British Columbia Farm Critical Control Points (CCP)

A critical control point (CCP) plan identifies potential problems or hazards in an operation and then develops steps that can be taken to eliminate or minimize those hazards. Prevention, standard operating procedures (SSOP’s) and corrective action are essential. If anything goes wrong, immediate steps must be taken to remedy the problem and the whole program evaluated to make sure the situation is not repeated.

**Critical Control Points:**

1. Clean water
2. Herd health
3. Hand milking sanitization practices

**Critical Control Point Management and Prevention Actions:**

CCP: Clean water

Management and Prevention: Water filters are changed quarterly and UV light annually. Should contamination be found, all dairy and farm operations will cease until the issue is identified and resolved, beginning with a water test.

CPP: Herd health

Management and Prevention: The herd is tested annually with recommended blood tests for herd health: CAE and Johne’s. If other tests are deemed necessary, they shall be taken. Should a goat test positive for any of the above illnesses – or others – all dairy and farm operations cease until the goat is quarantined, treated, or dispatched.

**Hand milking sanitization practices:**

CPP: Hand milking sanitization practices

Management and Prevention: Either: Send milk sample to lab or use home lab to ensure testing is completed and compliant with RAWMI standards and available for review. If bacteria results are above the RAWMI standard, all dairy and farm operations cease until the cause is determined, rectified, and re-testing falls within RAWMI standards.