Mtech® **ON-FARM SUPPORT**

Best Practices in the Milking Parlor

Moving Cows

When moving cows, be gentle and quiet. If cows are hurt, frightened or hurried, milk letdown may be disturbed. Look for and report sick cows!



Wear Gloves

Clean, dry healthy hands minimize the spread of mastitis-causing organisms. Wear nitrile or latex gloves to minimize the surface area where bacteria can hide.



Forestrip

Identify signs of mastitis. 2-3 squirts of milk should be squirted on the floor for evaluation. Be gentle and make sure each quarter is in good condition.



Pre-Dip

Use dip, foam or complete spray. Cover the entire teat with sanitizer. Pre-dip should remain in contact with the teat for 20-30 seconds.



Clean and Dry

Gently remove soil and disinfectant in a downward circular motion. Flip the towel over and re-wipe teat ends.



Attach Milking Cluster

Attaching machines within 60-120 seconds after first stimulation will maximize milk letdown time. Make sure units are aligned squarely with the base of the udder.



Post-Dip

With a good-quality dip, cover each individual teat. This encourages a reduction of bacteria growth by flushing off the milk film left on the teat, improves skin condition and seals teat ends.

