

## SCC REDUCTION QUESTIONNAIRE

### 1. *Identifying the problem:*

- On test?
- Bulk tank culture available?
- Use of CMT?
- Individual cow cultures available?
- Does SCC vary a great deal-ups and downs?

### 2. *Develop treatment protocols:*

- Treating/managing for Staph?
- Any vaccines used?
- Length of average treatment for lactating cow?
- Treatments used?
- Dry cow treatment protocol?

### 3. *Preventing the problem:*

#### A. Milking Equipment:

- Last time equipment was checked?
- Pulsation rate?
- Current inflations used?
- Inflations changed how often?
- ATOs attaching too early or too late?

#### B. Milking Protocol

- Predip? What used?
- Single service towels used?
- Milking technique? Strip first?
- Any teat end damage seen?
- Type of post dip used?
- Wearing gloves?
- Milkers taking time with cows?
- Use a quarter milker?

#### C. Sanitation

- Plenty of bedding used? Sand dug out? any wore mattresses?  
sawdust dry? using lime?
- Are udders hairy?
- Using trainers?
- Calving area clean and have plenty of bedding?
- Dry cow area clean and have plenty of bedding?
- Barn/holding areas cleaned regularly?

### 3. Enhancing immunity

- Do your components fluctuate or show fat inversions?
- Feet and leg health OK?
- Experiencing strange heat cycles?
- Is feed given immediately after cows are milked?
- Is manure loose and/or showing many particles in it?
- Are you feeding binders, and/or chelated minerals?
- Where is your vitamin level at?
- Where is your MUN level at?
- Feeding treated milk to calves?
- Any metabolic problems at freshening? Peaks where they are expected?

### 4. Miscellaneous

- Checked for stray voltage?
- Plan for shipping chronic cows?

Notes: