

Helping you Meet the FARM Program Continuing Education Requirements

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Version 4.0 of the National Dairy FARM Program is now in effect from January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2022. One of the changes to this version is the requirement of training and continuing education for employees as well as family member employees and owners. Version 4.0 requires continuing education in animal care and handling for anybody with animal care responsibilities, and job-specific training for the following topics if they apply:

- Stockmanship
- Pre-weaned calf care
- Non-ambulatory animals
- Euthanasia
- Determining if animals are fit to transport

Over the next 5 months, the Regional Dairy Specialists will write a monthly article covering one of these 5 topics. We will also be hosting a program where we play the Merck Dairy Care365 and FARM Program videos (on the 5 key topics) in multiple counties. Look for the symbol below to know that educational materials and programs hosted by the CCE North Country Regional Ag Team qualify as continuing education for the FARM Program.

