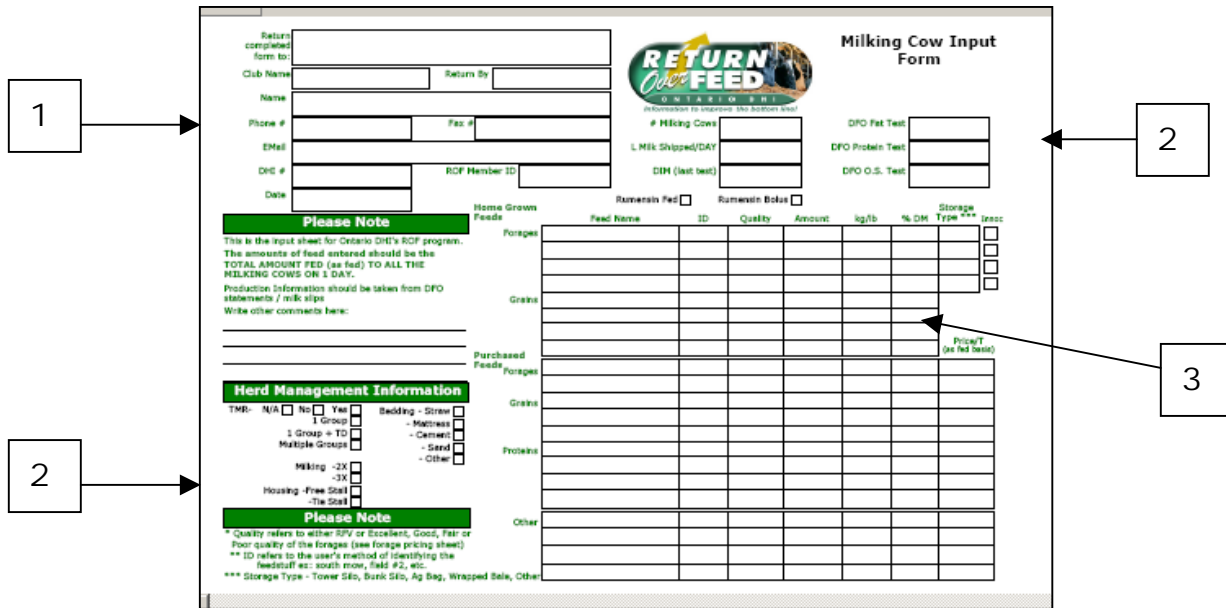


## About the Milking Cow Input Form:

The form has been designed to be simple and easy to complete. **You need to obtain the total weight and % DM of EACH FEED fed to the milking herd in 1DAY.** The program will convert it to the amount for 1 cow. This method minimizes errors in measurement.

Below is a short description of how to fill out this form.



The form is titled "RETURN OverFEED CANWEST DHI Milking Cow Input Form". It includes a header with the program logo and the slogan "Information to improve the bottom line!".

**Section 1 (Member Information):** Located at the top left, it contains fields for Club Name, Name, Place #, Fax #, Email, DFO #, Date, and RCF Member ID.

**Section 2 (Herd Management Information):** Located in the middle left, it includes checkboxes for TMR, N/A, No, Yes, Bedding, Screen, 1 Group, 2 Group, Multiple Groups, Mating, Cement, Miling, -2X, -3X, Housing, Free Stall, and -The Stall.

**Section 3 (Feed Information Table):** A large table with columns: Feed Name, ID, Quality, Amount, kg/lb, % DM, Type, and Price/T. It is divided into sections for Home Grown Feeds (Forages, Grains), Purchased Feeds (Forages, Grains, Proteins), and Other. A "Please Note" section at the bottom left explains the table's requirements.

Numbered callouts: 1 points to the Member Information section, 2 points to the Herd Management Information section, and 3 points to the Feed Information table.

1. **Make sure Member information is correct**
2. **Make sure Herd information is correct**
  - ➔ **# Milking Cows** should include all cows being milked and fed that day regardless of whether their milk was shipped or not.
  - ➔ **L Milk Shipped** should be the **one day total** taken from the tank pickup slip. Do not include milk for calves or home use. Make sure to include only 1 day's weight.
  - ➔ **DFO Fat and Protein Tests** should be from the same time period as the record of feeds being fed or at least the most recent test results.
  - ➔ **Management Information** is collected so the data can be sorted using these parameters to provide benchmarks. Tick the appropriate boxes
3. **Make sure the Feed Information is correct**
  - ➔ Identify the **quality of forage** as accurately as possible. This will affect the cost.
  - ➔ The **ID** box is to record identification for your forages. You may indicate 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> cut or record the number off the feed analysis report.
  - ➔ The **FEED AMOUNTS** are the **total amount for the milking herd for one day**. These should be actual weights. We need what is actually being fed not an estimate.
  - ➔ Make sure you indicate whether lb or kg – The results will be in metric measures only
  - ➔ **% DM** is as important as feed amounts. DM of feeds should be checked regularly to know the dry matter content of your feeds. If purchased feeds, we use a default #.
  - ➔ Make sure all **purchased feed prices** are accurate and included.
  - ➔ Be sure to indicate the type of storage and whether inoculant or rumensin was used
  - ➔ Make sure all of the feeds used are included