

7 Habits of Highly Successful Milking

- Cows are calm and clean before milking
- Cows are grouped
- A consistent premilking cow prep is used
- Teats are Dry
- Units are attached properly
- Units are removed properly
- Cows are managed post-milking



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Habit 4: Teats are Dry

- Bacteria aren't good at walking but they can swim
- Wet skin reduces friction between teat and liner
- Air drying is inadequate
- Single service cloth or paper towel is best
- Methods used in WI:
 - Single Cow Paper Towels
 - 49% parlors
 - 67% stall barns
 - Single Cow Cloth Towels
 - 38% parlors
 - 8% stall barns
 - 1 towel/2 cows
 - 5% parlors
 - 3% stall barns

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Laundering Cloth Towels

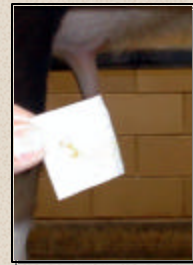
- Wash with bleach or very hot water or both
- Dry at high temperature in an automatic dryer



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How clean is clean?

- Rub a clean swab across the end of the teat after prep
 - before attachment
- A clean swab means a clean cow!



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