



Animal Fundamentals

Youth Apprenticeship

ANIMAL FUNDAMENTALS

Animal Fundamentals youth apprentices gain skills applicable the fundamental care and management of animals, including feeding, animal health, equipment operation and service, and facility maintenance.

Length of Apprenticeship: One year. Youth apprentices can enter the Animal/Herd and Small Animal/Veterinary Technician youth apprenticeship for a second year.

Youth apprentices must complete **a total of 10** competencies per year. **Nine** must be from the list below. If necessary, employers can substitute up to **1** competency per year with another occupationally appropriate skill. That skill should be added to the competency list for assessment. Note that where necessary, skills can be simulated.

Competencies
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Clean and maintain animal quarters2. Handle animals safely3. Mix feed and additives4. Manage animal waste5. Monitor animal physical characteristics for health6. Assist with animal exam7. Collect diagnostic samples for food and/or testing8. Maintain animal care and business records9. Assist with inventory control10. Examine facility business and marketing plan

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. Following is partial list.

- Agribusiness – Dairy Management
- Dairy Science