---------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| Competency and Rating Criteria   | Initial | Mid<br>Year 1 | Mid<br>Year 2 | Final |
| <ul> <li>4. Maintains composure under pressure         Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include</li> <li>Uses critical thinking to determine the best options or outcomes when faced with a challenging situation</li> <li>Carries out assigned duties while under pressure</li> <li>Acts in a respectful, professional, and non-offensive manner while under pressure</li> <li>Applies stress management techniques to cope under pressure</li> </ul>   | ☐ 1     | ☐ 1           | ☐ 1           | ☐ 1   |
|  | ☐ 2     | ☐ 2           | ☐ 2           | ☐ 2   |
|  | ☐ 3     | ☐ 3           | ☐ 3           | ☐ 3   |
| <ul> <li>Demonstrates integrity         <ul> <li>Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include</li> <li>Carries out responsibilities in an ethical, legal and confidential manner</li> <li>Responds to situations in a timely manner</li> <li>Takes personal responsibility to correct problems</li> <li>Models behaviors that demonstrate self-discipline, reliability, and dependability</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | ☐ 1     | □ 1           | □ 1           | □1    |
|  | ☐ 2     | □ 2           | □ 2           | □2    |
|  | ☐ 3     | □ 3           | □ 3           | □3    |
| <ul> <li>6. Performs quality work         Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include</li> <li>Carries out written and verbal directions accurately</li> <li>Completes work efficiently and effectively</li> <li>Performs calculations accurately</li> <li>Conserves resources, supplies, and materials to minimize costs and environmental impact</li> <li>Uses equipment, technology, and work strategies to improve workflow</li> <li>Applies problem-solving strategies to improve productivity</li> <li>Adheres to worksite regulations and practices</li> <li>Maintains an organized work area</li> </ul> | ☐ 1     | □ 1           | □1            | □1    |
|  | ☐ 2     | □ 2           | □2            | □2    |
|  | ☐ 3     | □ 3           | □3            | □3    |
| <ul> <li>Provides quality goods or services (internal and external)         Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include     </li> <li>Shows support for the organizational goals and principles by own personal actions</li> <li>Displays a respectful and professional image to customers</li> <li>Displays an enthusiastic attitude and desire to take care of customer needs</li> <li>Seeks out ways to increase customer satisfaction</li> <li>Produces goods to workplace specifications</li> </ul>  | ☐ 1     | ☐ 1           | ☐ 1           | ☐ 1   |
|  | ☐ 2     | ☐ 2           | ☐ 2           | ☐ 2   |
|  | ☐ 3     | ☐ 3           | ☐ 3           | ☐ 3   |

| Employability Skills Rating   |         |        |        |        |
|---|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| Competency and Rating Criteria  | Initial | Mid    | Mid    | Final  |
|   | miciai  | Year 1 | Year 2 | 111101 |
| <ul> <li>8. Shows initiative and self-direction Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include</li> <li>Prioritizes and carries out responsibilities without being told</li> <li>Responds with enthusiasm and flexibility to handle tasks that need immediate attention</li> <li>Reflects on any unsatisfactory outcome as an opportunity to learn</li> <li>Improves personal performance by doing something different or differently</li> <li>Analyzes how own actions impact the overall organization</li> <li>Supports own action with sound reasoning and principles</li> <li>Balances personal activities to minimize interference with work responsibilities</li> </ul> | ☐ 1     | ☐ 1    | ☐ 1    | ☐ 1    |
|   | ☐ 2     | ☐ 2    | ☐ 2    | ☐ 2    |
|   | ☐ 3     | ☐ 3    | ☐ 3    | ☐ 3    |
| <ul> <li>9. Adapts to change Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include Shows flexibility and willingness to learn new skills for various job roles <ul> <li>Uses problem-solving and critical-thinking skills to cope with changing circumstances</li> <li>Modifies own work behavior based on feedback, unsatisfactory outcomes, efficiency, and effectiveness</li> <li>Displays a "can do" attitude</li> </ul> </li></ul>  | ☐ 1     | ☐ 1    | ☐ 1    | ☐ 1    |
|   | ☐ 2     | ☐ 2    | ☐ 2    | ☐ 2    |
|   | ☐ 3     | ☐ 3    | ☐ 3    | ☐ 3    |
| <ul> <li>10. Demonstrates safety and security regulations and practices  Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include</li> <li>Follows personal safety requirements</li> <li>Maintains a safe work environment</li> <li>Demonstrates professional role in an emergency</li> <li>Follows security procedures</li> <li>Maintains confidentiality</li> </ul>   | ☐ 1     | ☐ 1    | □ 1    | □1     |
|   | ☐ 2     | ☐ 2    | □ 2    | □2     |
|   | ☐ 3     | ☐ 3    | □ 3    | □3     |
| <ul> <li>11. Applies job-related technology, information, and media Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include <ul> <li>Applies technology effectively in the workplace</li> <li>Assesses and evaluates information on the job</li> <li>Assesses training manuals, website, and other media related to the job</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | ☐ 1     | ☐ 1    | ☐ 1    | ☐ 1    |
|   | ☐ 2     | ☐ 2    | ☐ 2    | ☐ 2    |
|   | ☐ 3     | ☐ 3    | ☐ 3    | ☐ 3    |
| <ul> <li>12. Fulfills training or certification requirements for employment         Examples of this requirement may include</li> <li>Participation in required career-related training and/or educational programs</li> <li>Passing certification tests to qualify for licensure and/or certification</li> <li>Participation in company training or orientation</li> </ul>   | ☐ 1     | ☐ 1    | ☐ 1    | □1     |
|   | ☐ 2     | ☐ 2    | ☐ 2    | □2     |
|   | ☐ 3     | ☐ 3    | ☐ 3    | □3     |
| <ul> <li>13. Sets personal goals for improvement  Examples of this requirement may include</li> <li>Setting goals that are specific and measurable</li> <li>Setting work-related goals that align with the organization's mission</li> <li>Identifying strategies to reach goals</li> <li>Reflecting on goal progress to regularly evaluate and modify goals</li> </ul>   | ☐ 1     | ☐ 1    | ☐ 1    | □1     |
|   | ☐ 2     | ☐ 2    | ☐ 2    | □2     |
|   | ☐ 3     | ☐ 3    | ☐ 3    | □3     |

# OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCIES (TO BE COMPLETED BY YA EMPLOYER/MENTOR)

Youth apprentices must earn a rating of at least "MEETS EXPECTATIONS" in each competency by the conclusion of the apprenticeship. A total of 13 competencies, 12 must be from the list below. If necessary, employers can substitute one competency with another occupationally appropriate skill. That skill should be added to the competency list for assessment. At least two evaluations are required each year of a youth apprenticeship. More columns are included below for those who choose to conduct more frequent reviews.

Note: The successful completion of Animal Fundamentals is required prior to starting this pathway.

