



## 'GRADE BUSTING'

### **Milk quality grading problems**

Clutha vets offers a 'grade buster' service to address milk quality grading problems caused by mastitis. This is a rapid response service (e.g. same day) which identifies the cows contributing to the high Bulk Milk Somatic Cell Count (BMSCC).

The aim is to:

- Prevent grading in the next milk supply
- Correct the causes of mastitis

If you experience grading problems, a 'grade buster' team is available at Clutha Vets to perform rapid mastitis tests on your milking cows.

Any cows with affected quarters are identified and removed from the milking herd, to be milked separately.

The vet will discuss any treatment options for the high SCC cows and follow this up with a separate shed visit to identify the causes of mastitis.

Our reception staff understand the urgency of grading problems and will endeavor to send a team to your shed on the same day (or at the next milking) when you phone the clinic seeking help.

Farmers supplying milk to Fonterra may be able to get some financial support for grade investigations; this should be discussed with your Fonterra representative.

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