



B.C. DAIRY TALK

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Dairy Farm Bulk Tank Recording Thermometers

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Milk that is exposed to frequent warming and cooling periods has an increased risk of high bacteria counts. Dairy farm bulk tank recording thermometers (charts) are proven tools for improving safety and quality by providing an early detection of potential problems. By observing the recording thermometer daily and prior to pick-up, lost loads due to inadequate cooling will be eliminated. This will improve the shelf-life and safety of the finished products by assuring the milk is properly cooled and remains cool during storage.

Producers who are *currently* being picked up at intervals greater than four milkings, will be required to install dairy farm bulk tank recording thermometer and a pre-cooler (e.g. plate or cube cooler). For those *planning* on extended pick-up intervals, recording thermometers and pre-coolers must be installed before approval is given.

For details on the requirements contact your Dairy Inspector or the Health Management and Regulation office (Ph: 1-8777-877-2474).

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