Dairy Farmers

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Level 18
Running Words 431 **Text Type** Description (Informative)
Curriculum Area Humanities

Retelling to encourage critical thinking about the content

Ask each student to retell the description in his or her own words.
Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to reinforce meaning and stimulate discussion

Literal

Why do dairy farmers use machines to milk their cows?
Why are tractors useful machines on a dairy farm?
Why do dairy farmers use computers?
Why do vets visit dairy farms?

Inferential

Why is the milk kept cold in a tank until it is taken away to a factory?
Why is it important for milking sheds to be cleaned every day?
Why do dairy farmers feed hay to the cows in winter?
Why do farmers wear big boots when they are working outside?

Links with other PM Guided Reading Books and Cards

Level 17	Card	Description	*A Home Under the Ground*
Level 18	Card	Narrative	*Bringing the Cows In*

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Dairy farmers are people
who live and work on farms.

Many dairy farmers own the farms.
Some have lived on their farms for a long time.

Dairy farmers have to work very hard
because they keep herds of cows for their milk.



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Each morning, dairy farmers get up very early.

Some farmers ride their farm bikes
to the fields where the cows are kept.
They bring the cows to the milking shed
so they can be milked.

Sometimes, the same cow leads the herd
to the milking shed.



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Dairy farmers care about their cows.
They even give them names.



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Dairy farmers milk their cows with machines.
They milk them in the morning
and again in the afternoon.

Lots of cows can be milked at the same time.
Before the machines are put on the cows,
the farmers wash under the cow's stomach.





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The floor of a milking shed can get very wet.
The farmers walk carefully so they don't slip over.

The milk is kept cold in a tank
until a big truck takes it away to a factory.