

Notes To the Instructor:

This ESL Dairy curriculum was created so that it could be taught by a volunteer tutor, an educational professional or done as an independent study class with the help of a volunteer tutor. The purpose of the course is to teach the vocabulary (and in some cases improve the English literacy skills) in order to prepare a person to be successfully employed at a modern dairy in Iowa. It is NOT designed to teach specific dairy or training skills but to teach the vocabulary associated with those skills.

The curriculum is divided into 20 lessons. A rubric lists in compact form the activities and handouts for each lesson and gives the instructor an overview of the course at a glance.

The following components are part of each lesson:

- **Objectives / CASAS competencies & content standards**

Each lesson is linked to specific workplace and dairy skills and corresponding CASAS competencies. (CASAS is the standard assessment and instructional tool used in the adult literacy programs in Iowa's community colleges.)

- **Cover Page**

The cover page lists the CASAS competencies for the lesson as well as a listing of activities and resources for the lesson.

- **Vocabulary List**

Every lesson has a several lists of vocabulary words that relate to the topic for the lesson. The lessons may include key vocabulary lists from the following different resources:

- Oxford Picture Dictionary Vocabulary
- USA Learns.org Vocabulary
- Sed de Saber Vocabulary
- English/Spanish Dairy Vocabulary
- English/Spanish Cognates
- Vocabulary related to a specific reading activity in the lesson

- **Activities**

Each lesson will have different activities that relate to the a dairy, work, or life skill topic. Examples found include public domain information from safety Web sites for reading comprehension, word matches for vocabulary reinforcement, Web sites for interactive practice, workbooks for reinforcement.

- **Grammar**

Grammar concepts are part of most lessons and many of the activities incorporate grammar practice. For purposes of example, suggested lessons from the textbook *Grammar in Use* are included in the rubric for grammar study. However, any grammar textbook the instructor feels comfortable with could be integrated into this curriculum.

