

Dairy Manager

Purpose

I manage all aspects of the dairy enterprise, including pastures, feeding, milking, breeding, and staffing. I also manage the education aspects. We have full time students here at the College as well as school visits, vet students and also community and industry events.



A typical day in your role

I usually arrive as the morning milking is finishing. Then there will be calves to feed or cows ready for artificial insemination. The rest of the day is setting grazing allocations, mustering heifers for vaccination/drenching or overseeing cropping activities.

Personal attributes that are useful in this role?

- you have to care for animals
- calm nature around large animals
- flexibility, plans may need to change through the day.

Quote

‘Good animal welfare outcomes equal good production outcomes, if you don’t get animal welfare right you will never get the best production out of your cows.’

Education and training

On the job training is common, a Certificate III or IV in Agriculture is a great help for dairy staff. I have found my Diploma in Agriculture has been great in learning the management side of dairying.

For more schools resources go to: <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/school-resources>

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For more detail
about Matt’s role
watch his video

