**SOP #1 – Pre-Milking (Parlour Only)**

*(Question FS22, July 2021 Reference Manual pages 6-3 & 6-4. All shaded areas are required elements of your SOP. You may use your own words to communicate the same intent.)*

Purpose: Ensure everyone working on the farm knows the procedures to follow.

* Bulk Tank Wash Procedures
	+ Check interior for cleanliness and proper drainage of wash water.
	+ Sanitize bulk tank.
		- If display for bulk indicates OF25, press the wash button.
		- If display shows OO, close valve (sanitize is done).
	+ When bulk tank is finished sanitizing disconnect tank washer, sanitize the valve and plug, place plug in outlet and close outlet valve.
	+ Check CIP system to ensure that milking equipment has been sanitized.
	+ Turn bulk tank compressor (cooler) on just prior to 1st milking (automatic 15-minute delay).
	+ If bulk tank is empty, turn on cooler when milk reaches agitator.
	+ During milking, check that compressor is functioning and that the tank outlet is closed.
	+ Use wash chemicals according to wash chart (Record 14).
* Preparation of Milking Equipment
	+ System is programmed to sanitize at \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
		- If you want to start milking earlier than \_\_\_\_\_\_a.m./p.m., you need to manually turn the sanitize cycle on.
	+ Ensure the sanitize cycle is complete and drained before beginning milking.
	+ Check wash sink for smell of sanitizer to ensure that sanitize cycle is running properly.
	+ Change milk filter before each milking (\_\_\_\_\_ times/day).
	+ Flip the switch for the vacuum valve.
	+ Swing milk pipeline into bulk tank.
	+ Reverse the switch located at CIP wash sink from the wash to milk position.
	+ Hit the MILK button.
	+ Switch from wash to MILK in the parlour by pressing the cycle button at one of the cow stations.
	+ Check bulletin board for list of treated cows. Refer to SOP for Milking Treated Cattle (#3).
	+ Check permanent record on the calendar for list of treated cows. Refer to SOP for Milking Treated Cattle (#3).
	+ Put latex gloves on.