



Dairy Grazier

Youth Apprenticeship

DAIRY GRAZIER

Dairy Grazier youth apprentices gain skills related to the use of managed pastures and sustainable farming practices, managing livestock herds, grazing and milking. Apprentices must adhere to industry safety and security standards.

Length of Apprenticeship: One year. Youth apprentices must have completed Animal Fundamentals prior to beginning this youth apprenticeship

OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCIES

Dairy Grazier youth apprentices must complete a **total of 13** competencies, **12** from the list below. If necessary, employers can substitute **1** competency with another occupationally appropriate skill. Substitutions must be added to the competency list for assessment. *Note: The successful completion of Animal Fundamentals is required prior to starting this pathway.*

Dairy Grazier Competencies
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Handle animals in a herd2. Observe animal health in herd3. Manage milk operations4. Follow strategies to optimize the amount of food that comes from the pasture5. Develop a plan to extend grazing season6. Establish pasture production volume7. Select plants, grasses, and legumes, etc.8. Manage break of grass9. Fertilize pastures based on soil nutritional needs10. Identify pasture plants and weeds11. Assess soil needs based on the types and conditions12. Maintain soil conditions and fertility13. Follow holistic goal setting and planning practices

REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP BRIDGING OPPORTUNITIES

Some of the related instruction courses can bridge into the following registered apprenticeship:

- Dairy Grazier

POST-SECONDARY PATHWAY OPPORTUNITIES

There are several post-secondary pathway opportunities in this area. The following is a partial list.

- Agribusiness – Livestock Technical Diploma
- Agronomy Technician