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# Standing Operating Procedures for the Penn State Dairy Production Research and Teaching Facility

There are currently 18 Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the dairy facility including the Almquist Research Center. It is important for all persons working at the dairy facility to familiarize themselves with the protocols. They have been established so animals are cared and treated for in a consistent and timely manner. They have also been written to cover safety issues regarding both animals and humans. All SOPs have been approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee of the university (IACUC).

Standing Operating Procedures are not written to be static; they are designed to be modified when necessary. However, protocols CANNOT be changed without approval from the Dairy Users Group in the Department of Dairy and Animal Science. Any suggestions or improvements in the current SOP can be communicated to either the dairy complex manager or to the Dairy Users Group.

There are key people who are responsible for various aspects of operating the dairy facility at Penn State. Any questions pertaining to specific SOPs can be addressed to the following persons:

<u>Staff</u>	<u>Specialty</u>
Virginia Ishler	Complex manager - all areas and nutrition
Nadine Houck	Assistant manager – parlor, animal care, reproduction and student supervisor
Travis Edwards	Assistant manager – feeds, buildings, ARC, Mastitis Center, pastures and full time employee supervisor
Randy Barger	Milker (a.m.)
Les Carlson	ARC and heat detection
Don Confer	Feeder/TMR Tracker
Gene Corl	Equipment, scrapper and back-up feeder
Bill Fink	Calves and heifers
Deb Hawn	Tie-stall barn/general upkeep of facility/equipment
Boyd Homan	Tie-stall barn/cow treatments/cannulated cow care
Mark Miller	Milker (p.m.) and Mastitis Center
Steve Miller	Milker (p.m.) and Mastitis Center
Dante Pighetti	Milker (p.m.) and Mastitis Center
Bill Weaver	Milker (a.m.)

SOPs are located in the offices of the assistant managers and on the web

<http://www.das.psu.edu/facilities/>