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

There are currently 17 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.

Staff	Specialty
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, Mastitis Center, pastures and full time employee supervisor
Randy Barger	Barn worker-milker (a.m.)
Don Confer	Barn worker-milker (a.m.)
Bill Fink	Barn worker-milker (a.m.)
Steve Mellott	Barn worker-milker (p.m.)
Dante Pighetti	Barn worker-milker (a.m.)
Nathan Sible	Barn worker-milker (p.m.)
Ken Snyder	Barn worker-milker (a.m.)
Bill Weaver	Barn worker-milker (a.m.)
Bryan Welker	Barn worker-milker (p.m.)

SOPs are located in the offices of the assistant managers and on the web <http://www.das.psu.edu/facilities/>