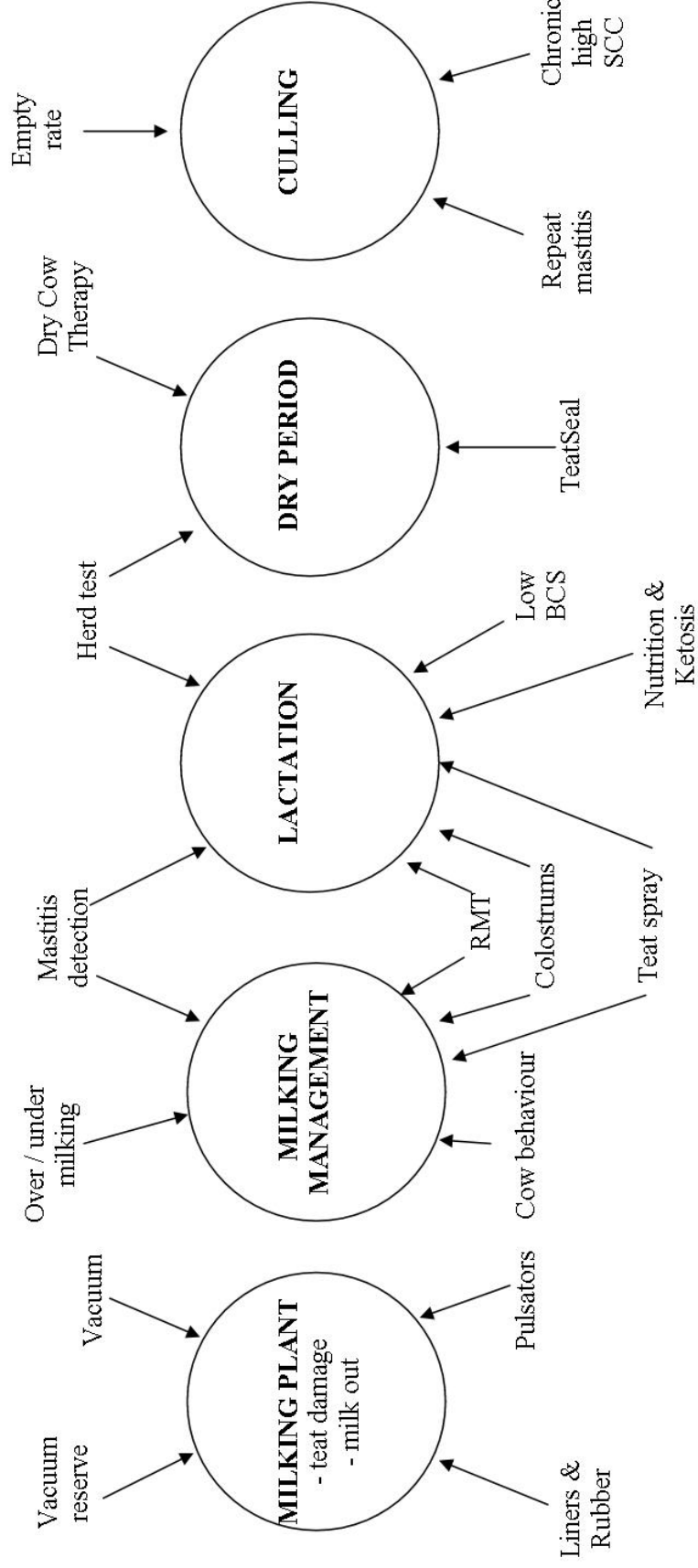


Mastitis Plan



MASTITIS MADE SIMPLE

To control mastitis you must:

1. Detect it and treat it **EARLY**

- ✓ Have procedures to constantly be finding mastitis cows, such as regular stripping, using RMT paddle test and the summary herd test data.
- ✓ Treat immediately (or next day if in colostrums).

2. **REDUCE** cows getting new infections.

a) Milking management

- ✓ Shed procedures, cup removal, cup alignment, milk time.
- ✓ Plant efficiency, inflations,
- ✓ Teat spray

b) Cow associated bacteria (chronic infected cows)

- ✓ **Prevent** infection spread (milk mastitis cows last)
- ✓ **Remove** infections with dry cow therapy → mastitis & herd test records
- ✓ **Remove** carrier cows – culling → mastitis & herd test records

c) Environmental bacteria (reduce new infections from bacteria on the teat skin).

- ✓ Dry Period → Pads/paddocks especially when wet & muddy
 - ✚ DCT/Teatseal...many cows get infected during the dry period
- ✓ Lactation → Shed procedures such as teat spray
 - ✚ Pads/paddocks ...also when wet & muddy

To control mastitis:

1. You need to have a plan to follow.
2. You need to do the plan.