

# **Careers in Dairy**

Here's what you might like to know if you want to be a

**AI** Technician



# Al Technicians usually enjoy:

- Working outside
- Working with animals and farmers
- The science of genetics and breeding

Did you know: It's often a very early start to the day for AI Technicians as they have to arrive at the farm to do the insemination when the cows have been brought in for morning milking. Being an AI Technician can be tricky work as it's one of the few jobs where you can't actually see what you're doing!

# What do AI Technicians do throughout the day?

- Attend scheduled visit to farms
- Advise farmers on genetics
- · Assess the suitability of cows for reproduction
- Attend industry events

### How can I become a AI Technician?

- An agriculture or animal science related course at TAFE or Uni
- On farm experience
- An Al Course at a training provider. If it is hard to find an Al Course locally, short Al courses can also be done overseas in New Zealand and Canada which also provides a great opportunity to travel!

### Skills

The skills you need to be an AI Technician include:

- A gentle and patient manner with animals
- Excellent communication skills
- A scientific understanding genetics, reproduction and breeding
- Great record keeping skills

### Want to know more?

Contact your nearest genetics or agricultural services company and chat to them about becoming an AI Technician.

