SUPPORTING YOU TO MANAGE UDDER HEALTH.

EARLY SEASON MASTITIS CONTROL

The colostrum period is when cows are at high risk of picking up mastitis. Follow these simple steps to reduce cases and improve milk quality, saving you time on treatment and improving animal wellbeing.

Once or twice a week, run springers through the shed to teat spray and check for mastitis pre-calving.

FIRST MILKING POST-CALVING



Wear gloves and disinfect hands between animals at first milking.



Trim tails when entering the colostrum mob to improve hygiene.



Clean each teat thoroughly prior to first milking.

COLOSTRUM MOB MANAGEMENT



Teat spray cows pre-cupping while in the colostrum mob (never pre-spray cows entering vat supply).



Strip milk from each teat then check and feel for signs of mastitis.



Attach cups to ensure cluster sits evenly on udder.

PRIOR TO RETURNING TO VAT SUPPLY



Post-spray teats with teat spray.



Withhold colostrum cows from supply for at least 8 milkings.



Rapid Mastitis Test (RMT) all quarters before returning cows to supply vat. If test is positive, continue to withhold and check each milking - talk with your vet.