

Module Name	Module Code
Machine Milking	dsAEF007-01a
Module Coordinator	
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Organizer	
Faculty of Agricultural and Nutritional Sciences - Institute of Agricultural Engineering	
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ECTS Credits	6
Evaluation	Graded
Duration	one semester
Frequency	Only takes place during winter semesters
Workload per ECTS Credit	30 hours
Total Workload	180 hours
Contact Time	60 hours
Independent Study	120 hours
Teaching Language	English

Module Courses			
Course Type	Course Name	Compulsory / Optional	SWS
Lecture	Machine Milking	Compulsory	2
Seminar	Machine Milking	Compulsory	0,5
Practical exercise	Machine Milking	Compulsory	1
Field Exercise	Machine Milking	Compulsory	0,5
Prerequisites for Admission to the Examination(s)			
Prerequisites for admission to oral examination are a passed seminar presentation (grade: pass/fail), active participation in group work, and regular visits of practical and field exercises are compulsory.			

Examination(s)				
Examination Name	Type of Examination	Evaluation	Compulsory / Optional	Weighting
Oral Examination: Machine Milking	Oral Examination	Graded	Compulsory	100
Further Information on the Examination(s)				
1.+2. period in winter semester 1. period in summer semester				
QIS: 300800 with examination 300810				

Course Content
Design and function of milking parlors and systems, testing of milking machines, methods for teat scoring, evaluation of milking performance, interaction of machine milking and udder health, liner design characteristics, automation of working routines in automatic and conventional milking systems, sensors for milk yield and milk composition, legal regulations and standards for milking machines. Practical and field exercises: basic testing of milking machine, vacuum measurements during milking (milking-time tests), on-farm evaluation of the milking process, presentation of results. Seminar: latest research studies on different topics, prepared and presented by the students.
Learning Outcome
Students achieve advanced knowledge on the milking process and milking design characteristics. They achieve skills in operation and testing of milking machines and to assess impacts on milking process and udder health. In addition, students learn to work in groups, to prepare and present their results, and to analyze, present and discuss results published in peer-reviewed scientific journals.
Reading List
Mein, G.A., Reinemann, D.J. (2015): Machine Milking: Volume 1. ISBN:9781517603113 Bramley, A.J., Dodd, F.H., Mein, G.A., Bramley, J.A. (1992): Machine Milking and Lactation. Insight Books, Vermont, U.S. Copies of files presented, scientific journal papers, and textbooks. Further recommendations will be given at the beginning of the lecture period.
Additional Information
Maximum number of participants: 24 - Up to 20 places will be allocated preferably to students in the Dairy Science master's program Enrollment by OLAT within workdays Monday through Friday in the 1st week of the 2. audit period of the preceding semester. The allocation of the places takes place in the 2nd week of the 2. audit period of the preceding semester. Notification will be sent to the stu-email address. Acceptance of the place by students only through participation at the first day of the course. Students without a place can get a place at the first day of the course by move-up procedure.