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|---|--|
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|    | Occupational Competencies   |            | Rati       | ng         |                 |  |
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|    |   |            | _          | luation    |                 |  |
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|    | Competency and Rating Criteria  |            | Check F    | ating      |                 |  |
|    | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,                                 | 1!4!1      | Mid        | Mid        | Final           |  |
|    |   | Initial    | Year 1     | Year<br>2  | Final           |  |
| 1. | Handle animals in a herd  | □ 1        | □ 1        | □ 1        | □ 1             |  |
|    | remain calm around animals  | □2         | <b>□</b> 2 | □2         | □2              |  |
|    | <ul> <li>retain appropriate flight zones</li> </ul>                   | <br>□3     | <br>3      | _<br>3     | <br>3           |  |
|    | <ul> <li>use proper equipment to herd animals</li> </ul>              |            |            |            |                 |  |
|    | encourage animals to move forward                                     |            |            |            |                 |  |
| 2. | Observe animal health in herd   | <b>□</b> 1 | <u> </u>   | 1          | 1               |  |
|    | <ul> <li>notice overall animal health</li> </ul>                      | □ 2        | □ 2        | □ 2        | □ 2             |  |
|    | assess overall animal wellness  | 3          | 3          | 3          |                 |  |
|    | <ul> <li>indicate animal stage in the breeding cycle</li> </ul>       |            |            |            |                 |  |
|    | <ul> <li>examine needs of calves</li> </ul>                           |            |            |            |                 |  |
|    | note animal behavior in herd  |            |            |            |                 |  |
| 3. | Manage milk operations  | <b>□</b> 1 | <b>□</b> 1 | <b>□</b> 1 | <b>□</b> 1      |  |
|    | <ul> <li>prepare cattle for milking</li> </ul>                        | □2         | □2         | <b>□</b> 2 | □2              |  |
|    | <ul> <li>use appropriate milking techniques</li> </ul>                | <br>3      | <br>3      | <br>□3     | <br>3           |  |
|    | <ul> <li>follow proper animal cleaning procedures</li> </ul>          |            |            |            |                 |  |
|    | <ul> <li>observe potential abnormalities in utters or milk</li> </ul> |            |            |            |                 |  |
|    | <ul> <li>handle cow in stanchion/parlor</li> </ul>                    |            |            |            |                 |  |
|    | <ul> <li>recognize when milking is complete</li> </ul>                |            |            |            |                 |  |
|    | <ul> <li>perform basic milk testing</li> </ul>                        |            |            |            |                 |  |
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| Occupational Competencies   |            | Rati                           | ng                 |            |  |
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|   |            |                                | uation             |            |  |
|   | Mi         | Minimum Rating<br>Check Rating |                    |            |  |
| Competency and Rating Criteria  |            | Спеск н                        |                    | <u> </u>   |  |
|   | Initial    | Mid                            | Mid<br>Year        | Final      |  |
|   | IIIICIGI   | Year 1                         | 2                  | 1          |  |
| 4. Follow strategies to optimize the amount of food that comes from             | <b>□</b> 1 | <b>□</b> 1                     | □ 1                | <b>□</b> 1 |  |
| the pasture   | □ 2        | □ 2                            | □ 2                | □ 2        |  |
| identify number and age of cows   | _<br>3     | _<br>                          | _<br>  3           | _<br>      |  |
| identify farm stocking rate   | _          |                                |                    |            |  |
| assess farmland base and grazing practices                                      |            |                                |                    |            |  |
| identify seasonable variabilities   |            |                                |                    |            |  |
| identify supplement feeding options   |            |                                |                    |            |  |
| 5. Develop a plan to extend grazing season                                      | <b>□</b> 1 | □1                             | <b>□</b> 1         | <b>□1</b>  |  |
| identify fertilization needs  |            | ☐ <u>-</u>                     | □ <del>-</del> □ 2 | □ -<br>□ 2 |  |
| identify supplementation  |            |                                | □ <del>-</del>     | □ ² □ 3    |  |
| identify stockpiling  |            | 🗆 🤊                            |                    |            |  |
| describe grazing patterns   |            |                                |                    |            |  |
| 6. Establish pasture production volume  |            |                                |                    |            |  |
| measures the amount of forage in the paddocks                                   |            |                                |                    |            |  |
