

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher Key

#### Informational Reading Passage: A Dairy Cow's Career

*Complements Mobile Dairy Classroom assembly*

**Common Core:** RI.3.10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, at the high end of the grades 2–3 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

Title of Passage: A Dairy Cow's Career		Lexile Level: 810L	Grade: 3
Text Type: Informational		MDC Topics: stages of development; milk production years; life of a dairy cow; feeding and eating	
Questions		Skill	Common Core Standards – Grade 3
1. What does a dairy cow do for her career? <b>produce milk</b>		main idea	RI.3.2 Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea.
2. Cows are called “working animals.” What are working animals? <b>animals that have a career; animals that are not pets; animals that do something for people</b>		vocabulary	L.3.5 Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings.
3. What makes a cow a mammal? <b>it produces milk for its young</b> Write the sentence in the passage that gives the answer. <b>“Cows are mammals and like other mammals they produce milk for their young.”</b>		refer to text to support answer	RI.3.1 Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.
4. A dairy cow experiences these events. Number them in the correct order. <input type="checkbox"/> 2 months off (4) <input type="checkbox"/> milk production (2) <input type="checkbox"/> birth of a calf (1) <input type="checkbox"/> 10 months of milking (3)  Which event causes milk production? <b>birth of a calf</b>		sequence of events; cause effect	RI.3.3 Describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/effect.
5. A cow's body uses the food it eats to do two things. Identify the two things. <b>A cow's body uses part of the feed it eats to grow and stay healthy. The other part is used to make milk.</b>		refer to the text for the answer	RI.3.1 Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.