

# Dairy Farmers Do It All

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**Part 1**

Being a dairy farmer requires many skills. Read Farmer Barlow's to-do list for today. Then match each of his tasks to the corresponding job title.



## Farmer Barlow's To-Do List

1. Mix feed for the cows.
2. Clean and test the milking machines.
3. Update manure composting plan.
4. Examine newborn calves.
5. Repair tractor.
6. Design and build an equipment shed.
7. Input the day's milk production on the farm management system.

## Job Titles

-  Mechanic
-  Computer Specialist
-  Veterinarian
-  Nutritionist
-  Tech Expert
-  Environmentalist
-  Carpenter

Which task on the to-do list would you most like to help Farmer Barlow complete? Why?

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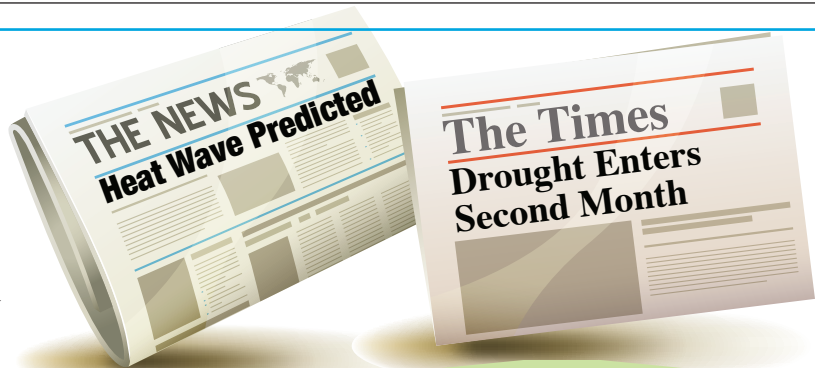
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**Part 2**

With so much to do each day, dairy farmers have to plan ahead. And they have to be ready to change their plans when something unexpected happens. Read the headlines at right. Then share your ideas about how these events could affect the daily routine on a dairy farm.



**Part 3**

Ask a parent to help you find a news story online or in a newspaper about an event that could affect dairy farmers in your region. Bring the story to school to share with your class.



## Fun Facts!

- Cows drink 30-40 gallons of water a day! How much water do you drink each day?
- Farmers use a huge mixer to create the right blend of feed for their cows. Do you ever mix your food?
- Some dairy farmers use GPS (global positioning systems) to plant their cornfields. Have you ever used a GPS to find your way?