| <ul> <li>develop a grazing wedge based upon a pasture ranking system</li> </ul> | <u></u>    | <u> </u> 2                     | <u> </u>           | <u></u>    |  |
| apply the wedge   |            | ∐3                             | 3                  | <b>∐</b> 3 |  |
| apply the heage   |            |                                |                    |            |  |
| 7. Select plants, grasses, and legumes, etc.                                    | □ 1        | <b>1</b>                       | <u> </u>           | □ 1        |  |
| identify nutritional needs of herd  | □ 2        | □ 2                            | □ 2                | □ 2        |  |
| identify plants based on benefits   | □ 3        | □ 3                            | □3                 | □3         |  |
| 8. Manage break of grass  | <b>□</b> 1 | <b>□</b> 1                     | <b>□</b> 1         | <b>□1</b>  |  |
| allow cattle access for appropriate length of time                              | ☐ <b>2</b> | ☐                              |                    |            |  |
| set up fences at appropriate intervals  |            |                                | □ -                | □ -        |  |
| determine if conditions allow grazing   |            |                                |                    |            |  |
| Fertilize pastures based on soil nutritional needs                              | <b>□</b> 1 | <b>□</b> 1                     | <b>□</b> 1         | <b>□</b> 1 |  |
| take soil and plant samples   |            |                                | □ <u>1</u><br>□ 2  |            |  |
| review results of soil and plant tests  |            |                                |                    |            |  |
| assess lab recommendations  | 3          | ∐3                             | ∐3                 | 3          |  |
| select fertilizer options   |            |                                |                    |            |  |
| apply fertilizer and/or manure with proper procedures                           |            |                                |                    |            |  |
| 10. Identify pasture plants and weeds   | <b>□</b> 1 | <b>□</b> 1                     | <b>□</b> 1         | <b>□</b> 1 |  |
| identify pasture grasses  |            |                                | □ <u>1</u> □ 2     |            |  |
| identify pasture legumes  |            |                                |                    |            |  |
| identify pasture weeds  | ∐3         | ∐3                             | ∐3                 | _          |  |
| describe lifecycle of plants and weeds  |            |                                |                    |            |  |
| ·   |            |                                |                    |            |  |

| Occupational Competencies   | Rating     |                          |            |            |  |
|---|------------|--------------------------|------------|------------|--|
|   | Evaluation |                          |            |            |  |
|   |            | Minimum Rating of 2 EACH |            |            |  |
| Competency and Rating Criteria  |            | Check Rating             |            |            |  |
|   |            | Mid                      | Mid        |            |  |
|   | Initial    | Year 1                   | Year<br>2  | Final      |  |
| 11. Assess soil needs based on the types and conditions   | □ 1        | □ 1                      |            | □ 1        |  |
| identify soil types   | <b>2</b>   | <b>□</b> 2               | ☐ <b>2</b> | ☐ <b>2</b> |  |
| <ul> <li>identify soil characteristics</li> </ul>   |            | <br>□ 3                  | <br>☐ 3    | <br>□ 3    |  |
| <ul> <li>describe field variations</li> </ul>   |            |                          |            |            |  |
| <ul> <li>identify crop stress on soils</li> </ul>   |            |                          |            |            |  |
| 12. Maintain soil conditions and fertility  | 1          | <b>□1</b>                | <b>□1</b>  | □ 1        |  |
| <ul> <li>perform soil sample in different areas</li> </ul>  | 2          | <br>2                    | <br>2      | <br>2      |  |
| <ul> <li>assess crop nutrient removal rate</li> </ul>   | 3          | <br>☐ 3                  | <br>☐ 3    | <br>☐ 3    |  |
| 12 Fallow halistic goal setting and planning prostices  |            |                          |            |            |  |
| <ul><li>13. Follow holistic goal setting and planning practices</li><li>review farm records</li></ul> | <u> </u>   | <b>□</b> 1               |            |            |  |
| <ul> <li>identify applicable holistic practices</li> </ul>  | 2          | <b>∐</b> 2               | 2          | <b>∐</b> 2 |  |
| <ul> <li>contribute to farm planning using holistic practices</li> </ul>                              | 3          | <b></b> 3                | <b>3</b>   | ☐ 3        |  |
| contribute to farm planning using nonstic practices   |            |                          |            |            |  |
| Competency Substitute (if you replaced a competency above, note the                                   | <u> </u>   | <u> </u>                 | <u> </u>   | <u> </u>   |  |
| competency and rating)  | □ 2        | □ 2                      | □ 2        | □ 2        |  |
|   | □ 3        | □3                       | □ 3        | □ 3        |  |
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