Power Outage Plan for Dairy

A power outage plan for dairy farms with ordered steps to protect cows, milk and equipment when electricity fails during milking or cooling.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Call the utility and note the outage time
2. Start the generator per the manual
3. Prioritize milking and milk cooling
4. Check water supply for cows
5. Switch off equipment to prevent surges
6. Hand milk or delay per plan
7. Keep tank agitation and cooling going
8. Call the milk hauler if needed
9. Record the outage and lessons learned

YOUR NOTES

TIP Practice the plan with staff and test the generator before storm season, not during an outage.

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